

STOGURSEY NEWS



Images of the New Victory Hall

Drawings by LED Architects

“We have to obtain planning permission, finalise our funding and obtain tenders before we can be sure that the project will go ahead. This process is expected to take until the end of September.” *Chris Ford*

March 2018

Deadline for **APRIL** contributions:
10.00am Thursday 15th MARCH

Your contributions are always welcomed.

Put **handwritten or typed** contributions into the Stogursey News box in the Post Office.

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For EMAIL contributions please:

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Stogursey-Online.uk

This is the parish website. It hosts pages for events, societies, community links and Parish Council news .

You can post local upcoming events on the parish website www.stogursey-online.uk

Stogursey News is posted every month on the website - useful if the delivery of your paper copy is delayed.

Stogursey News

This is an independent voluntary initiative. It is printed free of charge as a contribution to the community by Hinkley Point B (EdF).

The News offers an extra page monthly for the use of Hinkley Point C (EdF) to keep local residents well-informed.

Editorial

"Welcome March with wintry wind,
Would thou wert not so unkind!"

Flanders & Swann

The weather may indeed still feel wintry but living as we do here, "high on the Quantocks by the sea," (to quote Paul Tipney's poem) we can't fail to see the signs of the year moving forward and edging more closely towards Spring.

Stogursey News this month has a similar feel. It is full of new projects and plans for this coming year. We are very grateful to Chris Ford for providing our cover images of what the new Victory Hall might look like. We appreciate that modifications may be made and the process of getting planning permission, funding and tenders for the work will take time. However it's good to have a picture of what the new hall might look like as so many different groups within our local community use it.

It is good to see the article about West Somerset ELS Grants for improving activities for disadvantaged young people in West Somerset alongside the opportunities for older people described in the magazine.

The tributes in this edition to Freda Hopcroft and Paul Tipney mean there is a sadness too and an awareness of the loss to our community. We are thankful of the contribution they made and send our sympathy to their family and friends.

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The magazine is distributed to every household in the parish by a team of magnificent volunteers. We are most

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Regular Events			
Monday	Stogursey Fun: bumps, babies, toddlers Zing Walking Group Short Mat Bowls	Victory Hall as listed below Victory Hall	10.00 - 12.00 am 2.00pm 7.30 - 9.30 pm
Tuesday	Parish Council Meeting (2 nd Tuesdays) Bingo Afternoon Tennis Poetry Reading (monthly - ring Phil 733377) Quantock Musical Theatre Company Apple Blossom Sangha (contact Ralph 732690)	Victory Hall St Audries Centre Multi-sport court, V Hall Church Rooms Youth Club Shurton	Main Meeting: 7.30 pm 2.00 pm 6.30 pm 7.30 pm 7.30 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday	Community Employment Advice Hub (fortnightly) Movement to Music (Age Concern) Stogursey Craft Club (1 st Wednesdays) Stogursey Craft Club (3 rd Wednesdays) (Contact: Cathy 734707) Women's Institute Meeting (2 nd Wednesdays)	Greyhound Inn Victory Hall Church Rooms Church Rooms St Audries Centre	9.30 am - 12.00 noon 11.30 am - 12.30 pm 1.00 pm - 5.00 pm 7.00 - 9.00 pm 7.30 pm
Thursday	Bingo Evening	Victory Hall	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Friday	Coffee Shop EdF Monthly Drop-In Messi Club (1st Fridays) St Andrew's Church Junior Youth Club (for details contact Nicky Morgan) Line Dancing (none on 30th March)	Church Rooms see details below Church Rooms Church Rooms	10.00 am venue specific 4.15 - 6.00 pm 6.00 - 7.30 pm 7.30 - 9.30 pm
Saturday Sunday	Football - Men Football - Boys (for details and fixtures contact Steve Dixon)	September - April September - April	2.00 - 3.00 pm

