

STOGURSEY NEWS



Looking South East

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June 2021

Editorial

There is definitely a cautiously optimistic feel to Stogursey News this month as the Diary is appearing again with some regular events now scheduled to begin again. What a relief.

As well as the familiar events re-starting there are some new initiatives that will be taking place in the near future. Stogursey Lunches hope to offer an opportunity for some social contact as well as a light meal and how about learning to play the ukulele ?

The article about the Tanyard Allotment describes the thinking behind the use of this hitherto neglected space. It has already started to enhance the area approaching the Castle.

There is a lovely balance to these new developments provided by Sam Brown's piece about his memories of visiting his Grandmother in Stogursey as a boy. How wonderful to smell fresh bread each morning in the High Street.

Wishing all Stogursey News readers a safe and happy time.

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

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- * 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.
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We look forward to receiving your contributions.

Thank you

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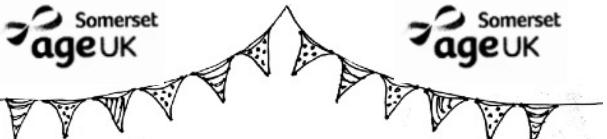
Regular Events

Monday			
Tuesday	Stogursey Lunches (weekly) Parish Council Meeting (second Tuesday of month) Quantock Tennis Club (first Tuesday of month)	Church Rooms Victory Hall Multi-sport court, Victory Hall	Doors Open 12 noon 7.15 pm 6.00pm - 10.00pm
Wednesday	Forget-Me-Not Café (alternate Wednesdays)	Church Rooms	10.30 am - 12 noon
Thursday	Mobile Library visit (once every four-weeks) Ukelele Sessions (second Thursday of month) from July	Shurton & Stogursey Victory Hall	as per schedule 8.00pm - 10.00pm
Friday	Coffee Shop Quantock Tennis Club (weekly) (contact: John Nicholson, 732711@fjnjnicholson@talktalk.net)	Church Rooms Multi-sport court, Victory Hall	10.30am - 12 noon 10.00am - 12 noon
Saturday			
Sunday	Quantock Tennis Club (weekly)	Multi-sport court, Victory Hall	10.00am - 12 noon

Please contact Stogursey News as and when your groups/organisations start up again, so that we can add the details to the 'Regular Events' section.

DIARY 2021

Date	What	Where	When
3 rd June	Mobile Library Visit	as schedule	as schedule
8 th June	Parish Council meeting	Victory Hall	7.15pm
22 nd June	Stogursey Lunches - Opening Event	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	from 1.45pm
1 st July	Mobile Library Visit	as schedule	as schedule
3 rd July	Coffee Morning for Somerset ageUK	Church Rooms	10.00am - 12 noon
8 th July	Ukelele Session	Victory Hall	8.00pm - 10.00pm
10 th July	Twinning Summer BBQ	Fishers, Shurton	5.00pm
21 st August	Cream Teas	Stoke House, Stogursey	3.00 - 5.00pm



A Back-to-Normal Celebration COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 3rd July
Church Rooms,
Stogursey
10 am - 12 noon

£4.00 entry for unlimited tea and coffee
plus a slice of home-made cake.

In aid of AgeUK Somerset
Come and find out what services they offer.

Stogursey Flower Street Show

As you will have seen in previous Stogursey News, we are planning an alternative Flower Show for September 11th. We have joined up with Stogursey Arts with the view of creating an interesting, colourful and fun outdoor event.

The idea is that front gardens become the exhibits of a trail around the parish. If, like me, you don't have a front garden, then how about a planted window box, hanging baskets or a pot on the doorstep?

If you prefer vegetable growing to flowers, then there are plenty of varieties suited to containers including dwarf runner beans called Hestia, tumbling tomatoes, strawberries, chillies and plenty of colourful salad leaves.

The Flower Show also includes crafts, flower arranging and baking, so if gardening isn't your passion then how about displaying something that you have created whether it is a painting, knitting, sewing, carved, baked, sculpted or constructed? It would be great if we can also include refreshments and some entertainment.

We are keen that as many people as possible feel inspired to take part in creating a joyful event - we could all do with some fun after this last year.

If you have any ideas or would like to help please email me, fiona2591@gmail.com

Fiona Johnson

Tanyard Allotment - the garden by the path to Stogursey Castle.

Thank you to everyone for all the interest and encouragement you have shown in the work going on on this patch of land. I hope you are enjoying seeing it develop.

The land belongs to the developer who also owns the site on the other side of the path and I rent it from him as an allotment-style garden. The developer arranged to clear the brambles and I took the site on at the end of March. I love gardening and I've just retired so it's a project that came at just the right time for me. I grew up in the village in the sixties and remember the plot when it was an impressive vegetable garden and the castle was still a ruin.

