

STOGURSEY NEWS



Found in an attic!

Can you help identify any of these past pupils? (More details within)

October 2017

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Stogursey News

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

Editorial

Welcome to this month's bumper edition, containing lots of information about the fantastic Arts Festival coming up in a couple of weeks – there's a lot going on and promises to offer something of interest to everybody. All the events are usefully summarized in the October Diary.

The children are now well settled into the autumn term and it's great to read their comments and see the photos of the newest pupils. And what a good idea for the top class to have a different coloured sweatshirt. Do any other schools do this? The pupils seem to love it!

A really fascinating article from Chris Elenor recounts the tsunami which affected the Somerset Levels just over 400 years ago. This may seem a long time ago, but could we be due another? On that note, Chris ends his article by posing a very relevant question to EDF.

We have our usual variety of articles this month thanks to your contributions, some recounting very positive experiences, others less so. If you feel the urge to respond to anything in this month's Stogursey News, don't hesitate to write in so we can add your viewpoint to next month's edition!

Enjoy your read.

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Regular Events			
Monday	Stogursey Fun: bumps, babies, toddlers Short Mat Bowls Zing Health Stogursey Walk - 2 nd Monday Zing Health Steart Marshes Walk - 3 rd Monday	Victory Hall Victory Hall as listed in Diary below Steart Marshes Car Pk	10.00 - 12.00 am 7.30 - 9.30 pm 9.30 am 2.00 pm
Tuesday	Parish Council Meeting - 2 nd Tuesday Bingo Afternoon Tennis Poetry Reading Group (contact Phil 733377) Quantock Musical Theatre Company Apple Blossom Sangha (contact Ralph 732690)	Victory Hall St Audries Centre Multi-sport court, Vic 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) Craft Club - 1st Wednesdays Women's Institute Meeting -2 nd Wednesday	Greyhound Inn Victory Hall Church Rooms St Audries Centre	9.30 am - 12.00 noon 11.30 am - 12.30 pm 1.00 pm - 5.00 pm 7.30 pm
Thursday	Bingo Evening	Victory Hall	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Friday	Coffee Shop EdF Monthly Drop-In St Andrew's Church Junior Youth Club (for details contact Nicky Morgan) Line Dancing	Church Rooms see details below Church Rooms Victory Hall	10.00 am venue specific 6.00 - 7.30 pm 7.30 pm
Saturday Sunday	Football - Men Football - Boys (for details and fixtures contact Steve Dixon)	September - April September - April	2.00 - 3.00 pm

Diary: October

4 th October	Community Employment Hub	Greyhound Inn	9.30 am - 12.00 noon
5 th October	Landlord & Community Safety Surgery	Greyhound Inn	11.00 am - 1.00 pm
6 th October	EDF Monthly drop-in	Babbling Brook, Shurton	12 noon - 2.00 pm
7 th October	Safari Supper	start in Church Rooms	6.30 pm
10 th October	Parish Council Meeting	Victory Hall	7.00 pm
11 th October	Stogursey Arts Festival Exhibitions Open	Church Rooms & Church	Daily 10.00 am - 4.00 pm
11 th October	Stephen Faux in Conversation	St Andrew's Church	7.00 pm
12 th October	Film Club Opening Night	Church Rooms	6.30 pm
13 th October	Children's Art Exhibition	School	3.30 pm - 5.00 pm
13 th October	Raku Firings (weather permitting)	The Gravel	from 8.30 pm
13 th October	Live Music: "Blue Dimpsey"	Greyhound Inn	from 8.30 pm
14 th October	Craft Fayre	Victory Hall	10.00 am - 3.30 pm
14 th October	Circle Dancing and Live Music	The Gravel	11.00 am - 3.30 pm
14 th October	Music Gala (more details within)	Victory Hall	7.00 pm - 11.00 pm
15 th October	Drumming Workshop	to be confirmed	afternoon
15 th October	Singing Workshop	St Andrew's Church	4.00 - 6.00 pm
15 th October	Festival Praise and supper	St Andrew's Church	6.00 pm
18 th October	Community Employment Hub	Church Rooms	9.30 am - 12.00 noon
18 th October	HPC Open Forum "Southern Landscaping"	Victory Hall	6.00 pm
18 th October	Stogursey Craft Group	Church Rooms	7.00 pm - 9.00 pm
19 th October	Landlord & Community Safety Surgery	Greyhound Inn	11.00 am - 1.00 pm
21 st October	French Breakfast	Church Rooms	9.30 - 11.00 am
26 th October	Mobile Library	as schedule within	as schedule

Diary: November and December

3 rd November	EDF Monthly drop-in	Church Rooms	11 am - 12 noon
8 th November	WI "Christmas Decorations"	St Audries Centre	7.30 pm
11 th November	Cheese & Wine Evening	36 Town Close	8.00 pm
1 st December	EDF Monthly Drop-in	Babbling Brook, Shurton	12 noon - 2.00 pm
2 nd December	Christmas Fayre	Victory Hall	12 noon - 4.30 pm
15 th December	Christmas Quiz	Church Rooms	7.00 pm