2018 Diary

March

1 st March	Mobile Library	as schedule	as schedule
1 st March	Full Moon Walk (details within)	Hinkley Point B Station	7.00 pm
1 st March	Apple Blossom Sangha (details within)	Shurton House, Shurton	7.30 pm
2 nd March	EDF monthly drop-in	Babbling Brook, Shurton	12 noon - 1.00 pm
2 nd March	EDF appointments -call 0800 096 9650	Babbling Brook, Shurton	1.00 pm - 2.00 pm
3 rd March	Stogursey Twinning Association AGM	Church Rooms	7.00 pm
5 th March	Stogursey Walking Group (details within)	Victory Hall	2.00 pm
7 th March	'The Well' Stogursey Hub meeting	Greyhound Inn	9.30 am - 12 noon
12 th March	Stogursey Walking Group	Stear Marshes: Main Car park	2.00 pm
13 th March	Parish Council	Victory Hall	7.15 pm
15 th March	Apple Blossom Sangha	Shurton House, Shurton	7.30 pm
16 th March	Line Dancing	Church Rooms	7.30 pm - 9.30 pm
16 th March	Somerset Opera -Gilbert & Sullivan	Victory Hall	7.00 pm
17 th March	Craft Fair	St Peter's Church, Stolford	10.30 am - 1.30 pm
19 th March	Stogursey Walking Group	Greyhound Inn	2.00 pm
21 st March	'The Well' Stogursey Hub meeting	Greyhound Inn	9.30 am - 12 noon
21 st March	Walk with Ben Bryant (details within)	Hinkley Point B Station	10.30 am
26 th March	Stogursey Walking Group	Stear Marshes: Main car park	2.00 pm
29 th March	Apple Blossom Sangha	Shurton House, Shurton	7.30 pm

April and May

21 st April	Coffee Morning for 'SW Fishing for Life'	Church Rooms	10.00 am
21 st April	St George's Day Celebration	Victory Hall	details next month
23 rd April	Parish Council: Annual Assembly	Victory Hall	to be confirmed
19 th May	50/50 Sale	Victory Hall	to be confirmed

SERVICES IN THE QUANTOCK COAST BENEFICE : MARCH 2018

CHURCH	4 th March Lent 3	11 th March Lent 4 Mothering Sunday	18 th March Lent 5 Passion Sunday	25 th March Palm Sunday
EAST QH	9.30am Eucharist AFT	Sunday @3 NM	8.00am Eucharist (BCP) SC	
FIDDINGTON	9.00am Eucharist NM	9.00am SC	9.00am Eucharist (BCP) AFT	
HOLFORD	6.30pm Evensong NM	9.30am Eucharist (CW) NM	11.00am Mattins DB	
KILVE	11.00am Eucharist NM	11.00am Family Service AFT	9.30am Eucharist SC	-
STOGURSEY	10.30am Morning Praise SC	10.30am Family Eucharist TS	10.30am Eucharist AFT	
STRINGSTON	11.00am Family Service PC	4.00pm Stringston Praise	11.am Eucharist NM	10.30am Benefice Eucharist
WEST QH	9.30am Eucharist DB	9.30am Eucharist (BCP) AFT	9.30am Family Service NM	
Liturgical colour & Readings	PURPLE	PURPLE	RED	RED
1 st Reading	Exodus 20: 1 -17	Exodus 2: 1 - 10	Jeremiah 31: 31 - 34	TBC
2 nd Reading	1 Cor 1: 18 - 25	2 Cor 1: 3 - 7	Hebrews 5: 5 - 10	
Gospel	John 2: 13 - 22	Luke 2: 33 - 35 John 19: 25 - 27	John 12: 20 - 33	

MIDWEEK COMMUNION

Date	Time	Venue	Presiding	Readings
Wednesday 7 th March	10.00am	Stogursey	Revd Dr AF Tatham	As per officiant

NM – Revd Nicky Morgan
AFT – Revd Dr Andrew Tatham
SC - Revd Stephen Campbell
TS - Revd Tony Smith

PC - Revd Preb Pam Cuff
DB - Revd Dawn Brimson
SB - Mrs Sally Bult

Freda Hopcroft

For anyone who remembers Freda, I'm sorry to say she passed away on Wednesday 24th January aged 82. Her dementia and poor health finally got the better of her. She was surrounded by her loved ones. Freda was a very kind member of the St Audries community and a good neighbour to us.

Finally at peace with her beloved Tom.