I think there's been a bit of confusion about it as a community garden. It isn't owned or run or paid for by any community group, but given its location, I am keen to make it a garden people can enjoy looking at as they walk by and that will enhance that area of the village. There is also scope for another person to share the space and the rent if someone would be interested in doing that.

So what's happened so far?

The first installation was a herb spiral topped with a lavender bush. This was a great way of using up lots of stones from the site as they provide the basic structure of the spiral and once topped up with earth ensure good drainage for the herbs that find the local clay soil inhospitable.

The garden is a bit unusual as most people look down on it from the path, so I wanted to make interesting patterns to be seen from above. Spirals seemed a good theme as it links to the ammonites so many of us find on local beaches. At the centre is a small apple tree and planting spirals outwards with strawberries, leeks, artichokes and brassicas - lots of brassicas as they do well here - but carefully protected against those pesky pigeons. I'm gradually making the paths up with bark chippings.

Of course the brambles that looked so messy to us were a top class habitat for birds and insects, so the plan for the garden includes wildlife friendly areas and planting. There's a small area of wild meadow planting and lots of log piles so far. It's also, as far as possible, a sustainable garden with peat-free compost and re-use of materials. I'm sure you will spot the old Christmas tree used as a tree stake and Cornus prunings used to make hoops for the strawberry nets.

This dry cold Spring has been challenging for plants and gardeners, let's hope for gentle rain and warm sun to get everything growing well in all our gardens. Please do feel free to ask any questions if you are passing.

Liz Moorsom

STOGURSEY ALMSHOUSES VACANCY



There is a vacancy for a first-floor one-bedroom flat, accessed by stairs and stairlift, in St Andrews Road, Stogursey, with a view to occupancy commencing as soon as possible, subject to some refurbishment, the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions and being able to arrange interviews etc

Applications are welcome from residents in the Area of Benefit, as set out in the William Paulett Charity Scheme of Delegation, ie: the parishes of Stogursey, Stringston, Kilve, East Quantoxhead and Holford, with a preference for those resident in the parish of Stogursey.

For further information and/or an application form, please contact:

Mrs Pauline Kaye
Steward to the William Paulett Charity
30 Lime Street
Stogursey TA5 1QR

Tel: 01278 734550
Email: pfkaye@yahoo.co.uk

**Completed Application forms
to be submitted to Mrs Kaye
by 5.00 pm Friday 9th July 2021**

Quantock Tennis Club in Stogursey

Feeling free to try something new in the fresh air but just tentatively in the new Covid relaxation scene? Well there's a free space behind the sparkling new Victory Hall, sheltered from the wind with splendid views across to the Quantocks and a non-muddy surface where you can take the family and use the tennis court to hit some balls around, even try getting the odd one over the net (it's left in place) and in between the lines, or, just kick a ball into the marked goal area for a change.

If you would prefer to play with others, the Quantock Tennis Club has players willing to offer a game, or just a practice, contact John Nicholson, 732711 or <jfnicholson@talktalk.net> to arrange a suitable time. If you'd rather just watch first, we play regularly on Friday mornings, 10-12 noon, and Tuesday evenings, 6-10pm first of the month.

You can try out a club evening for no charge and come to 3 more evenings before making any decision to join. The benefits of membership include free access at any time (floodlights are available), reserved Club times (see Stogursey News 'Regular Events') an annual tournament and use of all the Victory Hall facilities- and all of this for the tiny annual subscription of £25/year.

Go on give it a try and make the most of your liberation, exercise locally and even shed a few of those unwanted insulation layers!

John Nicholson

MEMORIES OF STOGURSEY

My Grandmother, May Burn, lived at Stoke Cottage, 28 High Street, and I have many happy childhood memories of holidays at the cottage.

The smell of fresh bread from the bakery a couple of doors down (and there really was nothing quite like breaking a Cobb or Farmhouse Loaf that had just come out of the oven!) The original Post Office with its dark wood panelling and brass grille (and very high counter because I was so small). The sound of my sister skipping down the hill from the phonebox with her exam results and knowing all was going to be OK. The Rev Scholl who would take holy font water in his thermos, cycle up to the vicarage, warm it up and then cycle back down again for christenings. Auntie Lena from Shurton playing the church organ, somewhat off pace with the congregation!

I also remember seeing the fields full of caravans from workers constructing Hinkley Point B and learning to ride a bike in the Victory Hall car park. I can still hear that unique echo of footsteps on the cobbles walking down to St Andrews well. Walking back to Stogursey from the Shurton Inn late one night in the dark – without a torch – big mistake!

Stogursey will always have a very special place in our hearts.

