

STOGURSEY NEWS



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May 2021

Editorial

Welcome to our May edition.

It is good to read about the badger vaccination scheme currently underway in order to prevent a cull. We all seem to be being vaccinated at the moment – funny times we are living in!

The Stogursey Community Network continues to work hard to help and support us. If you feel they could help you in some way, they will be pleased to talk to you. It is nice to see some signs of normality creeping back but we must still be careful. The corona virus has not gone away as we can hear from other countries suffering terrible losses.

On a more upbeat note, the Happiness Holiday Club seems to have been a great success. Thanks to all involved. The climbing wall looks to be very daunting!

The Somerset Fire & Rescue Service might give you pause for thought as they are asking for feedback. What do you think?

Finally, we wish you all a safe and happy time despite the situation.

The Editorial Team

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.

Deadline for **JUNE** contributions:
10.00 am Saturday 15th May 2021

How to contribute to Stogursey News:

a) by email:

- * Prepare your contribution as a 'word' document.
- * Attach it to an email.
- * Send it to stogurseynews@hotmail.co.uk

b) by hand:

- * Write or type your contribution.
- * Put it into the 'Stogursey News' box in the Post Office.

A few points to remember:

- Submit your contribution by the deadline date.
- Keep within the 500-word limit.
- Provide your contact details so that we can get in touch if we need to edit.
(Stogursey News Team reserves the right to edit contributions for length and layout.)
- Send your contribution each and every month you would like it published.
- Your illustrations must be copyright free.
(Stogursey News will not be liable for costs resulting from prosecution if this condition is ignored.)

We look forward to receiving your contributions.

Thank you

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For the first time since September 2020, we have a diary of forthcoming events!

As your groups/organisations start up again, please let us know so that we can reintroduce the 'Regular Events' section.

DIARY 2021			
Date	What	Where	When
4 th May	Parish Council Meeting	Zoom platform	7.15 pm
6 th May	Mobile Library	as schedule	as schedule
3 rd June	Mobile Library	as schedule	as schedule
22 nd June	Tuesday Community Lunch	Church Rooms	Doors Open 12 noon
23 rd June	Forget-me-not Café	Church Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon
27 th June	Treasure Hunt - Cycling/Walking	Youth Club car park	1.45pm
29 th June	Tuesday Community Lunch	Church Rooms	Doors Open 12 noon
1 st July	Mobile Library	As schedule	as schedule
10 th July	Twinning Summer BBQ	Fishers, Shurton	5.00pm
29 th July	Mobile Library	As schedule	as schedule
21 st August	Cream Teas	Stoke House, Stogursey	3.00 - 5.00pm

Community Bus Service - FREE TO ALL PASSENGERS

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Timetable from Mon 12 April 2021

(Monday to Friday only)

Minehead - Bridgwater			
Dep Minehead Lidl		1345	1453
Dep Minehead Parade	1010	1355	1445
Dep Stogursey Acland Hood	1124	1509 ¹	1559
Arr Bridgwater Bus Station	1152	-	1627
Bridgwater - Minehead			
Dep Bridgwater Bus Station	0930		1340
Arr Stogursey Acland Hood	0959	1059 ²	1409
Arr Minehead Parade	1113	1213	1523
Arr Minehead Lidl	1117	1217	1527

COVID-19:

Buses used on the service have been modified to allow for social distancing. These measures include the installation of perspex screens and a clear indication of which seats can be used.

Restricted to 18 passengers.

In line with Government guidance, a face covering must be worn by all passengers.

Passenger Solutions Helpline
01278 393500
Mon-Fri 10-3pm

Full timetable available at Stogursey Online.

¹ Arr Cannington Cemetery 1522.

² From Cannington Cemetery

Badger Vaccination

As I watch spring unfold in the fields around the village, I will be taking a deep breath in readiness for the busy months ahead. Badger vaccination will begin again soon across the county and we've never been so busy.

Next year will be our tenth year of running the badger vaccination programme for those farmers that did not want to take part in the cull but instead opted for a low-cost (we're all volunteers, which is why it is low cost) and scientifically proven alternative.

I am glad that the badger cull has come to the end here around the parish after four years of culling (although it now moves into a supplementary cull licence instead). Despite the Government stating badger culling is working, there is no peer-reviewed evidence that this is the case. We all welcome the the Government's intention, in response to the Godfrey Review, to accelerate work to develop a deployable cattle vaccine, a potential game-changer, and improve diagnostic testing of cattle. Currently the SICCT test is shown to leave between 20% - 50% bTB infected animals undetected in herds.