SERVICES IN THE QUANTOCK COAST BENEFICE : OCTOBER 2017

CHURCH	1 st October Trinity 16	8 th October Trinity 17	15 th October Trinity 18	22 nd October Trinity 19	29 th October Trinity 20
EAST QH	9.30am Eucharist SC	Sunday @ 3 BJ and RJ	8.00am Eucharist (BCP) AFT		DEANERY FESTIVAL SERVICE
FIDDINGTON	9.00am Eucharist TS	4.00pm Harvest Festival AFT	9.00am Eucharist (BCP) SC	-	AT CANNINGTON PARISH CHURCH
HOLFORD	6.30pm Harvest Evensong NM or SC	9.30am Eucharist (BCP) SC	11.00am Family Service SC	-	At 10.30am
KILVE	11.00am Eucharist SC	11.00am Harvest Family Service AFT	9.30am Eucharist AFT	-	PLEASE DO COME
STOGURSEY	10.30am Morning Praise PC	10.30am Family Eucharist TS	6.00pm Festival Praise		SHARE IN CELEBRATE And SUPPORT
STRINGSTON	11.00am Family Service NM	4.00pm Harvest Festival Praise SC	11.00am Eucharist AFT	BENEFICE EUCARIST 10.00am SC	OUR WORK TOGETHER
WEST QH	9.30am Harvest Festival with Baptism NM	9.30am Eucharist AFT	9.30am Family Service Sally Bult	-	ASA DEANERY
Liturgical colour & Readings	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	
1 st Reading	Ezekiel 18: 1 – 4; 25 - end	Isaiah 5: 1 - 7	Isaiah 25: 1 - 9	Isaiah 45: 1 - 7	
2 nd Reading	Phil 2: 1 - 13	Phil 3: 4 -14	Phil 4: 1 - 9	1 Thess 1: 1 - 10	
Gospel	Matt 21: 23 - 32	Matt 21: 33- end	Matt 22: 1 - 14	Matt 22: 15 - 22	

MIDWEEK COMMUNIONS

Date	Time	Venue	Presiding	Readings
4 th October	10.00am	Stogursey	Revd S Campbell	As per Officiant

Stogursey School 1935



This photo was found in an attic and given to Rose Nurton in recognition of her life in our village and the work she does to support the community.

Rose has kindly let us scan and reproduce it in our magazine in the hope that some of you might be able to identify the pupils and adult shown.

If you think you recognise anybody in the photo, please write the number and name of the person on a piece of paper and put it in the box in the Post Office, or, email it to Stogursey News at the address below.

Thank you in anticipation, Editorial Team

50/50 Auction

On Saturday 9th September I spent a very pleasant 3 hours at the Village Hall 50/50 Auction who are trying to raise funds for our very much used Village Hall. Where were you?

It was supported quite well but despite the beautiful furniture etc that was for sale some of the lovely items went for a ridiculously low price or not at all. For example a lovely leather settee was not sold at the close of the Auction.

There is so much hard work by local residents and it is very well organised with lovely tea and refreshments. With Allan Searle and Tony Harris "At the helm" it seemed such a shame for the willing people who put the lovely items in.

This is NOT a criticism to anyone in particular but it takes a lot of hard work before, during and afterwards to arrange. I felt sorry for those who put items in the sale for it not to reach a decent amount.

I appreciate it was an awful day weather-wise and repeat this is not intended to anyone person but a genuine note of disappointment.

a Stogursey resident (name supplied)

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2017

Mr Richard Cuttell from Shurton has kindly agreed to be the new Poppy Appeal organiser for Stogursey, Shurton, Burton and Stolford. I am so very grateful to him for accepting this really worthwhile, if sometimes hectic role, and I know that he will make a great success of the venture. I am also sure that he will organise everything with much more efficiency and definitely less chaos than I did!

June Reith

A Nasty, Aggressive & Selfish Person

I have tended the grass running alongside my property for the 19 years that I have resided in Wick, I, like my neighbours, care about the hamlet in which we live. To prevent vehicles driving over the lawn or parking on it, I carefully place stones down the length of it as deep ruts make mowing difficult.

A farming contractor who shall remain nameless, who neither owns the drove down to Wick Moor nor lives in Wick, decided it was easier to move my stones off the grass rather than cut back the undergrowth on the opposite side of the drove to make way for his monstrous combine harvester, the machines having gotten wider over the years, whereas the drove has not. The drove has in fact narrowed because the public footpath sign opposite now sits three feet into the undergrowth rather than on the track. The farming contractor was not even satisfied to just roll my stones a few feet back, no he decided to lob them hard against the wall of my house, smashing some of those stones to smithereens, the noise inside my house frightened me into thinking my house was coming down!

He and his machine have now gone and needless to say he didn't put back the stones nor flatten the ruts his vehicle left in the grass.

What a selfish, aggressive and nasty individual you are. I have your actions on CCTV and had you caused any major damage to my property I would have had the evidence to give to the police.