Sam Brown

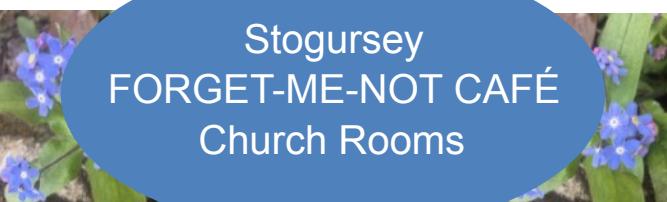
VICTORY HALL LOTTERY WINNERS

April 2021 Draw

1st prize £25.00 Richard Stone No 142

2nd prize £15.00 Rose Chalk No 49

3rd prize £10.00 Colin White No 26



Stogursey FORGET-ME-NOT CAFÉ Church Rooms

**WE'RE REOPENING
on WEDNESDAY JUNE 23rd
10.30am - 12.00 noon**

**Helen and Rose are looking forward to
welcoming friends old and new
for a cuppa and a chat.**

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

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, quizzes, or just a chat over a cuppa and a slice of cake.

Volunteers and guests can be reassured that everything will be done to stay Covid secure

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.

Please contact Helen: 01278 734818 –
cuttellhelen@gmail.com

Find us on Facebook and Instagram



WHY DO PEOPLE CHOOSE TO VOLUNTEER?

People choose to volunteer for many reasons. For some it offers the chance to give something back to the community or make a difference to the people around them. For others it provides an opportunity to develop new skills or build on existing experience and knowledge. It can be very rewarding. After the long lockdown it can enable people to venture back out and meet people.

Below are some of the reasons people choose to volunteer:

- ◆ Make a difference to the lives of others.
- ◆ Help the environment.
- ◆ Help others less fortunate.
- ◆ Feel valued and part of a team, and have purpose.
- ◆ Spend quality time away from work or a busy lifestyle.
- ◆ Gain confidence and self-esteem.
- ◆ Using one's own skills and knowledge to benefit others.
- ◆ Meeting new people and making new friends.
- ◆ A chance to socialise – especially after being in lockdown for so long.
- ◆ Getting to know your local community.

There is evidence that volunteering has a positive impact on health, and it can be great fun! Luckily there are always volunteering opportunities in Stogursey!

Volunteering opportunities in Stogursey:

Medical Transport needs volunteer drivers for driving local residents to medical appointments. Drivers use their own cars, and are reimbursed for fuel. If you feel you could occasionally help out, and would like to join the group of volunteer drivers, please ring the SCN on **01278 732149**

Stogursey Lunches are looking for more cooks and front of house people to welcome diners, serve food, and help clear up. The Lunches are held every Tuesday in the Church Rooms. Training and inductions are provided for all volunteers in a Covid-secure environment.

Volunteer cooks will undertake a free Food Hygiene Level 2 Qualification.

Volunteers are put on a flexible rota system according to their availability, to help out roughly every six weeks. Please contact Helen for more details: **01278 734818**. Email: cuttellhelen@gmail.com

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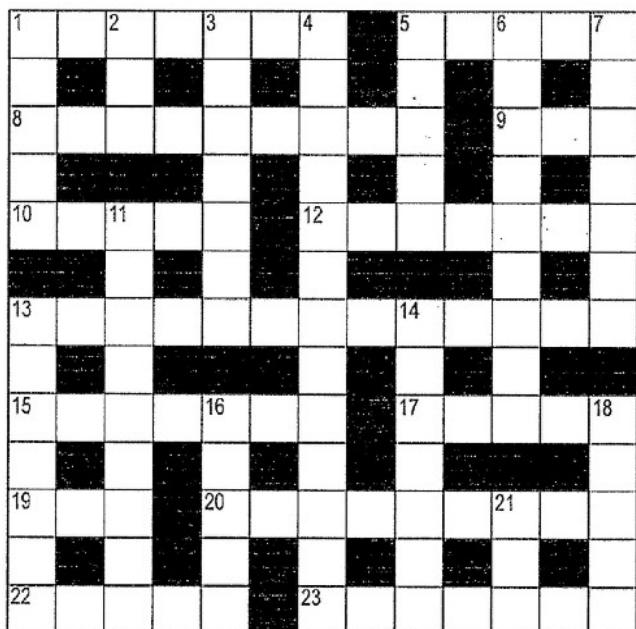
Contact Helen for more details: **01278 734818**. Email: cuttellhelen@gmail.com

★ Prize Crossword ★

compiled by Helen Cuttell

The first correct entry drawn out will win a delicious two-course lunch for two people at *Stogursey Lunches*, in the Church Rooms, Castle Street, Stogursey.