This government's rapid response to Coronavirus (Covid-19) demonstrates that it can make great leaps in the science of fighting viruses and disease, and fast. I just hope that the same determination will also see the roll out of the cattle vaccine, DIVA test and scale-up of badger vaccination to offer real benefits to farmers, their cattle and wildlife.

L Matthews

GET FIT!

SUMMER TREASURE HUNT!

Meet in front of the Youth Club next to the Victory Hall. Follow the clues on a walking trail around the village or on a cycling trail along the lanes on **Sunday 27th June**.

To take part, just turn up on the day by 1.45pm to register. Pay £2.00 per person which will include light refreshments once you've handed in your completed answer sheet. Small prizes can be won!

All ages welcome, but children age ten or under will need an adult with them (aged 18 or over). Bicycles must be roadworthy. Helmets and high viz recommended.

More details in the June edition or contact Caroline Hawkes, Stogursey Twinning Association Secretary, 01278 733162 carolinemayhawkes@gmail.com



Hello there Cinema Goers!

We hope you are all keeping well and looking forward to a brighter summer. It's hard to believe that it is over a year since we first began to close our door to help prevent the the spread of the Covid-19 virus.

Over the past twelve months we have been in close contact with our distributors and have followed government guidelines. As we move forward with the relaxation of government restrictions, our thoughts rest on the reopening of cinemas from 17th May.

Having discussed this at length with the Soap Factory team and Moviola, we feel our safest course of action will be to open at the beginning of the autumn season which Moviola starts in September. This gives the majority of people time to receive their second vaccination and more of an idea of how the vaccinations have reduced the spread of the virus and gives a clearer overview as to the safety and well-being of our cinema goers over the coming months.

At this moment in time Moviola have not provided us with a list of films available for the autumn season, so it is with great anticipation that some exceptional films will be released for our viewing pleasure. I think we are all looking forward with great anticipation and excitement as life starts getting back to normal, meeting up with our friends and neighbours, enjoying a glass of wine, watching a film, relaxing and enjoying better times. Woohoo!!

We want to make our opening night a special one, some amazing ideas have already been forthcoming, so, if you have an idea please let us know.

You can contact :-
Clare - StogurseyMotors
or Lynn - lynnodriscoll@gmail.com

Look forward to seeing you soon.

The Soap Factory team

Holford Gardeners Group

PLANT SALE

Saturday May 22nd

10.00am - 3.00pm

Holford and District Village Hall Carpark



Stogursey Community Network (SCN) May Update

SCN Support available includes:

- **Lunch Club Meals delivered to your door** ~ Tuesdays & Thursdays (Diners pay with a cash donation of their choice) You can recommend someone else for this service. *With their permission we will contact them to arrange.*
Please note that from 22nd June this service will be largely replaced by the new Tuesday Community Lunches!
- **Food Bank Deliveries** – the SCN is an official outpost of the Quantock Food Bank. We can collect and deliver food bags to families and individuals who have been referred by the appropriate Agencies, including our Village Agents.
- **Fareshare Food Supplies** ~ we have a supply of packaged food from the Fareshare charity to distribute to anyone needing extra help at this time. Get in touch if you, or someone you know, could use a delivery of supermarket-standard food.
- Collecting your **medical prescriptions** and delivering it to you at home, if you are unable to get to the Surgery or the Spar/PO to collect it.
- Driving you to a **medical appointment**, including doctor, dentist, optician, physiotherapy etc if you are unable to get there any other way. This will be under Covid-safe guidelines in a volunteer's car. Please see SCN Voluntary Transport information.

How to contact us:

- Medical transport only: 07485 350560
- All other requests: 01278 732149 or message us via Facebook: StogurseyCN Facebook.

All information is treated in accordance with standard Data Confidentiality Policy

CHARITY TRUSTEE VACANCY

A vacancy has arisen for a Trustee on the Board of Trustees for the Stogursey Charities - comprising: the William Paulett Charity (which owns and runs the Almshouses in Stogursey); the Maud Stodden Charity and the James Morgan Charity. Trustees are unpaid, but out-of-pocket expenses are reimbursed.

We are looking for someone who is friendly, compassionate, energetic and forward-thinking and who is willing to attend quarterly Board Meetings (lasting approximately 2 hours) on Monday evenings, plus additional Meetings as and when needed.

Interested applicants are invited to contact the Steward (Pauline Kaye on 01278 734550 or email pfkaye@yahoo.co.uk) who will be happy to arrange an informal chat regarding the Charity and Trustee duties and provide an application form.

Completed application forms should be returned to Mrs Kaye (30 Lime Street, Stogursey TA5 1QR) by: **Friday 4th June 2021**

Would you like to give back to your community and have a positive impact on the lives of local children?