Kind regards,

Sarah Loveday

Paul Tipney

21st September 1925 - 25th January 2018

We run as one, my soul and I,
in leaps and bounds of ecstasy,
as off my brow the sweat beads fly,
and fall in droplets on my knee.
Across the hills in measured stride,
past timid deer and grazing sheep,
whilst up above the buzzards glide,
and larks their fluttering vigils keep.
Here on these hills, I love to be,
high on the Quantocks by the sea

From Lydeard Hill to Staple Plain,
along the ridgeway flanked with heather,
to Beacon Hill and back again,
in hot or cold, or stormy weather.
Some Summer, Autumn, Winter, Spring,
one day, my wishes to fulfill,
my family and friends will bring
my ashes, on the ground to spill.
Then I shall forever be,
high on the Quantocks by the sea.

written by Paul Tipney

and read at his funeral service on 12th February

Thought for the Month

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven; a time to be born, and a time to die, a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-4

Stogursey Flower Show

Saturday July 28th 2pm

Paul Tipney

Whilst planning this year's show I know that there is someone's presence that will be greatly missed. Paul Tipney reinstated the show back in the 1990's. He ran it for several years and then continued to support it every year whatever the weather! The amount and quality of his entries in the Vegetables and Flowers was phenomenal. I hope that his memory will inspire you all to have a go this year.

There are many categories to choose from and some new ones for 2018.

March is the month to start getting seeds going as temperatures increase and daylight lengthens. Potatoes should be chitted ready for planting at the end of the month, either in your vegetable plot or in deep containers. When showing them, either in the White or Coloured category, you will need 5 unblemished, of equal size, washed and displayed on a plate.

Happy Gardening, Grafting and Baking!

Fiona Johnson

Dorothy retires

After many years of delivering Stogursey News, Dorothy Carpenter has retired. Dorothy has walked the lanes from Burton to Culver Street and down through Knighton delivering more than fifty copies every month. A tremendous achievement. Thank you so much, Dorothy.

Sue and Linda have very kindly agreed to take on Dorothy's round, and we welcome them onto the distributors' team.

More Distributors Needed!

The distributors are our unsung heroes as without them, you wouldn't have the Stogursey News delivered to your door every month. But some months, when a distributor is ill or on holiday, the magazines are only distributed because our regular distributors take on even bigger loads than normal.

If you would be willing to be a 'stand-in' distributor, and help out on an occasional basis we would love to hear from you.

Editorial Team

VICTORY HALL AND YOUTH CLUB LOTTERY

It is the beginning of the Victory Hall Lottery year and we are looking for new members. The money we raise from the lottery goes to the upkeep of the Victory Hall and enables us to put on various events during the year and also keeps the hall to a standard which meets the requirements which allow us to let it out to local organisations.

For just £12.00 per year (ie £1.00 allocated for each month) you could be a winner.

If you would like to join us, please contact Ron Dyer, 32 Town Close, Tel: 732688.

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>
Prizes (for 10 months)	£25	£15	£10
Prizes in June	£60	£30	£15
Prizes in December	£100	£50	£25

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Apple Blossom Sangha

'Apple blossom' because it is such a beautiful part of our world, 'Sangha' because we are a small group who meet regularly to share and practice relaxation.

Do you need help to relax? Do you find yourself getting anxious or stressed on a regular basis? if so, learning to meditate might help. The aim is to gain more control of the thoughts in our head. Developing this control takes time, patience and practice. Having an opportunity to practise meditating with others is a simple means of building it into a busy week.

Once a fortnight we meet in Shurton where we meditate to a guided (read) meditation text, and share a silent meditation.

Thursdays: 7.30pm at Shurton House, Shurton

Dates: March 1st, 15th & 29th

Tel: 732 690

Exmoor Macular Society Support Group

Here is the reminder for our next meeting:

22nd March, 2.00 to 3.30 pm at the Exmoor Medical Centre in Dulverton.

The guest speaker will be Ceri Hudson, Clinical Liaison Officer for social needs at Musgrove Hospital and representative of the RNIB. A good contact to have when life becomes difficult!

All welcome! Lifts available - ring 01398 371450

Line Dancing

16th March

in the **Church Rooms**

7.30pm – 9.30 pm

NO Line Dancing on 30th March

Gilbert & Sullivan's

"Ruddigore"

performed by Somerset Opera

Friday March 16th. 7.00pm

at the Victory Hall

Tickets from Stogursey Post Office, and

Sue Spicer at suespicer@hotmail.com

Craft Fair

St Peter's Church Stolford

17th March: 10.30 am – 1.30 pm

Coffee/Tea Stall, Cake & Easter Gifts

All in Aid of St Peter's Church

Contact: Mrs Sue Jones

Tel:652287

or email: suejones279@btinternet.com

Coffee Morning

in aid of Southwest Fishing for Life

Saturday 21st April

Church Rooms, Stogursey at 10:00am

ST. GEORGE'S DAY CELEBRATION: SATURDAY 21ST APRIL

This has become a regular village social event open to all ages and not to be missed! On the nearest Saturday to St George's Day, members of Stogursey Twinning Association organise a home-cooked two-course supper at the Victory Hall and put on a range of family entertainment. Past events have included poetry, live music, dancing and a drama sketch based on the Archers.