Please submit your entries, by **Friday 18th June**, to the 'Stogursey News' Box in the Spar/Post Office in an envelope marked 'CROSSWORD' OR photograph your entry and email to: cuttellhelen@gmail.com



Clues Across

1. King Arthur's Castle (7)
5. A gem (5)
8. Pitta or focaccia (9)
9. Possess (3)
10. Swahili word for lion (5)
12. ----- Nureyev - famous ballet dancer (7)
13. Timewasters (13)
15. Fictional detective created by Georges Simenon (7)
17. Duty lists (5)
19. Mineral that contains metal (3)
20. Play with this at the seaside (9)
22. Silky fabric (5)
23. City famous for mustard (7)

Clues Down

1. Forget-me-Not ----- are held in the Church Rooms every other Wednesday (5)
2. Extinct NZ flightless bird (5)
3. A mobile one visits our village every month (7)
4. ---/---/--- Robbery, millions were stolen from Royal Mail (3,5,5)
5. Bored, lacking enthusiasm (5)
6. The fluffiest sheep (9)

7. 'Stogursey -----' held every Tuesday in the Church Rooms (7)
11. Millie (9)
13. Small purple plums (7)
14. Cross between a sight hound and another dog breed (7)
16. Batman's assistant (5)
18. Mo ----- Liverpool footballer (5)
21. Muhammad --- US boxer (3)

Solution to Crossword No 12 - May 2021

No looking at the answers until you've tried the crossword - it's further on in this issue!

Clues ACROSS

1. Balkans, 5. Setts, 8. Wiltshire, 9. Pug,
10. Ether, 12. Nastase, 13. Almond extract,
15. Angelou, 17. Ovate, 19. Ono,
20. Cherbourg, 22. Ennis, 23. Mermaid

Clues DOWN

1. Bowie, 2. LOL, 3. Also ran,
4. Science Museum, 5. Skeps, 6. Top Banana,
7. Segment, 11. Homegrown, 13. Abalone,
14. Toolbar, 16. Laces, 18. Edged, 21. Uma

Ukelele Session

Come to the Victory Hall on the second Thursday of the month and join a fun evening in the bar.

Everyone is welcome including beginners and those without a uke and want to learn.

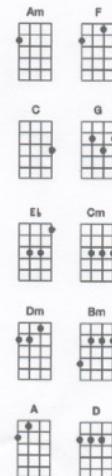
There will be some instruments available for the session and songbooks can also be downloaded.

8.00 - 10.00pm

Starting 8 July

For more information contact

Rose Palmer rose.palmer280@btinternet.com
Ian Elenor ianelenor@gmail.com

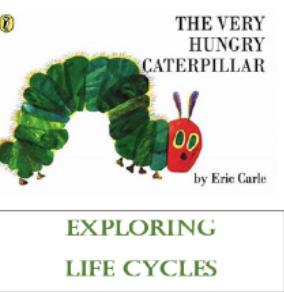




Stogursey C of E Primary and Pre-School



Hello from Lianne and Sarah at Little Acorns Preschool



EXPLORING
LIFE CYCLES



We have taken every opportunity to enjoy the sunshine this term. The children start noticing the new life; the blossom on the apple trees and the busy bees which always ignite a conversation. We enjoyed the stories of 'The Very Greedy Bee' and 'The Very Lazy Ladybird' by Jack Tickle which led to some lovely creative art. The children were excited to spot butterflies in the garden, and we have been following the story of the 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle to explore life cycles. The children are loving a new song at circle time 'The Little Green Frog' and we will be starting to look at the life cycle of a frog in the coming weeks.



**Little Acorns Pre School
Stogursey School**

@stogurseylittleacorns · School

We are excited to announce a Baby and Toddler group with parents or carers led by Lianne.....

Baby and Toddler group for families in and around Stogursey based at Stogursey Primary School. A place to meet, have fun and kick start learning through play with others. £3 per session Fridays 10 - 12 and 1 - 3.

Please contact Lianne at liannefld@gmail.com or find us on Facebook - Baby Acorns Toddler Group @

Spaces Available for children from two years old. Two-year funding (if certain criteria met) and three-year-old funding available. If you would like to register your child or receive an application pack, please contact Sarah on the preschools email:

Preschool316@educ.somerset.gov.uk

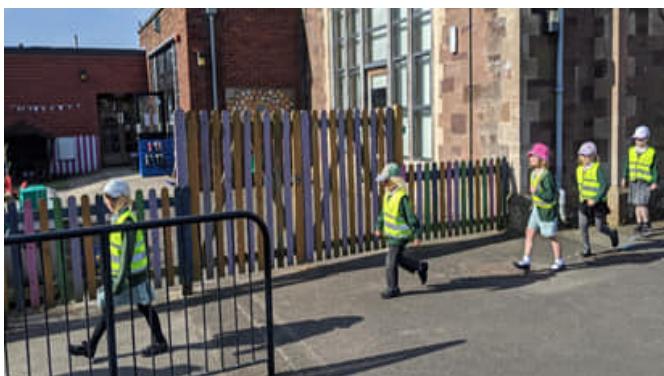
For more information about funding please go to the school's webpage under the preschools tab.