Nether Stowey CE VC Primary School has 2 vacancies on the Governing Board:

1. Governor to join the Business Committee of the Board
2. Foundation Governor

For the Business Committee role, we are not looking for a finance expert, just someone with an understanding of budgets, commercial contracts and monitoring of such.

For the Foundation Governor role, it is not required that an applicant be a Church-goer, simply that the individual will monitor that the school's Christian basis is being upheld.

School Governors come from all walks of life and they bring different skills to help our children and our community thrive.

The time commitment is approximately 2 meetings of 1-2 hours every 4-6 weeks plus some extra hours each month to read relevant documents. Meeting timings are flexible to suit the governors. Training is provided and this is a fabulous opportunity to gain new skills and really make a difference to your community.

For more information, please contact Ruth Richardson, Clerk to the Governors r Richardson@educ.somerset.gov.uk or 01278 229 682.

**New Logo
coming
soon!**

TUESDAY COMMUNITY LUNCHES

Don't miss the new weekly **TUESDAY COMMUNITY LUNCHES!**

The first Lunch takes place on **Tuesday 22nd June**, in Stogursey Church Rooms. Do come along and enjoy a delicious home cooked meal, in good company (but make sure you book in good time!).

All meals will be home cooked by our volunteer cooks, all of whom are Level 2 Food Hygiene qualified.

Doors open 12.00, lunch served from 12.30. Water provided or bring your own drink (glasses provided).

This is a community venture, based on the principles of social enterprise; there are no set prices - payment is by **cash donation**, pay what you can afford each time.

We aim to use local produce and reduce waste to an absolute minimum. Therefore, booking is **ESSENTIAL**.

Please book by phoning Helen on 01278 734818 no later than 5.00 pm on the preceding Friday.

See Menu box below for the first 4 week menu choices. Remember, book by Friday, 5.00 pm. Don't miss out!

Please see **June's Stogursey News and the Tuesday Lunches Facebook Page**: [Stogursey Community Tuesday Lunches | Facebook](#) for the next 4 menus.

If you would like to be part of this new service to our community, we are still looking for volunteers to help with 'front of house' jobs. Contact Helen on number above to discuss. Thank you.

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TUESDAY COMMUNITY LUNCHES - Menus for the first 4 weeks

Tuesday 22nd June:

Choice of Sausage and Egg Picnic Pie or Roasted Vegetable Tart, both served with new potato salad and home-made chutney. Followed by Gooseberry Meringue Roulade.

(Book by Friday 18th June)

Tuesday 29th June:

Choice of Salmon and Herb Tart or Red Pepper and Goat Cheese Plait, both served with a mixed salad. Followed by home-made ice cream with seasonal fruit.

(Book by Friday 25th June)

Tuesday 6th July:

Choice of Italian Chicken Traybake or Roasted Mediterranean Vegetables, both served with herby pasta. Followed by home-made Lemon Tart.

(Book by Friday 2nd July)

Tuesday 13th July:

Choice of Gazpacho soup (chilled) or Courgette Soup (hot), both served with home-made rolls and butter. Followed by Strawberry Shortcake.

(Book by Friday 9th July)

STOGURSEY FORGET-ME-NOT CAFÉ

Church Rooms

Every other Wednesday 10.30 - 12.00



**We're re-opening on
WEDNESDAY JUNE 23rd
10.30 am – 12.00**



All are welcome to join us for a cuppa and a chat

Forget-Me-Not Cafés provide support, companionship and a warm welcome to those who are recognising issues with their memory, as well as their carers, family and friends.

There are a variety of activities such as music, singing, arts and crafts, bingo, or just a chat over a cuppa and a slice of cake.

MORE HELPERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

If anyone would like to offer to help in any way, or just join us for a chat - it would be very much appreciated.

Stogursey Forget-Me-Not Café is held in the Church Rooms, Castle Street, Stogursey every other Wednesday from 10.30 – 12.00

Please contact Helen: 01278 734818 - cuttelhelen@gmail.com



Find us on Instagram

**We are looking forward to welcoming you to The Greyhound.
It's been a long process but finally we will have the keys in June.
Not only excited about the pub, but equally excited about living and being part of village life in Stogursey.**



Please check out our fb and website to see all upcoming events from when we take over the pub.

The Greyhound is at present open with a great team - please continue to support the pub.

See you in June,
Lisa, Rob & Suki the greyhound

www.greyhoundbridgwaterco.uk. Find us on fb 1 lime street Stogursey Bridgwater



For four days this Easter Holidays we hosted our first holiday provision. This was made possible from government funding distributed to SASP (the Somerset Area Sports Partnership) and the West Somerset Opportunity Area.