A Resident in Wick (name supplied)

VICTORY HALL LOTTERY

AUGUST DRAW

1 st Prize	£25.00	Allan Robbins	184
2 nd Prize	£15.00	Alan Loveday	133
3 rd Prize	£10.00	Maria Patterson	46

STOGURSEY WI

Hello readers, an update on what has been happening during the summer, even though we do not have an official meeting we have been busy.

July saw an outing to Lynton and Lynmouth organised by Wilton Lodge. After a beautiful scenic drive over the moors we arrived and enjoyed a lovely day, even the sun came out to join us. July also saw the Flower Show where our stall was well attended, our raffle was popular, first prize of a beautiful hamper was won by Heather Hallett. Free tickets to our meetings were handed out and we look forward to welcoming the recipients.

August was the month we hold our croquet afternoon. This was rained off (usual British summer) and was switched to the Church Rooms. Pimms and a buffet were provided. Everyone that attended enjoyed the afternoon during which we participated in a quiz organised by one of our members, Janet Crowther. On the 31st our members enjoyed their summer outing for a cream tea.

Our September meeting was held on the 13th. The speaker was Michael Sprigg who gave a talk on the history of corn dolly making and then gave us an opportunity to have a go.

The next speaker will be on:

8th November on Christmas Decorations.

Please come and join us at St Audries Centre on the second Wednesday in the month at 7.30 for our meetings. New members are always welcome and bring new ideas which we encourage.

FRENCH BREAKFAST – AND FAMILY FUN!

Don't forget to make a note of this breakfast date in the Church Rooms on Saturday 21st October.

You can drop in from 09.30 am until 11.00 for a hot drink and croissant or baguette. There'll also be a few games to try your hand at so do come along and learn a bit more about our French twin town, Lonlay L'Abbaye in Normandy.

Children and young people are especially welcome but would need to bring at least one parent or carer if under 16.

More information from our Secretary Karen Henson 732727 or khenson@btinternet.com

Caroline Hawkes, Stogursey Twinning Association

Helen and Lisa invite you to join us for a **Macmillan Coffee Morning Fundraiser**

Friday 6th October

10.30am-12.30pm

Upalane, Shurton (by the ford)

for cakes, tea, coffee,

Bric-a-brac, stalls and a natter

STOGURSEY CRAFT GROUP

Your invitation to an Evening “Taster “ Session

Wednesday 18 October, 7 - 9 pm in the Church Rooms

The Stogursey Craft Group are thinking of having a monthly evening session as an addition to our 1st Wednesday afternoon of the month sessions, with the aim of enabling anyone who cannot make it during the day to come along in the evening.

Please do come along to meet us crafters (we are mostly normal people) to see if you would like to join us on a monthly evening, daytime or both, basis.

We are also looking into doing some charity makes etc so even if you don't do a specific craft but can maybe knit a bit, perhaps you would like to have a go with the charity knits. If you can't knit but would like to learn we can teach you. There's no escape/excuse! If you want to learn please bring along a pair of 4mm knitting needles and a ball of DK yarn.

The taster session will be a free evening with coffee, tea and biscuits provided, but thereafter, if we go forward with enough support, it will be a minimum of £1 an hour, say 7-9pm or 7 - 10 pm, whichever is the most acceptable to all. To make it viable we will need people to attend for at least 2 hours during the evening session with a minimum of say 7 attendees per evening to cover the rent.

Thank you for taking the time to read the above and we look forward to welcoming you to our group. Any queries, contact Cathy on 734707.

Let the Neighbours Know

On Saturday 9th September my near neighbours held a party, so far so good, everyone enjoys a get together. However, on this particular occasion the noise was incredible and even with windows closed the sound penetrated. My small grandson was disturbed as were his parents. Can I please ask that, in future, neighbours are informed beforehand so that we can make our own arrangements. It is just good manners really.

The one good thing, the party ended on the dot of midnight, so thank you for that.

A Shurton resident (name supplied)

Stogursey Arts Festival 2017

Have the nerve to go into unexplored territory. Be brave enough to live life creatively. *Alan Alder*

In Stogursey News this month, you will find various headings to help you explore this year's Stogursey Arts Festival programme. We look forward to seeing you at the events, exhibitions and performances and as the Autumn evenings begin to get darker, we hope that you will all join in with 'Lighting Up Stogursey' for the Festival.

Programmes are available in the Post Office or from members of the Festival Team. You will see that most of the events are 'free', but we welcome donations towards the running of the Festival.

If you need tickets for listed events you can now book on line through Ticket Source; following the link on the Stogursey Arts Festival Facebooksite or visit www.ticketsource.co.uk/stogurseyartsfestival

Alan will also have tickets on sale in the Post Office as usual, but do book or buy early if you want to take advantage of the discount on the Combined Festival ticket. The number of 'combined' tickets on sale is limited, due to the maximum venue capacities. If you miss out on the early tickets, there may still be entry by tickets on the door, but these cost a bit more and will be subject to availability on the night.

So, be brave, be creative.....get your tickets early!