Dual placements possible.



In Triscombe Class for our Box of Delights day last week, we focused on Financial skills. As a class we discussed different ways to make money as well as different ways to keep our money safe.

We also learnt about spending and budgeting our money by having an individual budget of 50p and having to 'pay' to use areas of the classroom. Some of us decided to save our money and choose a more expensive activity whilst others decided to spend our money all at once.



Beacon Class are so excited to be learning about Peter Pan in preparation for this year's school production.

The children have been exploring the characters and discovering what it would be like to visit Neverland.

Some pupils thought it was a good idea for Wendy, John and Michael to leave their home in London to visit Neverland with Peter, some pupils had opposing opinions so Beacon Class hosted a debate. All in all, the consensus was that the Darling children should definitely take up the opportunity and experience all the delights of Neverland - as long as they leave a note for their parents!



Alfoxton Class received a surprise letter from a local parcel delivery man. He explained that he had lost a parcel and asked for our help. The children were so excited and we decided to go on a hunt around the village to look for the missing parcel. We eventually found it . . . now we just need to figure out how to return it to the man!



Cricket at Lunchtimes

What lovely weather we've had to enjoy cricket with Mr Tucker. He's now done a couple of sessions with Y2/3 and Y4/5/6 as part of enrichment at lunchtimes in their bubble areas out on the field. Next week, rounders will be happening. It's so nice to see children experiencing games of cricket. Some children said they had never had the chance to do this before and have really enjoyed it! Excellent.



Beacon Class have also enjoyed learning about measure by creating fruit cocktails. They had to convert units of measure in order to create it accurately - so much fun learning Maths!



Stogursey Community Network (SCN) June Update

Currently, SCN provides the following services in our community:

- **STOP PRESS!**

Please note that from 22nd June we will be offering the new **Stogursey Lunches** in the Church Rooms, available to everyone for a donation. Booking essential!



We would like to express our huge thanks to **Mike Bradshaw** for producing our wonderful new **Stogursey Lunches logo**, based on an original design by **Jennie Hayman**. Thank you both! You have won a free lunch on 22nd June!

- **Until Tuesday June 22nd, Lunch Club Meals** delivered to your door on 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.*
- **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 prescription** 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 conditions in a volunteer's car. Please see SCN Medical Transport information.

How to contact us:

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

We are always looking for Volunteers; there are plenty of opportunities to help in our community, in lots of different ways. Do get in touch if you have a few hours to spare and would like to discuss what you could offer. Thank you.



Menus for June and July

Pre-booking essential! Call 01278 734818

Tuesday 22nd June (book by Friday 18th June)

Sausage and Egg Picnic Pie or
Roasted Vegetable Tart,
served with new potato salad
& home-made chutney.

Gooseberry Meringue Roulade

Tuesday 29th June (book by Friday 25th June)

Smoked Salmon Tart or
Red Pepper and Goat Cheese Plait,
served with a mixed salad.

Home-made ice cream with seasonal fruit

Tuesday 6th July (book by Friday 2nd July)

Italian Chicken Traybake or
Roasted Mediterranean Vegetables,
served with herby pasta.

Lemon Tart

Tuesday 13th July (book by Friday 9th July)

Gazpacho Soup (chilled) or
Courgette Soup (hot),
served with home-made rolls and butter.

Strawberry Shortcake

Tuesday 20th July (book by Friday 16th July)

Cheese & vegetable quiche
served with new potatoes, vegetables or salad

Sherry Trifle

Tuesday 27th July (book by Friday 23rd July)

Home Made Fish Pie or
Spinach Feta Filo Pie,
served with fresh vegetables or salad.

Chocolate and Orange Mousse

STOGURSEY LUNCHES (new community service, new name!)

Don't miss the new weekly **STOGURSEY LUNCHES!** These are open to anyone who would like to come along, but remember, you must book your place by the previous Friday.

The first Lunch will be on **Tuesday 22nd June**, in Stogursey Church Rooms, from 12.00. Do come along and enjoy a delicious home cooked meal, in a social setting, with good company. **Live Music** provided at this inaugural Lunch!