During prolonged lockdowns children have missed out on the opportunity to have shared holiday-type activities with their friends and - especially important - to sit together and share meals around the table.

"I want to come all day everyday"

Before the end of term Mr Tucker surveyed parents to find out the sort of things children would really like to do, and so activities were planned which focused on art, drama, active games, sports activities and sharing food.



On Tuesday and Wednesday mornings the children were busy making, creating and keeping fit with Lianne, Charlie and Caroline in the hall, and taking part in sporting activities with Mr Irish on the school field.



Lovely Lunches!

We had hoped to do more food preparation and cooking with the children and their parents, but Covid safety restrictions made this impossible. Stogursey Community Network (SCN) were asked if they could help us with the cooking and menu planning and they certainly came up trumps - as well as organising a mammoth shop, food delivery and storage, provided us with six wonderful volunteer cooks who worked in the school kitchen in pairs over the four days.

Salad Bar

On every one of the four days, children were invited to choose items from a salad bar.

They're listed here in order of popularity: grated carrot, 2 sorts of lettuce, tomatoes, cheddar cheese cubes, yellow, orange and red peppers, potato salad, coleslaw, beetroot, cress, pickled onions, black olives, feta cheese cubes, radishes.

Pepperoni pizza was popular on Tuesday, and so was the fruit salad of raspberries, fresh pineapple, mandarin oranges and banana. The sausage and bean casserole on Wednesday was described by one child as, "absolutely delicious"; and the children then enjoyed blueberries and pear with yoghurt and honey. The tuna pasta bake was very well received on Thursday. Fried haloumi cheese, mild salsa, avocado and houmous were on offer with the chicken wraps on Friday.

The overall winner was probably the chocolate brownies (with banana and hazelnuts) and ice cream - though the creamy Greek yoghurt with runny honey came a close second.

Kilve Court Activities

The children went to Kilve Court on Thursday morning, and everyone said that they had a great time. Casey liked going on the bus.

On the bus to Kilve Harry said "We're looking to see how many animals we can see."

Jasper said "We saw ten animals!"

Sofiah liked the rope swing.

"We went on the ropes. We swung to a pallet" said Michael.

Harry said, "I liked sledging the best – I nearly went 100 miles per hour!"

"Yes, that was really fun", said Mickey.

Alfie W said he liked being at Kilve Court, "We played lots of games. I liked swinging on the ropes."

Nancy told Mason, "That was epic."



On Friday the children had more games and activities at the school.

"This is so satisfying," Olivia exclaimed while making a Happy Memory jar of layers of coloured 'sand' (chalk dust mixed with salt).

Nancy explained that the blue she chose reminded her of happy memories going swimming.



Stogursey Arts Trust

"Storms make trees take deeper roots"

Dolly Parton

It has been a tough winter. The storm that has blasted its way through our lives into our homes via the TV, precedes the Weather. The daily news has been very bleak for many months, punctuated with graphical representations of tragedy and hope through the peaks and troughs arranged by statistics. Last month we reported on the rise of the digital art market, and with theatres, galleries, concert halls and museums all closed to the public, at times it has seemed that the physicality of our arts and culture is out of bounds, out of reach and can only be allowed by viewing a screen, watching repeats on BBC4, Sky Arts or Youtube.

When Dolly substituted 'Vaccine' for 'Jolene', was it imagination or did spring arrive shortly after, with re-growth and hope through 'the science' of vaccination? Let's hope the 'deeper roots' she refers to will enable us to reduce our viewing through the digital window in our living spaces, and re-engage with live performances, tactile creativity, artefacts and music.

With *the* new 'road map' ahead and the transition from lockdown to something, possibly normal, the Arts Trust is looking forward to getting 'outside' once again and creating a weeklong event for Stogursey and the wider Parish.

This year we will be working on a festival, which will have 'deeper roots' in the community. Joining forces with the **Flower Show** team, we intend to create even more opportunities for local people to join in and celebrate things they have made, written, produced, grown, created, performed and arranged. We will use the format of the 'Outside Gallery', which served us well last year and hope to reintroduce scarecrows, outside live music events, window displays of art, craft, garden produce and sculpture, encouraging everyone to make something to display for viewing by the passers-by. We will 'Light up Stogursey' streets again, and the Trust is also looking to adopt the telephone box in Vicarage Road as a mini gallery, concert hall, temperate house, library, museum and information centre, in line with the decommissioning plans published by BT.