There will be a licensed bar.

Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30 start and it's really important to reserve your places for catering purposes.

Adults £12.50 and children aged 5 to11 £5.00 either via the Stogursey Twinning Association facebook page, or via Karen Henson: tel 01278 732727 or email k.henson@btinternet.com

Stogursey Arts Trust

Change is the law of life And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future

John F. Kennedy

Last month we informed you that our work on the Arts Festival had been recognised through attaining charitable status. This will enable us to make more of the donations we receive supporting a broader 'Arts in Stogursey' focus for the future.

You may notice that we have changed our update title to reflect this change. Each month we will continue to update you on progress towards the Stogursey Arts Festival, but we also hope to capture and report on some of the wider range of Arts activities, events and performances that occur throughout the year, in and around the village.

If you are thinking about running an art, drama or music activity, or establishing a group, do get in touch with us at the Arts Trust as we may be able to help you in getting started. The key contacts are Tim Kaye - 734550 and Ian Elenor - 733052.

With Spring around the corner and hopefully warmer weather on the way, watch out for next month's Stogursey News, where we hope to give you more dates, times and venue details for :

Vintage Coffee & Tea Event - next fundraiser on Saturday 7th April (to be confirmed)

The Film Club - opening soon

The Arts Group Stogursey – weekend drawing/painting days with picnic lunch (details to follow)

The Festival Committee – planning in progress

Performances & Concerts – don't miss Gilbert & Sullivan's 'Ruddigore' on 16th March.

In between our regular 'Arts' updates in Stogursey News throughout the year, keep a look out for events and club posters and look on the Stogursey Arts Festival Facebook site, where you will find more information on all our Arts Events.

Mike Bradshaw for the Stogursey Arts Team

Live Screenings at the Macmillan Theatre

We love music, both as performers and as part of an audience. We try to make the most of what is available in this area, whether that be gigs and 'open mic' nights, or maybe one of the fantastic classical chamber concerts put on by Music on the Quantocks. Opera we could only occasionally get to see, and this often when staying away with friends.

However, we've discovered the excellent 'live screenings' that come from 'The Met' in New York, straight into the new Macmillan Theatre, part of Bridgwater College, in Bridgwater. We have just seen *L'Elisir D'Amore* by Donizetti - an exhilarating performance!

There is nothing, of course, that can compare with a true live performance but we reckon these screenings come a close second, and when you compare the nearness, price and relaxation of accessing grand opera within a very short drive, it offers a great evening out for a very reasonable cost. Added to this we get to see backstage during the intervals when the sets are altered, and live interviews with the singers as they come off stage.

The Macmillan screens plays too. We're off there again tomorrow night to see the Royal Shakespeare Company's latest production.

There are often only a few dozen people in in the audience. If you love opera and the theatre, why not give the Macmillan Theatre a try? After all, it could be a case of use it or lose it.

Phil and Annie

Horse-riding

The lease for the Riding for the Disabled site at the Conquest Centre, based in Norton Fitzwarren, has expired. A new site has been found near Cheddon Fitzpaine. The charity needs to raise money to fund a 60-year lease, and the costs of building a new, purpose-built site.

The vision is of a bigger campus, with more space, equipment and facilities to provide greater specialist

support enabling it to be a more inclusive community hub for the wider Somerset community.

My daughter, Nancy, attends riding lesson at the Conquest Centre. She's been going for nearly two years. Learning to ride is great fun for anyone and Nancy especially loves it. The supported riding lessons she enjoys have been great for developing her muscle strength

and balance. The Conquest Centre is a great community asset, and I'd love to be part of helping to enhance its facilities. I'm raising money to help contribute towards this.

Please will you consider sponsoring me to run the Taunton half marathon on 8th April?