Doors open 12.00, lunch served from 12.30. Drinking water provided or bring your own drink (glasses provided). This is a community venture, there are no set prices - payment is by **cash donation**. Pay what you can afford each time. All meals will be home cooked by our volunteer cooks, all of whom are Level 2 Food Hygiene qualified. We aim to use local produce as much as possible, 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 Menus above for the food choices, state your preference when you book. Please note that we reserve the right to make small changes to our menus, for example if we receive donations of delicious, fresh local produce we will always aim to use these in our meals! Remember, **book by the previous Friday, 5.00 pm**. Don't miss out!

Please see July's Stogursey News and the Stogursey Lunches Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/Stogursey-Lunches for the next set of menus.

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

Stogursey Arts Trust

"I'm teaching the French how to paint Normandy!"

David Hockney

Hockney was influenced by Monet, Matisse and Picasso, which makes this comment about the work in his latest exhibition 'David Hockney: The Arrival of Spring, Normandy' even more intriguing. Now 83, he lives in what he refers to as 'seven dwarves house' situated in the Normandy countryside, where the light and colour of the landscape has brought him to making work for his latest show, which opens at the Royal Academy in London from the 23rd of May to the 26th of September.

The exhibition has been described as 'The Covid Collection', but is more importantly identified as an indication of hope as we experience our own late spring and the lifting of the Corona virus constraints. The images I have seen so far, for me do not disappoint, and I am looking forward to finally being able to make the journey to see art work 'in person' in its gallery setting. We have gone without and missed so many things in the past year. Out walking in our local landscape however, like Hockney, I have found the changing light, the sense of space and the effect of the seasons on the colours hopeful, magical and restorative. It has been a reminder that nature continues to amaze us with its beauty despite its darker side.

So as we move from spring to summer we thought we would give you a taster of some of the ideas that you can look forward to in this year's Festival of local creativity which is right on your doorstep.

The Flower Show this year will open the Festival on the 11th of September 2021 with several new approaches to presenting your entries for the traditional competition classes. It will set the tone for a week of outside displays and performances and where permitting, under the lifted restrictions, some key events in our regular venues.

Everyone is invited to join in with the Out Side Gallery and Light Up Stogursey. There has been a request to have a 'Dance' celebration on the Gravel. The Morris Travellers: our resident Morris Dancing troop will be trying to perform something with sticks, bells and a horse to music. There will be a 'work in progress', Well-dressing construction taking place at St Andrew's Well, and the Flower Group will be getting back to making more fabulous decorations. We may look at offering these to decorate those windows in the Stogursey's main Street which do not have displays for the Out Side Gallery. On the music front we are hoping to repeat the 'Open Mic

Night', have music on the Gravel, and are in the early stages of planning for organ/music recital(s) in the Church.

As this will be one of the first major village/parish events beyond Covid restrictions we are being optimistically cautious, but we need to begin planning for a celebratory programme that will involve as many of you as possible. So if you have any more ideas for events and activities, or you have some creative work to show or perform, we would love to hear from you so we can build this into the programme, which we hope to publish in August. Finally, we can report that BT have responded to us saying the telephone box in Vicarage Road is still in use, if this changes they will get back to us and the Trust can then move forward with its ideas of creating a mini gallery, concert hall, temperate house, library, museum and information centre. We will keep you posted.

If you have any questions or ideas do get in touch (call us on 01278734550).

Mike Bradshaw for Stogursey Arts

Lockdown Lament

by Jennie Hayman

Oh what a tangled web we weave
With hearing aids glasses and mask
Behind my ears there is no room
For strings, hair, hat it's a farce.

I thought I'd go to the shops in my car
It was cold so I put on my hat.
I didn't plan to go too far –
Just as well, as the battery's flat!

OK so I'll walk to the shops for bread
& milk masked and ready to go
Can't order by phone as my mobile's dead
So far it's a pretty bad show!

Right – rain's stopped, mask on and it's sunny
But with glasses steamed up
and I've forgotten my purse
Can't go shopping without any money!

I've thought about the things we've lost
No early flights to sunny places
The unseen family and the cost
To mental health – no happy faces.
So many months we're kept apart
From families, friends and fun
But things are changing, so take some heart
And we'll raise (outside) our glass to the sun!

Points from the Parish Council Meeting

4th May 2021

Annual General Meeting

The Parish Council held its first Annual General Meeting since 2019 and adopted updated policies as well as re-electing its Chairman, Chris Morgan and Vice Chairman, Sue Goss. They both acknowledged the support they have been given in the roles during the exceedingly difficult last year. The Chairman thanked all in the parish who have given aid and assistance to others during the pandemic and lockdowns, and he hoped for a better outlook for 2021.