Mike Bradshaw on behalf of SAFT

The Combined Events Festival Ticket

This ticket covers you for all 3 ticketed events listed below but excludes music workshops :

Steven Faux - Opening Performance - Wed 11th October

Festival Film Night - Thurs 12th October

Music Gala Night - Sat 14th October

Arts Festival Opening Night

Performance with Steven Faux

Taking place in the beautiful Stogursey Church, renowned film score and soundtrack composer Steven Faux will give us an insight into his work using a large scale 'video wall' to view film extracts with a sample of his award winning audio accompaniments. Also a private view of the Arts exhibition

St Andrew's Church

Wednesday evening 11th of October 7pm

£10 in advance £12 on the door

Arts Festival Film Night

Opening of The Stogursey Film Club

Starting with the world premier of Richard Tomlinson's film depicting the life and work of the late, acclaimed portrait artist Hans Schwartz who lived and worked in Stogursey for many years. This short film to be shown later in the month at the Museum of Somerset and will be followed by a series of short films commissioned by Contains Art about the work of emerging local artists.

The Church Rooms

Thursday evening 12th 6.30 for 7pm

£5 on the door: ticket includes complementary glass of wine and nibbles.

Arts Festival Exhibitions

Painting, sculpture and installations including the Flower Celebrations

This year's exhibitions will include: both large scale work in 2 and 3D, a 'Celebration of Hats' produced in flowers, performances, films, field trip studies and work in progress produced by the Arts Group Stogursey.

There will be a retrospective of newly discovered artists as well as our regular exhibitors from around the parish. We are also showing 'Out of the Mouth of the Parrett', a work from the highly successful Theatre Melange. This local theatre group have created a voyage into the rural heart of Somerset. It's a colourful portrait of this extraordinary landscape seen through the eyes of people who live and work there. Visit this exciting river adventure in the Church side chapel, first performed in Bridgwater Library earlier this year.

Don't miss the Plinth, an alternating programme of local creativity. Artists of all backgrounds, working in a wide variety of media will be showing and celebrating their creativity. Watch out for the separate programme for details.

The Church Rooms & St Andrew's Church

Thursday to Sunday each day 12th to 15th
from 10am till 4pm.

Free

Children's Art Exhibition

A range of work from ages 5 to 11, in a variety of media, displayed at the lovely Victorian Gothic School building in the village.

Stogursey School

Friday 13th late afternoon 3.30pm till 5pm

Free

Music & Dance Events

Music with Blue Dimpsey

A recently formed quartet of experienced musicians playing an eclectic mix, drawing mainly, but not exclusively, from Latin and Jazz from 1940s to present day.

Greyhound Inn

Friday 13th evening 8.30pm onwards

Free

Two Circle Dancing Sessions

Two free sessions of Circle dancing on the Gravel to live music. At your own risk - get those trainers out and have fun!

On the Gravel

Saturday 14th 11am till 12.30pm, and 2 till 3.30pm

Free

The Big Noise & Stogursey Village Band

The Big Noise is a lively street band made up of a variety of musicians. The recently formed Stogursey Village Band will also be playing to liven up the centre of the village.

On the Gravel

Saturday 14th at various times through out the day

Free

Music Gala Night

A showcase of local talent from acclaimed theatre group singers to instrumental folk duos, even a reggae band! Enjoy a drink at the bar (including real ales) and a burger or a hot dog from the barbecue.

This year we will be featuring:

QMTC –our local choir with selection of songs

Fiddington Choir

Watchet Reggae Band

Paul Tipney – Poems and songs

Angie Wood, guitarist/singer from Watchet, with friends

Rock and Joel – playing accordion and guitar

“It’s about Time” – folk duo

John Maybey – Guitarist/recording artist

Victory Hall

Saturday 14th 7pm till 11.00pm

£10 in advance £12 on the door

Drumming Workshop

A moving and fun, not to be missed, experience led by Marion Nieuwenhuizen of Fab Drumming. No previous experience necessary and open to all ages.

On the Plinth in St Andrew’s Church

Sunday 15th 2pm till 3pm

Drums provided

£5 on the door (under-14s free)

Singing Workshop

A fantastic opportunity to share the excitement of finding your own voice, in part and unison signing. Yvette Staelens is a highly experienced and acclaimed natural voice practitioner who knows that everyone can enjoy singing. No experience necessary and all ages are welcome.

St Andrew’s Church

Sunday 15th 4pm till 6pm

£5 on the door (under-14s free)

Festival Celebration Service

This celebration follows the singing workshop and bell ringing at 5.30pm. Do bring a plate of food to share and stay for supper after the service ends.

Sunday 15th 6pm till 7pm

Free

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Crafts & Trails

Light up Stogursey Trail

Throughout the festival from dusk to 10.00 pm Wednesday to Sunday come and enjoy the Light up Stogursey Trail, a variety of locally created illuminations around and about the village.

Streets Around Stogursey Parish

Wednesday to Sunday 11th to 15th from dusk till 10pm

Free

Raku firing

Once darkness descends, join us in the centre of the village for an open air Raku firing of glazed biscuit pieces made by a range of mostly non-experienced local folk. A small gas kiln takes a piece at a time reaching temperatures of 900 centigrade. The red hot glowing pieces are then individually placed into sawdust causing spontaneous ignition and reduction of the glaze chemicals. Watching from a safe distance only with careful supervision of children.