Ralph Hammond, Shurton
Tel: 732 690 Twitter @physioralph

Stogursey Walking Group

We meet weekly for a 30 minute walk. We choose flat routes, sometimes on pavements, sometimes on a country path. Our aim is to get some exercise. Some of us have a health condition which makes walking more of a challenge, some of us enjoy the company, some of us are new to walking outdoors. We're a small group, and we like this, however we'd love to welcome more people to join us. You'll need sturdy shoes or boots, and in this weather, a hat and coat!

The next walk is on Monday 5th March: 2pm start at the Victory Hall, Stogursey. (Diary page for more dates)

Ralph Hammond leads the group: tel 732 690

Full Moon Walk

at Hinkley Point B Power Station
Thursday 1st March at 19:00 hours.

Come and join us on an evening walk, through the HPB Nature Trail to see the full moon on the coast at Hinkley Point B Power Station.

Bring a torch and binoculars, and dress warmly.



Walks with Ben

Come and join Ben Bryant, HPB Warden/Somerset Wildlife Trust, on a walk at Hinkley Point B Nature Trail and coastline.



21st March @ 10.30 am (winter birds)
16th May @ 11.00 am
13th June @ 10.30 am
11th July @ 10.30 am



To book one of the tours:

Please come into the EDF Visitor Centre in Angel Place Shopping Centre to reserve your place.

Or, call on 01278 429225/ 428988, or send an email to hinkleybtours@edf-energy.com

An English Breakfast

Please come along to an English Breakfast in Over Stowey Village Hall from 9.00 to 11.00 am on Sunday 4 March. No booking required, but breakfast is £5 per head. All proceeds will be divided between Over Stowey Church and the MRI Scanner appeal at Musgrove Hospital.

FREE COMPUTER COURSE

The employment hub will be organizing a computer course to be held at Victory Hall Stogursey. If anyone is interested, please will they contact Jill Dillamore 01278 732521.

Preliminary start date of 9th March.

The course would run for 6 sessions, skipping a week for good Friday (30th March) so would end Friday 20th April. This is subject to the Victory Hall being available on these time slots.

Each session will last for 2 hours, **2pm-4pm**, with a tea and coffee break in the middle.

The structure of the course will look roughly as follows (subject to small changes)

Week 1 – Hardware basics

Week 2 – The Internet

Week 3 – File Management and Email

Week 4 – Email Pt2 and Staying Safe Online

Week 5 – Tablet and Phone Use

Week 6 – Word Processing (subject to change)

Fresh Trout for Sale

On Thursday the 15th March our Trout fishing season will be finishing here at Burton Springs and we will have several dozen fresh trout for sale ranging from 2-4lbs in size.

These will be available to buy while stocks last in any quantity and are priced at £1.75 per lb. The fish can be bought whole or we can gut the fish ready for cooking at an extra £1 per fish.

Please contact us on 01278 732135 if you would like to purchase any. All our fish are reared in fresh-running chalk streams in Devon so are extremely clean and taste amazing. Perfect for cooking now or on the BBQ in the Summer!

Adam and Kirsty – Burton Springs

HOLFORD GARDENERS' GROUP 'Hedgehogs'

a talk by Pauline Kidner of Secret World

Holford and District Village Hall
20th March 7.30pm

Members £1.00 Visitors £3.50

A Warm Welcome to all

Two Events at East Quantoxhead Village Hall:

Prize Bingo: 3rd March Eyes Down 7.30pm

Le Grand Fromage Jazz Soiree

10th March at 8pm

Featuring '**Trio Anglaise**'

Licensed Bar and French snacks

Tickets £10.00 [under 14s free]

Contact Rocky and Rachael – 01278 741419

West Somerset ELS Grants

Grants to improve activities for disadvantaged young people in West Somerset



New grant schemes have been launched to help children and young people in West Somerset get involved in extra-curricular activities to help improve their confidence, health and well-being.

Individuals and groups can apply for Essential Life Skills grants to improve access to activities like sports, performance and creative arts, music, physical recreation and youth provision.

Young people can apply for a £350 grant to cover the cost of their chosen weekly activity for a year, and groups can apply for up to £5,000 to either develop new activities or expand existing ones. Groups including schools, voluntary organisations and activity providers can apply.

Individual grant applications need the backing of a responsible adult such as a teacher or youth worker and applications can be made at any time. Grant applications for groups will be assessed quarterly throughout the year.