Stogursey Parish Council is now on Facebook

The Parish Council have established a presence on Facebook, subject to their adopted Social Media Policy. It will be used to update on matters and help spread the word on issues affecting the Parish. You can view the page by following this link <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2851772058405653> or searching for **Stogursey Parish Council News on Facebook**.

Process of raising issues for resolution by the Parish Council

Several items of correspondence have been received too late for placing on the agenda of the next Parish Council. There are strict rules which have to be followed by Councils, especially if an item needs a resolution/ action or involves expenditure. If you wish to seek the Parish Council's support by way of a grant or for an important issue which affects the parish, then please

contact the Clerk as soon as possible. The closing date for the agenda is usually the first Monday of each month as the usual date for Parish Council meetings is the second Tuesday of the month. Councillors have to be given time to consider agenda items and formulate resolutions to such matters. Letters or emails which arrive after the agenda deadline are carried over to the following meeting, or may mean an extraordinary Parish Council meeting has to be called if the matter is so important that it cannot wait for the next month's ordinary meeting.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 8th June 2021 at 19:15

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in the Victory Hall, Stogursey. The meeting will be held subject to the Covid restrictions applicable at the time. No one should attend who has any Covid-19 symptoms, and If you are intending to attend we would encourage you to take a voluntary test, which are widely available and free of charge, ahead of the meeting.

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 Standing Orders](#).

Please contact the Clerk for any information ahead of the meeting. My phone number is 01278 652534 or you can e-mail me at stogurseypcclerk@gmail.com

Richard Wand

Clerk to Stogursey Parish Council

Elderflower Cordial

3lb (1.35kg) sugar
20-25 elderflower florets

Juice and thin peel of 2 lemons
1 oz (25g) citric acid
2 pints (1.2 litres) water

- Put the water, sugar lemon juice and peel into a saucepan and warm gently until the sugar is dissolved.
- Add the elderflowers to the water, and bring it almost to the boil.
- Remove from the heat immediately.
- Put the citric acid into a large bowl, and carefully add in the hot syrup and elderflowers.
- Stir well and cover with a clean tea-towel.
- Leave for 24 hours.
- Strain into warm sterilised bottles.

The cordial will keep for a couple of months in the fridge (or in plastic bottles, will keep for ages in a deep freeze.)

Stogursey Church Rooms

Reopening Event on Monday 21st June

Looking forward to seeing you at our Book and Cake Sale.

Coffee/tea served from 10.30 – 12.00

and

Friday Coffee Shop

every Friday from Friday 25th June



Cross Words by Jan Ford

Did you utter something unkind,
When the crossword you failed to find
In the May 'Stog-News'?
Did you start to muse?
What happened? Did you really mind?

I said something rude and unkind
When 'my crossword' I failed to find;
Not that small 'Stog News' one
- A 'Times' Jumbo one.
Was it binned? I really did mind.

When I tackled that husband of mine,
Who had checked the right bin day on-line.

He said don't be daft!
It was then that I laughed,
When I heard the mistake was all mine.

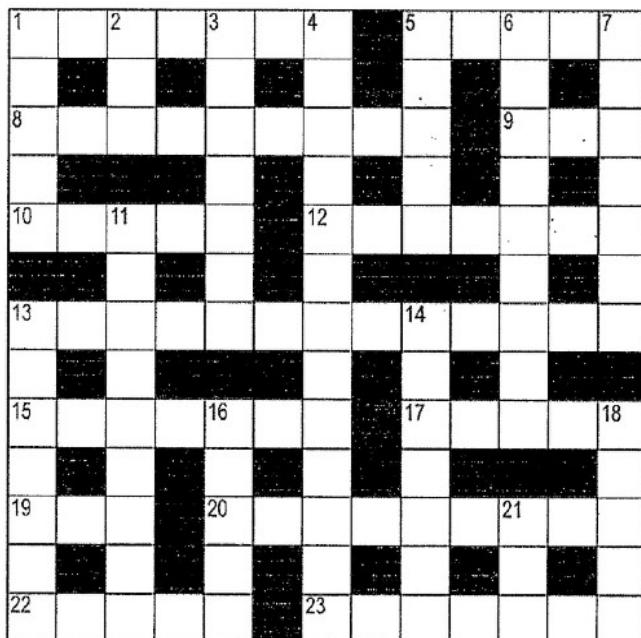
At my best I lose track of the days,
With little to cut through the haze
Of staying indoors
NOT cleaning my floors;
Just trapped in the covid rules maze.

The collection was not on Good Friday
But on Saturday early - a rare dry day!
What I'd failed to equate;
It was just one day late:
Not two days: It was not Easter Sunday.

The truth of the matter was thus :-
There was no need to worry and cuss.
He told me to STOP!
That 'Rag's' still in the shop!
I'm so sorry I kicked up a fuss.