Thank you to those of you who responded to last month's article on the Digital Art Market.

We were sent this quote by the artist David Hockney: 'Most art will disappear. The past is edited so it always looks clearer to us. Today always looks a bit of a Jumble. We'll put up with rubbish from now, but not with rubbish from the past. I know that another age will see this period in a different way. Very few people know what the truly significant art of today is. You'd have to be an incredibly perceptive person to do so. I wouldn't make a judgment on that. The history books keep being changed'.

Our attention was also drawn to the Times Magazine, which ran a substantial article on the 3 April 2021. It concluded that Nifty Gateway, a fledgling company that sells digital art and is run by twin brothers in London, 'firmly believe that their goal of a billion people buying NFT's is achievable'. We believe that creativity should be shared in our village, so don't panic, we won't be going online for you to access our festival this year, but keep watching!

If you have any more ideas to support our current thinking, such as street parties (someone said a dance on the Gravel with live music would be great!) we would love to hear from you so that we can support putting a programme of events together. We are looking at the weekend of the 11th of September 2021, starting with the **Flower Show** and running on into other events in the week following.

If you want to share your responses or indeed if you have any questions or ideas to support this month's article, do get in touch (call us on 01278734550).

Mike Bradshaw for Stogursey Arts

WANTED

House or bungalow

2/3 bedroom house or bungalow set within 15 miles of Brymore School, ideally in a rural or village location, up to £850pcm. Must accept pets, 1 dog and 2 cats. I am a reliable, trustworthy long term tenant, working locally part time and have 2 children. Looking to move as my current landlord has placed the property on the market for sale. Landlord, employment and character references can be supplied upon request. Please ring 07967655427.

Double garage or small barn

I am looking for a double garage or small barn to rent (or buy) suitable for storage of two elderly cars. If anyone has, or knows of something suitable, please ring 07855 776501.

Points from the Parish Council Meeting 13th April 2021

Parish Councillor Vacancy

The Parish Council has a vacancy, into which it can co-opt an individual at their June meeting. If you are willing to take part in local decision making; improving the quality of life for residents of the parish; getting involved your local community and would like to find out more about the opportunities and challenges of being a Parish Councillor, please make contact with either the Clerk, the Chairman, Chris Morgan, Vice Chairman, Sue Goss or any of the Parish Councillors.

Highways

The Parish Council is keen to ensure that the local roads are kept in a good state of repair. It repeatedly asked Somerset County Highways to address the numerous potholes, drainage and signage issue across the parish, but is frustrated that most are still not resolved. It is once again highlighting the need for quicker repairs and a better co-ordination of works to minimise the disruption that affects parish residents on a daily basis. Please if you see a pothole or road defect report it to Somerset Highways www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/#problems-on-the-road. Having done so, if the matter is not addressed, please inform the Clerk so that the matter can be followed up.

Keep Britain Tidy – The Great Britain Spring Clean

Councillors will be taking part in the campaign locally over the weekend of May 29th/30th, with the backing of Somerset West and Taunton District Council. If you wish to help Spring Clean the Parish please make contact with the Clerk.

Riparian Owners responsibilities

The Parish Council is pleased that many within the parish have been actively attending to the watercourses, but at this time of the year many noxious weeds are starting to grow and could be easily addressed. Himalayan Balsam, along with several other noxious weeds like Japanese Knotweed, Giant Hogweed and Ragwort, can cause real dangers not just to pedestrians and buildings but can also affect flood relief channels. The following link provides information on reporting noxious weeds to Somerset County Council. <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/waste-planning-and-land/report-noxious-weeds/>

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 4th May 2021 at 19:15

The next Parish Council meeting has been brought forward a week and will be on the Zoom platform once again. Members of the public are welcome to attend the

whole meeting but may only speak and ask questions during the Public Forum on matters listed on the agenda in according with the [Parish Council Virtual Policy](#) and [Parish Council Standing Orders](#).

Please contact the Clerk for the joining instructions. My phone number is 01278 652534 or you can e-mail me at stogurseypcclerk@gmail.com

*Richard Wand
Clerk to Stogurseyp Parish Council*

Fly the Flag for Somerset – May 11th 2021

You can help to celebrate Somerset on the County's Somerset Day which helps to promote the wonderful county and all it has to offer. The flagpole on The Gravel will fly the Somerset Flag for the weekend (8th to 11th May) and there are flags and bunting ideas for children to colour and display available from www.somersetday.com/downloads. In light of current restrictions it is hoped that families will help the county display a sea of flags to celebrate Somerset.

THE MACULAR SOCIETY



I am pleased to report that our Dulverton Group is well and in good spirits. It was a hard year, and we all look forward to resuming normal life.