West Somerset is one of 12 Opportunity Areas where additional support is provided by government and local organisations in recognition of the challenges young people face in education and employment. These areas were highlighted by the Social Mobility Index which looks at the chances of children from different backgrounds doing well at school and getting a good job.

More information on the grants, funding deadlines and application forms are available from the Youth Funding pages of the Somerset Youth website. Anyone who has questions about the grant programme should contact SCC's Youth & Community Service youthservice@somerset.gov.uk



Stogursey Oil-buying Group

The Stogursey Oil Buying Group's next order will be in **March**.

The scheme is open to all households within the Stogursey News distribution area except those whose oil delivery has to be made through the house. The minimum order is 500 litres. We usually get oil for 3 to 4 pence per litre less than the price quoted for individual orders. The next order after this one will be in **May**.

If you have any questions about the oil-buying group, I can be contacted on 732191.

Chris Ford

Stogursey Oil-buying Group

Please fill in this form and hand it in at the Post Office (not in the Stogursey News box please!)

Name

Address

Postcode

Email
(to allow future orders by email)

Tel:

Amount of oil required litres

Note: Please specify an amount and not an unknown quantity such as 'top up'.

Special instructions:

Deadline for leaving the form in the Post Office is 11 am on Tuesday 13 March for delivery during the ten-day period beginning 19 March.

OUR LIBRARIES

Stories are an amazing way to enrich our lives. Whether we watch them as a TV drama, share a sofa and a book with the younger members of the family or curl up and read or listen to a talking book alone.

There are plenty of exciting ways to enjoy stories at libraries around the county too. Try a shared reading group, where poems and stories are read aloud together, followed by discussion in which everyone is encouraged to participate.

If you are unable to get to the library, you can ask for a volunteer to visit you on a regular basis, bringing books of your choice and stopping for a cuppa. It is a lovely volunteer position to take too. Contact your local library if you are interested.

Libraries often have events and groups such as author talks and children's story times. Check out local adverts and online. Libraries will also support you with internet access which is necessary for those changing to universal credit and to compare your utility bills. They are also a great place to find local adverts. It is a safe and welcoming place to visit for all. They are also warm in the winter!

It may be useful to know that libraries keep book collections on autism, self-help for people with mental health issues and a dementia collection to help people steer their way through their changes and promote understanding of the issues involved. We also have books on prescription – self-help books that a doctor can prescribe for borrowers or that people can take out for themselves.

Have your say on this remarkable free resource by going to your local library and filling in a survey by 22nd April. Ask your librarian about the changes that are planned. The consultation document is also on line <http://somersetlibraries.co.uk/consultation/>

Please phone me, Izzy Silvester your village agent, on 07931 018045. Leave me your name and number and I will ring you back, or email me on izzy@somersetcc.org.uk.

I do only work part-time so it may take a day or two for me to return your call.

Thank you.

Editors' note:

The next visit from the mobile library is 1 March.

Shurton: Babbling Brook 12.20pm - 12.50pm;
Stogursey: Greyhound Inn 1.30pm - 2.00pm, and
Town Close (No 30) 2.05pm - 2.35pm

St David's Day, 1st March

The Rev'd William Holland (1747 – 1819) was Vicar of Over Stowey from 1779 until his death. He kept a diary and some volumes have survived and been published. He was Welsh and extremely opinionated. He was a caring pastor and a fervent patriot but what he writes makes clear his distaste for many of the locals as well as his contempt for Methodists and Catholics.

Here are some extracts from his diary for the year 1810.

Monday February 26.

I got to Stowgurcy and found Mr Davis at home and he prevailed on me to eat a bit of dinner with him on condition that he would eat with me on the First of March, being St David's Day, we being both Welshmen and each is to have a tremendous leek in his hat.

Thursday March 1

This is St David's Day, the Tutelary Saint of Wales and a very fine day it is. I put a Leek in my hat after breakfast and rode to meet Mr Davis who is to dine with me, he is a Welshman from Carmarthenshire. I rode on to Stowgurcy when at last I saw Mr Davis just mounting his horse so we returned together, found Mr Coombs and Mr Dawes borrowed his horse and soon joined us and we all rode to Stowey. Mr Dawes was taken rather as Guard to Mr Davis who is grown old and feeble than as a Welshman for he is from West Morland adjoining Cumberland. Dyer (*parish clerk*) is here today and dined here on account of St David and they all wear Leeks. We had a good dinner and cakes and wine etc. We wished Mr Davis to take a bed here but Mr Dawes being with him to take care of him he chose to go.