On the Gravel

Friday 13th 7pm weather permitting firings after 8.30pm

Free

Well dressing

Come and see what the children have created this year in response to the famous Well Springs, which have reputedly never run dry as far back as medieval times

Stogursey Well

Thursday 11th to Sunday 15th

Blessing at 11am on Sunday

Free

Bell Ringing Demonstration and Open Tower

Come and have a go, and see the bell ringers in action over the Festival weekend. On Friday, weather permitting there will be accompanied visits to the ancient Church Tower.

St Andrew's Church

Friday 13th tower climbs throughout the day. Check with the Exhibition Stewards Free

Saturday 14th Bell ringing 2pm till 4.30 pm

Free

Programmes for the Festival:

from the Post Office

Tickets for the Festival Events:

from the Post Office, or

from Ticket Source at

www.ticketsource.co.uk/stogurseyartsfestival

Craft Fayre & Coffee Shop

This year's Craft Fayre promises to be the biggest yet.

Come and try your hand at corn-dolly making and spinning and weaving at our 'taster' sessions, as well as the No-Sew Bunting Workshop. Start your Christmas shopping early by perusing the many craft stalls including home-made Christmas Puddings (gluten-free available too), wired & inspired jewellery, hand-made quilted gifts, plants, micro-knitting and unusual pebble mandalas, to name but a few. Come and chat to members of the monthly Church Rooms Craft Group who will be happy to show you what crafts they cover and are always looking for new members of all abilities to join the Group. The Coffee Shop will be running for the entire Fayre serving tea, coffee and delicious home-made cakes. We look forward to seeing you there.

Victory Hall

Saturday 14th 10am till 3.30pm

Free

Further Clock-minder Tales

Quarter Chime Mystery

Those of you within earshot of the clock and take notice of these things may have been wondering why the quarter chimes have been behaving oddly. . . There has been a bit of a random nature about what rings when, or even no chimes at all.

I was equally mystified. I wondered whether there was some physical reason for it - you only have to lean over the clock and nudge one of the levers to advance the mechanism. This didn't seem very likely.

Having talked to Paul, who services the mechanism, maybe the air brake was faulty and the chime was jumping past one of the stopping points. All the old Victorian mechanisms seemed fine so it must be the rewind motor.



Quarter chime control wheel

The clock winds itself after each chime using a sturdy electric motor of the same sort as used to raise and lower the driver seat in a lorry. Sometimes the carbon brushes stick and cause a failure to run.

'How about a tap with a hammer,' I was told!

So I did.

Magic but we may need to replace the culprit in due course.

We shall see . . .



Winding motor with a part time fault . . .

Paul Welbourne



Stogursey C E Primary School



September once again brings the start of a new year and we have already welcomed our new children into their first year at school. They have settled quickly into classroom life, learning the routines of the day and getting to know staff. Those who were brave enough told me all about their first few days.



Harry said "I've enjoyed the dinosaurs."



Octavia said "I like playing and I liked PE"

Here are the girls enjoying their milk after a fun PE lesson. Getting changed into kits is a new experience for the reception children and they have done really well this week.

Kirran said that he "Liked doing PE and doing tricks because we needed to sit so we know how to do the balls and cones. I've been learning how to make jellyfish."

Casey said "I just want to go back to Preschool for the toys!"

We look forward to watching our new children as they take their place in our school family, developing in both confidence and character.

As well as starting the year with new Reception children, at the other end of the school we welcome our Year 6 children back to school wearing their red jumpers to mark them out as those with additional responsibility and position within the school.



Max Said "I feel important and responsible. My red jumper makes me feel older and people appreciate you more."

Lily said "I feel a bit different in my red jumper. I feel more responsible for the younger ones. I feel like I'm standing out more. I'm looking forward to getting ready for Haygrove."

We have also seen some new additions to the school building this Summer. By moving the office into the foyer we have now been able to bring the staffroom downstairs to a central position within the building. This has created the space for Mrs Barnes to have her own office upstairs. The work has only just been completed so we are still dealing with boxes and files but it is looking good so far and will make a real difference to work space and the feel of the school. We have also reinstated the original doorway out of the school so that the children can securely access the playground without walking through the car park. The pictures below show the changes made and the staff at work.

Mrs Barnes in her office.





The new staffroom and Miss day at work.



The new entrance to the school creates a safe place to greet visitors.



Mrs Carter working at her desk-
ready to greet visitors.

When we return in September we gather news from the children but also welcome any news from the staff. We were very pleased to hear that Mr Irish, our PE teacher, returned this term with yet another medal. He is a keen runner, having finished many marathons. However, he has taken to cycling this year and in typical fashion has thrown himself into big events. He completed the London 100 event over the Summer cycling 100 miles which he assures me was very much easier than running a marathon. Here he is below with his impressive medal. Watch out Chris Frome !!



The First Severn Tsunami?