The Macular Society won't allow us just yet to meet under their umbrella, some of us haven't had our second vaccination, and Dulverton Medical Centre is far too busy at the moment to consider having us back, so we are working with great excitement on alternative plans for the summer.

In the meantime, if you need help, a lift or just a chat, do feel free to ring us on 01398 371 450.

Marion and Royce

Solution to Quick Crossword No. 11

April 2021

CLUES ACROSS

1. Gabriel, 5. crisp, 8. Cleopatra, 9. Sue, 10. omits, 12. liftman, 13. jitterbugging, 15. surfing, 17. Accra, 19. IOU, 20. ploughing, 22. elegy, 23. new moon

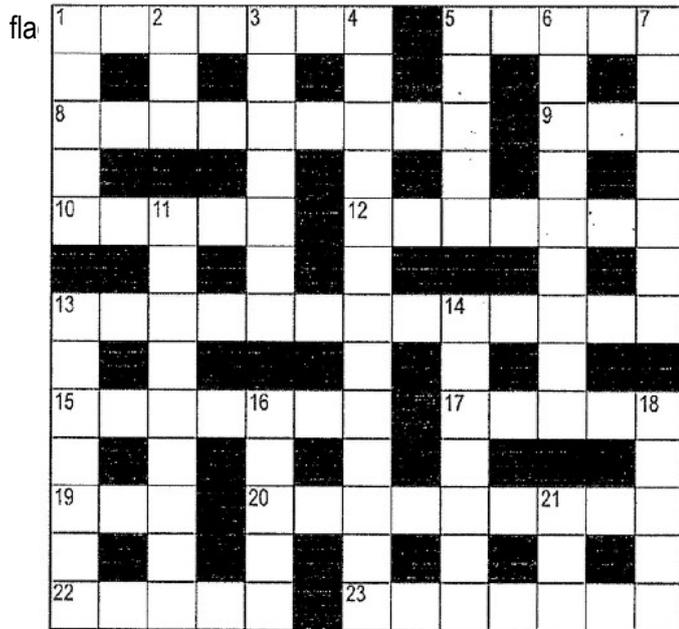
CLUES DOWN

1. gecko, 2. bee, 3. impasse, 4. Little Bighorn, 5. chaff, 6. insomniac, 7. pfennig, 11. interlude, 13. jasmine, 14. Glasgow, 16. imply, 18. Argon, 21. IMO

Quick Crossword No 12

compiled by Helen Cuttell

families will help the
country display a sea of



CLUES ACROSS

1. Region that includes countries on a Peninsula in the southeast of Europe, including most of the former Yugoslavia. (7)
5. Badgers live in these (5)
8. Landlocked county in South West England (9)
9. Ancient breed of dog with wrinkly short muzzled face (3)
10. Rarefied element formerly believed to fill the upper regions of space. (5)
12. Ilie ----- Romanian tennis player from the 1970s (7)
13. This flavouring can be used in cake making (6,7)
15. Maya ----- US poet & civil rights activist (7)
17. Egg shaped (5)
19. Yoko - - - multimedia artist who was married to John Lennon(3)
20. Ferry port in Normandy (9)
22. Jessica - - - - - Hill, British field & track athlete (5)
23. Mythical creature, half fish, half human (7)

CLUES DOWN

1. David - - - - - English singer/songwriter & actor (5)
2. Laugh out loud! (3)
3. Horse that finished in fourth place or not at all (4,3)
4. Large building in London housing a world class collection of Man's achievements (6,7)
5. Baskets for collecting bees (5)
6. The most important person in the group! (3,6)
7. Part of an orange (7)
11. Vegetables from your garden (9)
13. Shellfish also know as ormer (7)
14. Control element on the top of your web browser (7)
16. Tie up your shoes with these (5)
18. Made your lawn look neat (5)
21. - - - Thurman, US actor (3)

Stogursey Oil-buying Group

The Stogursey Oil Buying Group's next order will be in **May**. The scheme is open free of charge 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 September

If you have any questions about the oil buying group I can be contacted on 0755 261 0692

Chris Ford

To place an order please telephone (01278 732191) or

email stogurseyford@gmail.com

by **10.00 am Monday 10th May** with the following information:-

- Name
- Address
- Postcode
- Email (if available)
- Telephone Number
- Amount of oil required litres

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

- Special instructions

To avoid unnecessary journeys during the Coronavirus restrictions, do not leave a form in the Post Office.