*Paupers and Pig Killers, ed. Jack Ayres
contributed by Peter Hawkins*

Waste Collection Dates

Changes because of BANK HOLIDAYS

<i>Usual collection day</i>	<i>Revised collection day</i>
Good Friday - 30 March	Saturday 31 March
Friday 6 April	Saturday 7 April

Recycling sites remain open on their usual schedules; all are open on Easter Monday, and every Bank Holiday Monday.

Stogursey Parish Council

Key Points from Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 13 February 2018

Paul Tipney:

At the start of the meeting, attendees stood for a minutes silence in respect of Paul Tipney who very sadly passed away on 25 January. Paul spent many years as a valued and respected District and Parish Councillor, and become a very good friend to many members on the Parish Council and in the parish. We send our sincere condolences to his family.

Speeding and Parking Issues:

PCSO Sue Marks (Hinkley Police Team) attended the public forum and answered questions in relation to parking, fly parking and speeding in the parish. EDF has practices in place to monitor parking and the police are taking an active interest: they have issued parking tickets and removed vehicles where necessary. However, residents should note that the police do not have the right to remove vehicles that are taxed and insured. Sue Marks has received a new mobile speed detector which can be used in conjunction with the community speed watch team. She also reiterated the need for help and support from the community, and asked that residents take photographs as evidence where possible, and forward to the Hinkley Police Team on 01278 645193 or hinkleypoint@avonandsomerset.police.uk. The Parish Council will continue to work with EDF and the Police Team.

Speed Indication Device (SID) Results

The SID results from the recent 15 day period between 22 January and 5 February at Tower Hill, from a total of 6223 vehicles recorded are:- 2704 vehicles < 30mph; 3305 between 30 - 40mph; 209 between 40 – 50mph.

The SID results from the recent 15 day period during January in Shurton from a total of 5450 vehicles recorded are:- 2672 vehicles < 30mph; 2746 between 30 - 40mph; 31 between 40 – 50mph.

Litter

It is disappointing to see that there is a lot of litter strewn around the parish. Some members of the public are picking up litter while out walking, however it is an individual's responsibility to dispose of their own litter. It is appreciated that during windy weather the contents of recycling bins are blown away, however residents are asked to pick this up and not leave it. The Parish Council will also arrange for the Lengthsman to carry out occasional litter picks, however this does come at a cost and this is money that could be used elsewhere for maintenance and enhancement within the parish.

Parish Councillor Vacancy:

The Parish Council have re-advertised the parish councillor vacancy and intend to fill the vacancy by co-option at the next Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 13 March 2018. If you are committed and enthusiastic, would like to help to shape the future of Stogursey and willing to give time to work for the community please contact the Clerk for an application form. Applications to be submitted to the Clerk by 4 Mar 18.

Burgage Rd Play Area (BRPA):

The picnic tables and benches, and the toddler springers have now been installed in the Play Area using West Somerset Council Planning Obligation funding (S106). You'll all agree that the Play Area is vastly improved. Plans are underway to conduct maintenance in the rest of the play area.

AED (Defibrillator) Awareness training

Training will be conducted by the South Western Ambulance Service NHS trust on Wed 28 Feb 18 in the Victory Hall at 7pm. The evening will consist of a talk and demonstration; thereafter anyone who would like to have a go is welcome. All members of the public are invited to attend.

FREE Community Bus Service

You will have seen that the free Community bus service has been extended for another year. It will continue to run Monday to Friday, 3 times a day between Minehead and Bridgwater.

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE ON TUESDAY 13 MARCH 2018

Please also note the **Annual Assembly** will be held on **Tues 23 April 2018**, and NOT the second Tuesday of April.