The Somerset Levels are the result of many years of salt marsh reclamation through the construction of sea banks. This started in the Roman Period. The Levels are however vulnerable to flooding from river sources, and from the sea at times when the sea banks are overtopped or breached.

In 1607 an area from Barnstaple in north Devon, up the Bristol Channel and Severn Estuary to Gloucester, and along the South Wales coast around to Cardigan was impacted by a huge wave. According to one of the contemporary sources, the coastal population was devastated with at least 2,000 fatalities.



The wave appeared as,

"mighty hills of water tumbling over one another in such sort as if the greatest mountains in the world had overwhelmed the low villages or marshy grounds. Sometimes it dazzled many of the spectators that they imagined it had bin some fogge or mist coming with great swiftness towards them and with such a smoke as if mountains were all on fire, and to the view of some it seemed as if myriads of thousands of arrows had been shot forth all at one time."

On the flat coastal areas along the Somerset coast, the tsunami penetrated a considerable distance inland. Haslett and Bryant have calculated that along the Somerset coast, the maximum inland penetration possible

of an 18 ft tsunami wave travelling at an estimated 35 mph was just under 2.5 miles. The floodwaters reached further inland in some places, such as to the foot of Glastonbury Tor (14 miles inland) because the land surface actually slopes landward in the Somerset Levels, so once the wave collapsed, the water flowed inland under gravity rather than back to the sea.

Field work by Haslett and Bryant in 2004 found erosion of rock at the coast including two large chunks of farmland on the Severn Estuary north of Bristol that were simply washed away; one of which is now the reservoir for the Oldbury Nuclear Power Station.

The cause of the tsunami has not been established, but the possibilities include a landslide off the continental shelf between Ireland and Cornwall, or an earthquake along an active fault system in the sea south of Ireland. (It may have been a combination, in that an earthquake might have triggered a submarine slide.) As the fault system in the sea south of Ireland has experienced an earthquake greater than magnitude 4 on the Richter scale within the last 20 years, so the chance of a bigger earthquake-caused tsunami is a possibility.

So my question is, in the light of what happened when a tsunami hit the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power station in Japan in 2011, what precautions is EDF taking to protect the Hinkley Point C plant from catastrophic inundation from the sea?

Chris Elenor

For more information on the Severn Tsunami of 1607 go to:

<http://www.burnham-on-sea.com/1607-flood.shtml>

Bryant, EA and Haslett, SK, *Was the AD 1607 coastal flooding event in the Severn Estuary and Bristol Channel (UK) due to a tsunami?*, *Archaeology in the Severn Estuary*, 13, 2002, 163-167.

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Thought for the month

"Therefore am I still
A lover of the meadows and the woods
And mountains; and of all that we behold
From this green earth"

William Wordsworth

HOLFORD GARDENERS' GROUP

Holford and District Village Hall October 17th 7.30pm

'A Curious History of Vegetables'

a talk by Bill Laws

Members £1.00 Visitors £3.50

A Warm Welcome to all

From your Village Agent Izzy

I was talking to a Bank Manager the other day and she was telling me about the alarming number of instances where her customers have been the victims of fraud. There are so many fraudsters about that it's worth taking a moment to STOP AND THINK when you get a phone call, or an email or even someone knocking on the door who you don't know.

We've all had calls like this –

- “Hello, this is British Bank, there's a problem with your account, in fact, we think someone is stealing money from it. Can I just confirm your identity? Please tell me your PIN.....”
- “Hello, this is the Tax Man, you're due a tax refund, which we can pay directly into your account, the money will be in tomorrow, if you'd just give us your bank details....”

Please take a moment to STOP AND THINK even if someone says they're from a trusted organisation like the Police or the Bank, how do you know? Ask yourself what's really going on. Because, deep down, you already know the rules for beating fraudsters, so stay calm, take a deep breath, and remember if something feels wrong then it is wrong, and it's time to put the phone down.

There are five basic rules for dealing with the fraudsters

- Never tell anyone your security details like PINs and passwords
- Always assume a phone call or email is a scam
- Never be rushed into making a decision

- Always listen to your instincts
- Always stay in control

In Case of Emergency! Break Glass!

A little story from a client of mine....she had got into the habit of leaving the key turned in the lock when she went to bed. Unfortunately, one night she felt unwell and pressed her alarm, summoning a neighbour who has a key. He could not get his key in the keyhole as it was blocked from the other side, so he panicked a bit, imagining her flat out on the floor and broke the glass so he could get in. She meanwhile was feeling better but was scared half to death by the sound of breaking glass. It's a miracle she didn't hit him over the head with a poker. The moral of this little story is **Please take the key out of the keyhole when you lock the door, so that in an emergency, no-one has to Break the Glass!**

Village Agents exist to help people in rural areas who are finding it difficult to access services and advice centres because of where they live.

- Do you have a problem and you don't know who to turn to?
- Are you finding life hard, and could do with some advice and support?
- Is there a collective problem in the community that needs a kick start to solve?

If so, I may be able to help, please give me a call
07931018045

izzy@somersettrcc.org.uk

Can we help?