Delivery will be in the 2-week period commencing 11th May

Gardens Open

Court House Gardens, East Quantoxhead are open for the NCS scheme on

Sunday May 9th

Refreshments available from 'Dovedale' garden [opp pond]

2.00 - 5.00 pm

Age UK Somerset encourage a move towards
“normality” with their
“Let’s Move Together and Improve
Together” campaign

The last year has been an unusual and difficult one for most, but for many older people it has been particularly hard, with long periods of self-isolation impacting both mental and physical wellbeing.

Research by Age UK has shown that many previously independent older adults have reported a loss of physical strength and capability, finding it harder to do daily activities such as going upstairs or walking the same distances they used to. Some have embraced modern technology, learning new skills and participating in online activities, helping them to maintain their existing levels of fitness but this has not been as rewarding as getting out and spending time with friends and family.

The charity’s Ageing Well team, who normally run and manage hundreds of community-based exercise classes, have held a wide range of online exercise sessions since last July. These classes have encouraged older people to maintain their current levels of fitness and given them a chance to see familiar, friendly faces. Full technical support has been given by the team and classes have included Tai Chi, yoga, pilates, general fitness and relaxation sessions.

With plans to resume their community-based classes from the 17th May, Ageing Well have launched an inspiring “Let’s Move Together and Improve Together” campaign. Whilst wanting to encourage older people to start coming to classes again, they are aware that many are nervous of doing so. They are putting in stringent measures to provide the greatest level of reassurance, reducing the number of participants allowed in each class and introducing a new booking system. Classes will be re-started over a number of weeks, so that the team can oversee and manage them safely and effectively. A variety of online sessions will continue to run for those who would prefer to stay at home for the time being.

The charity’s “stay strong, stay steady” classes – falls prevention sessions run in conjunction with Somerset County Council and the NHS – will also be resuming and hope to have a positive impact on the strength and balance of vulnerable adults.

If you would like to find out more about any of Age UK Somerset’s classes, please call 01823 345626 or email ageingwell@ageuksomerset.org.uk or visit www.ageuksomerset.org.uk

West Somerset Bike Project

The extremely successful ‘West Somerset Bike Project’ has gained additional funding from Somerset West and Taunton Council using money from the Hinkley Point C Fund .

The project started from a simple idea: match someone who was able to donate a bike (that they did not use anymore) and give it to someone who needed it. So that the bike was safe, a bike mechanic checked the bike over, made small repairs, added a helmet, lock and lights and the bike was ready to go! So far, the project has shared 100 bikes and now there is funding for 40 more.

The funding for this round of bikes is being offered to people who need a bike to access **work, education, or training**. That might mean needing a bike to attend an interview, take up a job offer or attend college or an apprenticeship.

The project wants to ensure that the bikes go to those people who need them most and are hoping to harness and work alongside the amazing work of agencies across the West Somerset area to ensure that anyone who might need transport can be referred easily. An email to Izzy Silvester izzy@Somersetcc.org.uk with the contact details of anyone interested in accessing the scheme will mean that someone will be in touch to discuss their needs. It is important that they meet the criteria for needing the bike to access education, work, or training.

For the project to work, we still need donation of bikes (of reasonable quality) so if you know of anyone who has a bike that is unused at the moment, please get in touch. If you have a bike to donate, please get in touch with CCS Village Agent Izzy via email izzy@Somersetcc.org.uk with your name and phone number and a brief description of the bike or call **07931 018 045** to arrange for a free collection.

CCS (The Community Council for Somerset) is a leading local charity that works in the heart of Somerset’s communities to inspire and enable positive change. Through its wide network of passionate local experts and diverse projects, consultancy and funding, CCS brings the right people and services together to improve the lives of individuals; building community capacity and support for emerging and existing enterprises right across the county – helping Somerset to thrive.

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Immy's Update

In the latest edition of Plugged in, our community magazine, we talked about our work to set the standard for better mental health. Alongside our mental health first aiders, Hinkley Health and Employee Assistance Programmes, Ewen Huffman, Site Chaplain plays a central role in this mission. Here, I talk to Ewen about his role on site.

I: Why did the project feel the need to appoint a chaplain?

E: We've got Hinkley Health here where you can go for your physical needs and we have over 300 Mental Health First Aiders, helping with mental wellbeing. However, people are spiritual beings as well and the project recognised that those with faith often have a good sense of overall wellbeing. They saw a need for a chaplain and appointed me.

I think it's very pioneering and it's gone astonishingly well so far.

I: What does a typical day on site look like?

E: I'll give you my day yesterday: Just as I was leaving home I got a message to contact someone who's been working on site. They are isolating, again, and it's really affecting their headspace. So as soon as I arrived at work I phoned them for a chat. At midday I led prayers with the Christian community.