I look forward to hearing from you on any issues you wish to discuss. My phone number is 01278 653824 or you can e-mail me at stogurseyppclerk@gmail.com

Gillian Orchard, Clerk to the Parish Council

VICTORY HALL LOTTERY

January Draw

1 st Prize	£25.00	Francis Touchin	153
2 nd Prize	£15.00	Mike Maddison	31
3 rd Prize	£10.00	Rose Nurton	47

Contacts and Parish Information

Mobile Library: Route and times for 2018

The library visits on **Thursdays** - every 4 weeks

Stockland Bristol

Captains 11.50 am - 12.05 pm

Shurton

Babbling Brook 12.20 pm - 12.50 pm

Stogursey

Greyhound Inn 1.30 pm - 2.00 pm

Town Close (No 30) 2.05 pm - 2.35 pm

Visiting Dates - every 4 weeks

1st March; 29th March; 26th April; 24th May

For more information, contact Libraries Direct:

by telephone on 0300 123224

by email at www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries (Route H)

Local Councils

Parish

Chair: Allan Searle

Vice-Chair: Chris Morgan

Clerk: Gillian Orchard

Councillors: James Brereton, Geoff Coles,

Jill Dillamore, Ian Elenor, Chris Ford,

Sue Goss, Susan E Jones

West Somerset

Councillors: Sue Goss, Chris Morgan

Ward

Councillors: Sue Goss, Chris Morgan

Site Stakeholders Group Representatives

Sue Goss, Chris Morgan

Somerset County Council

All Services 0300 123 2224

Parish Neighbourhood Welcome Pack

Burton & Knighton: Sue Goss 733405

Wick & Stolford: Susan E Jones 652287

Stogursey & Shurton: Chris Morgan

Stolford - St Peter's Church Community Use

Chair: Susan E Jones, Stolford

Stogursey Oral History Project

Ralph Hammond 732690

Ian Elenor/Teresa Miller 733052

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Stogursey Hamlets

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Wick: Dick Blomfield
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Stogursey Parish

Council Members: Allan Searle, Chris Ford

West Som District

& Ward Councillor: Sue Goss

Monthly Drop-Ins

2nd March Babbling Brook, Shurton

Drop-in 12.00 - 1.00 pm; Appointments 1.00 - 2.00pm

Main Site Forum

HPC Hotline (Complaints, etc) 0800 0969650

Community Policing & Speed Watch Volunteers

Jamie Munro PC 4376 Neighbourhood Beat Manager
Williton & Watchet (AW052)

Mobile: 07889 659436

Email: Jamie.munro@avonandsomerset.police.uk

Phone: 101 (non-emergencies) or 999 (emergencies)

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and Criminal Damage

If you see any ASB or criminal damage incidents, please **phone the Police on 101**. Give as much information, including names, as you possibly can. These are Police matters, and the Police need our help to stop them. The number of complaints made from an area are noted. The more complaints received, the more justification to allocate police time and manpower to deal with problems.

Complainants' names are not released to the perpetrators.

Community Car Scheme

Stogursey Parish Stagecoach 07908 239 609

HINKLEY POINT C LOOK AHEAD

March 2018



For more information:

Visit: www.edfenergy.com/hpc

E-mail us at: hinkley-enquiries@edf-energy.com

Call us on: 0800 096 9650

Visit us at: EDF Energy Visitor Centre, Angel Place Shopping Centre, Bridgwater, TA6 3TQ

Next Drop in will be at Babbling Brook, Shurton on Friday 2 March 12:00 – 13:00

This information provides an overview of work taking place related to Hinkley Point C and the activity you may experience.

We're sorry for any inconvenience these works may cause.

Work/Item	Timings	Location	You may experience / notes
Site construction activities	Throughout March	Hinkley Point C Site	Noise from activity associated with construction work
Jetty construction	Throughout March	On the intertidal area of the Hinkley Point C site	Visibility of activity associated with jetty construction
Southern landscaping and Hinkley Campus construction	Throughout March	Along the southern boundary of the Hinkley Pont C land.	Noise and visibility of planting activity associated with landscaping. Campus construction continues, all units now in place.
Junction 23 park and ride and freight management facility	Complete	Near Junction 23 of M5.	Parking facility now in operation. Freight Management area soon to be online.
Junction 23 roundabout signalisation	Complete	At Junction 23 of M5	Signalisation now in operation, the new lights at M5 Junction 23 are being closely monitored to optimise the performance of the junction.
Sedgemoor Campus	Throughout March	In the vicinity of the old Innovia site, Bath Road, Bridgwater.	Noise from activity associated with campus construction. Traffic lights and lane narrowing/footpath diversions will be noticed by road users. Permanent stopping up of Frederick Road early March.
Cannington park and ride	Throughout March	South of Cannington on the A39.	Noise from construction activity. Lane narrowing will be noticed by road users.