The Employment Hub and West Somerset Advice
*warmly welcomes everyone with a mug of tea or coffee
and a biscuit*

West Somerset Advice

Debt Money Advice and Benefits
Help with Housing and Homelessness
Consumer Advice
Healthcare and Services –
Relationships and
Family Issues

Are you an employer seeking help?
Perhaps we can put you in touch with a job
seeker

Employment Hub

Employment Advice – Job Seeking on the Internet
– Current Local Jobs
CV Writing – Help with Computer Applications and
Form Filling

*Come and see us on
alternate Wednesdays*

9:30 to 12:00

*at the **Greyhound Inn**, Stogursey.*

Next dates: 4th and 18th October 2017

Stogursey Parish Council

Key Points from Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12 September 2017

The Pound

Work is ongoing to make The Pound safe and to carry out repairs to prevent further deterioration. When the weather is suitable, action will be taken to replace the temporary mortar and re-render the walls where necessary. The Parochial Church Council has also been contacted and asked to make repairs to the wall of the Church room which is in disrepair, and to the window ledge which is unsafe. Once the repairs have been completed The Pound will be available for use by any resident that wishes to use it. Residents are welcome to attend the Public Forum which precedes the Parish Council meetings, held on the second Tuesday of any month, to ask any questions, comments or queries. Otherwise contact Parish Clerk direct on the contact number / email below.

Stogursey Parish Lengths-man

The Lengthsman has cleared the Himalayan balsam from the holding pond on Castle Street. They will be asked to continue working throughout October to carry out kerb scraping with the intention to carry out spraying in the spring.

S106 funding – Recreational facilities in or around Burgage Road

Progress on the proposed works in the Burgage Road Play Area (BRPA) is slow. Funding has now been approved, however issues on the Licence for Works still needs to be checked. It was hoped that the work would be completed by now.

Parked cars causing an obstruction

It has been brought to the Parish Council's attention, that a number of cars have been parked dangerously on pavements causing an obstruction and a risk to public safety, especially for pushchairs that are unable to pass safely without moving into the road, potentially in the path of traffic. Residents are to be aware that these incidents will be reported to the police and are asked to be considerate to other residents.

Somerset County Council Chairman's Award

This year we were pleased to nominate Peter Farmery for the Chairman's Award. Peter has made a huge contribution to the Parish in the last fifty years. A committed and active volunteer, he helped run the Cub Scout pack, and became an active member of the FOSS. As Chair of Governors, Peter was pivotal in setting up a much needed Pre-School department which grows from strength to strength. A self-effacing and well-respected

individual, Peter continues to remain a stalwart of the community – definitely a "doer" not a bystander, and more than worthy of the Chairman's award. We are sure that his efforts and commitment to the parish are appreciated.

Annual Audit 2016/2017

The audit of our accounts for the 2016/2017 financial year have been successfully certified by Grant Thornton, the external auditors. The annual return is on the Parish website Stogursey Online. Parishioners can request to view the accounts until 18 September 2017.

Free NHS Health Checks

All appointments for the free NHS health checks for parishioners aged 40 – 74, who have not already had a health check within the last five years, were taken up for the Wed 20 Sep 17 in the Victory Hall. If parishioners were unable to get an appointment and would like the team to return to Stogursey in the New Year, please inform the Parish Clerk.

Traffic Calming – Stogursey

The Speed Indicator device (SID) was not installed at Tower Hill as planned in August due to a shortage of SIDs caused by vandalism and breakdowns. The Parish Council will be informed when it is rescheduled.

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE ON
TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2017

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 stogurseyppccclerk@gmail.com

Gillian Orchard, Clerk to the Parish Council

EASTQUANTOXHEAD VILLAGE MARKET

10 am-12.00 noon
East Quantoxhead Village Hall
October 21st

KILVE LUNCH CLUB

Weds 11th October
Beef Casserole, seasonal dessert + tea/coffee
12 for 12:30pm
Tickets £5
available from Margaret on 741381

Landlord and Community Safety Surgeries

at

The Greyhound Inn, Stogursey

**Practical help and advice
Exciting opportunities!**

Are you renting out a room in your house or thinking about it? Or maybe letting a property? Are you running an HMO (Home of Multiple Occupancy)? Have you got questions about your responsibilities of being a landlord or landlady or whether you need a licence? Do you know where to advertise your accommodation for free? Are you concerned about any community safety issues in your area?

Come and have a cup of coffee at one of the friendly Landlord and Community Safety surgeries run by West Somerset Council and Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service to have your questions answered by:

Chris Jones the Community Safety Officer from the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service.

Chris will offer guidance on Fire Safety responsibilities and housing.

Chris can be contacted on 07850 366999 or by email at landlordfiresafety@dsfire.gov.uk

FREE Smoke detectors and Carbon Monoxide detectors will be available to current Landlords of domestic lettings (subject to terms and conditions).

Ryan Kelly West Somerset Community Safety Officer.

Ryan's role is to deal with all matters that may affect community safety such as crime and anti-social behaviour, home security, fly parking, speeding and various other issues. If you have a concern about any issues that may

affect your local communities, come along and talk to Ryan.