I then had two meetings - one to speak with someone who has some big spiritual questions, the other to help a worker with their wellbeing. Later I dialled into a Mental Health First Aider call to check up on how everyone is and had an online planning meeting with the two leaders of our Muslim community, to plan the Eid meal in June.

I: How has the pandemic impacted the work you do on site?

E: I think it accelerated the process of acceptance to having a chaplain on site. I joined just as Covid-19 started and most people on site agree that it really was the right time to appoint a chaplain. I've been staggered at how people on site have risen to the challenge in a safe and professional way.

Did you know....

The £20million HPC Community Fund has supported a number of projects which help those suffering with poor mental health. As well as this it's funded projects which offer support on topics which could cause stress and anxiety. Here are a few examples of funds awarded, visit their websites to find out more about what they do.

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Mindinsomerset.org.uk

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Fortitude Wellbeing
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fortitudecic.co.uk

Get in touch

Website: edfenergy.com/hpc **Email:** hinkley-enquiries@edf-energy.com **Telephone:** 0333 009 7070



Hinkley Point C - Monthly Update



A round up of the latest news from Hinkley Point C.



Hinkley Point C's pre-fabrication bunkers are specifically designed to provide protection from the elements. Inside, work has now started on construction of the domed roof for Unit 1. A temporary structure was constructed earlier this year to position the 38 panels which make up the dome roof and facilitate welding. When constructed the dome roof will weigh 200 tonnes, with 500 metres of welding required to join the segments together.

In the Heat Sink area on Unit 1 focus is on "bulk work". This means continued pouring of the circa 100,000m³ of concrete required to construct the Pump House building and associated reinforcement works. The Pump House is a 54 metre high structure, with 35 metres of that sitting below ground.



Three separate concrete pours have taken place on the outer containment on the Unit 2 reactor building. The outer containment is a 1.3 metre thick, curved wall which surrounds the nuclear reactor. Works on the wall began back in June 2020, with 1,740m³ of concrete being poured between then and now to complete the current section.

The Hinkley Point C Community Bus Service is operating again between Bridgwater and Minehead.



Visit our website to see what measures we have put in place to keep passengers safe and find the latest timetable.



Read the latest edition of Plugged in, the Hinkley Point C community magazine, on our website.

If you would like to receive future editions of Plugged in straight into your inbox or posted to your home address, get in touch on the details below and let us know.

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Chris Ford, Susan E Jones, Steve O'Driscoll,
Jenny Ody, Helga Staddon

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Meetings: monthly date & venue as published
7.15 - 7.30 Public Forum - for parishioners to attend & ask
questions,

from 7.30 pm Councillors' meeting - parishioners may
attend and listen. **Read Parish Council notes within for
details of how to join the Parish Council's video-meetings.**

West Somerset & Ward Councillors:

Chris Morgan crr.c.morgan@somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk

Site Stakeholders Group Representatives:

Sue Goss, Chris Morgan

Somerset County Council

All services 0300 123 2224

Parish Neighbourhood Welcome Pack

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Hinkley Point C Drop-Ins /Main Site Forums

Main Site forums currently being held on-line:
24 June; 21 October. Phone 0333 0097070
or email: hinkley-enquiries@edf-energy.com

HPC Hotline

for enquiries or complaints 0333 009 7070

Community Venues

Victory Hall & Youth Club - Allan Searle 732820

Church Rooms - Belinda Crowther 734695

St. Peter's Church Stolford - Susan E Jones 652287

Stogursey Community Network (SCN)

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/StogurseyCSN

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Medical Transport/voluntary driver: 07485 350560

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Babbling Brook 12.15 pm - 12.45 pm

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Greyhound Inn 1.25 pm - 2.20 pm

Town Close (No 30) 2.25 pm - 3.00 pm

Next Visiting Dates in 2021:

6 May; 3 June; 1 July; 29 July

For more information, contact Libraries Direct by

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Email at www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries

POLICE

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Community Policing & Speed Watch Volunteers

Jamie Munro PC 4376 Neighbourhood Beat Manager

Williton & Watchet (AW052). Mobile: 07889 659436

Email: jamie.munro@avonandsomerset.police.uk

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

If you see any ASB or criminal damage incidents happening
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If you are disturbed by out-of-hours noise problems or ASB
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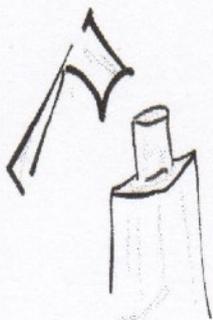
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