Ryan can be contacted on 0746 498 1758 or by e-mail at Ryan.kelly@sedgemoor.gov.uk

Christian Trevelyan (Somerset West Landlord and Tenant Services)

If you have a lodger or are renting out a property, Chris can answer your questions on your rights and responsibilities. If you own a Home of Multiple Occupancy he will advise on licensing, fire safety, property conditions and management standards. Chris and the team can be contacted on 0300 303 7794 or email SWELT@sedgemoor.gov.uk

Beccy Brown (West Somerset Council)

Beccy will provide information on how you can advertise your property for free on the internet and on grants available to help improve the room you are letting or bring an empty property back into use. Beccy's contact details are : 01984 635314, E mail : bbrown@westsomerset.gov.uk

A representative from the EDF Accommodation team will be present if you have questions about renting out your rooms.

Come and have a coffee and a chat with us at

The Greyhound Inn between 11.00am – 1.00pm

on Thursdays:

October	5 th and 19 th
November	9 th and 23 rd
December	7 th
January	18 th
February	1 st

For further details please e-mail:
landlordfiresafety@dsfire.gov.uk

British National Ploughing Championships & Country Festival

Bishops Lydeard, Taunton, Somerset, TA4 3HU
14th & 15th October 2017: 9 am to 5 pm

This amazing event is held in a different part of the country each year.

It's not just ploughing though! It offers a rare glimpse of how farming has changed over the past 300 years - magnificent heavy horses and many styles of vintage tractors and equipment and giant steam ploughing engines.

With lots of trade stands, shopping and country crafts plus tractor & trailer rides, it's a great day out for all the family.

There will be plenty of food outlets, car parking is free, and admission is £10 per adult or £5 per child over 11. Under 11s are free.

For more information: telephone 01302 852469.
Find Society of Ploughmen on Facebook, or
@ploughmen_ltd on Twitter, or
see <http://www.ploughmen.co.uk/events/british-national-ploughing-championships-copy>
info@ploughmen.co.uk

The liar's punishment is not in the least that he is not believed, but that he cannot believe anyone else.

George Bernard Shaw

Contacts and Parish Information

Mobile Library: Route and times for 2017

The library visits on **Thursdays**

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

2017: 26 Oct, 23 Nov, 21 Dec

For more information, contact Libraries Direct:
by telephone on 0845 3459177,
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,
Patrick Coll, 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

EdF Main Site Neighbourhood Forum: Stogursey Hamlets

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m_laver@btinternet.com

Sue Jones 732275
suekibjones@yahoo.co.uk

Shurton Peter Farmery 732503
peterfarmery@btinternet.com

Richard Cuttell 734818
richardcuttell@btinternet.com

Stolford: Susan E Jones 652287
suejones279@btinternet.com

Wick: Dick Blomfield
richie.blomfield@btinternet.com

Stogursey Parish
Council Members: Allan Searle, Chris Ford

West Som District
& Ward Councillor: Sue Goss

Monthly Drop-Ins

6th Oct Babbling Brook, Shurton 12.00 - 2.00 pm

3rd Nov Church Rooms, Stogursey 11.00 - 12 noon

1st Dec Babbling Brook, Shurton 12.00 - 2.00 pm

Main Site Forum

18th Oct Victory Hall, Stogursey 6.00 pm

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: JamieMunro@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.

Community Car Scheme

Stogursey Parish Stagecoach 07908 239 609

HINKLEY POINT C LOOK AHEAD

October 2017



This information provides an overview of work taking place related to Hinkley Point C which may affect you. If you'd like to discuss any of the below, please drop in to the EDF Energy Visitor Centre, Angel Place Shopping Centre, Bridgwater, TA6 3TQ. We're open 9.00am-4pm Monday to Friday and 9.00am-1pm on a Saturday. We're also available in the Babbling Brook on Friday 6 October 11.00 – 12.00. Further information is available www.edfenergy.com/hinkleyc or call us freephone on **0800 0969 650** at any time, or email us at hinkley-enquiries@edf-energy.com.

Work/Item	Timings and duration	Location	You may experience
Site construction activities	Throughout Oct	Hinkley Point C Site	Noise from activity associated with construction work
Jetty construction	Throughout Oct	On the inter tidal area of the Hinkley Point C site	Visibility of activity associated with jetty construction
Southern landscaping and Hinkley House construction	Throughout Oct	Along the southern boundary of the Hinkley Pont C land.	Noise and visibility of earth movement activity associated with landscaping and campus construction.
Junction 23 park and ride and freight management facility	Throughout Oct	Near Junction 23 of M5.	Noise from construction activity.
Junction 23 roundabout signalisation	Throughout Oct	At junction 23 of M5	Noise from construction activity and traffic management may cause delays outside busy periods
Sedgemoor Campus	Throughout Oct	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.
Cannington park and ride	Throughout Oct	South of Cannington on the A39.	Noise from construction activity. Lane narrowing will be noticed by road users.
Combwich Wharf Investigation work	Throughout Oct	The Pill alongside Combwich Wharf	Visibility and noise from investigation activity.

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