Ed's Note:
We apologise to Helen Cuttell, and also to Jan and all our readers who enjoy Helen's crosswords, for not including the crossword in last month's Stogursey News. We are publishing it now - and the solutions are on a previous page!

Quick Crossword No 12 compiled by Helen Cuttell



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 known 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)

The world is finally opening back up again!

We are really looking forward to being able to get back out in the community to see our clients!

The re-opening of services will bring great relief to the many thousands of unpaid Carers in Somerset who have not had access to respite facilities for a considerable length of time.

The Filo Project for Somerset residents offers high quality day care for small groups of older people who have memory loss or moderate dementia. You can call them on 0333 939 8225 or visit <https://www.thefiloproject.co.uk/>

We Hear You provides free therapeutic support to children, families and individuals in Somerset affected by cancer and other life-threatening conditions. Their face-to-face services are reopening and you can contact them on 01373 455 255 or visit <https://www.wehearyou.org.uk/>

If you are an unpaid Carer, please do get in touch – you may not feel you need any help and support right now, but we can just check in with you, so you know what's available if and when you feel you would benefit from further advice. Right now, we can help you with anything from:

- finding a sitting service if you have a hospital appointment,
- a package of care if you or a family member are returning from hospital, or a little rest from cooking with our 'Carer Packs' - delicious pre-made meals for you and the person you care for.

We can help make your everyday life a little easier, check you are receiving the correct benefits and look at the whole family support need, especially as we work closely with your doctor's surgery and adult social care.

We have a freephone Carers' Advice line you can call 0800 31 68 600 or text 'CARER' to 78070 and the Carers Advice line will call you back.

Micro-providers are providers of very small, community based care and support services, and may be just what you're looking for if you need a little extra help at home. Examples of micro-services could include:

- Support to keep a person well, social and remain independent
- Support to people living in their own homes

As Village Agents, we can help connect you with the right micro-provider for your needs - and it may be that you have more than one undertaking different tasks for you, as many have different areas of expertise.

It's also a great career opportunity to become a micro-provider. You would be well supported starting up with the Somerset Micro-enterprise Project - <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/somerset-micro-enterprise-project/> - you can become an accredited provider, decide your hours and what areas of work you want to do – call Rhys on 07788350806 for more information.

The Crisis Fund is distributed by our Village and Community Agents to help people in crisis situations and for whom a small grant can make a huge difference in their life. We would love to raise £5.000 in 2021 for the Crisis Fund in West Somerset, <https://localgiving.org/charity/somersetcrisisfund/project/westsomersetcrisisfund/>

Some examples of what these grants have been used for recently:

- To buy new bedding for a carer who was supporting their loved one with night time incontinence
- To buy an energy efficient radiator for a lady with a chronic health condition who was struggling to heat her home - this meant she had one warm room.
- Paying for donated freezer to be PAT-tested and moved to help a struggling family so they could manage their food budget more efficiently

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THE MACULAR SOCIETY EXMOOR SUPPORT GROUP, DULVERTON

We are so pleased to announce that we are meeting for the first time in a long time on **Thursday, June 24th**. Most of the group members know about it already and lifts have been arranged. If anyone else with Macular Degeneration would like to join us, please ring Marion and Royce on 01398 371 450.

News From The Quantock Medical Centre

We would just like to start by thanking all our patients for their support and co-operation during the last 15 months, we appreciate it has been a very worrying time for everyone. We would like to assure you that we are open, and have been throughout the whole of Covid seeing patients face-to-face. We would like to continue to offer telephone appointments with the doctor to help those who cannot get into the surgery as this may be more convenient. We would also like to remind anyone with Covid symptoms to self-isolate, organise a test online via the NHS App or 119, and please do not attend the practice.

We will still all be wearing face masks in the practice for a while as we have to maintain a Covid-safe environment to keep the practice open; and we would like to ask all patients and visitors to the practice to respect this and to continue wearing a face covering as well. We have certainly noticed the reduction in colds and flu symptoms this year - some of the benefits of social distancing/ isolating and face coverings.

We currently have over 3700 patients registered with us at the practice, and to date 1874 have had both Covid vaccines, and 614 have had their first vaccine, so we are doing extremely well. Please do keep an eye on the news, and as soon as you hear your age group can book your vaccination, contact 119 direct to book. You will no longer will be called by your GP practice. More and more vaccination sites will become available over the next month including pharmacies in Bridgwater and Taunton.

You have all no doubt heard in the press that there will be long waiting times for hospital appointments. Please understand that we do not have any control over hospital appointments or operations so please do not ask us to write further to the hospital to bring your appointment forward, this is a great deal of extra work on an already over-stretched practice - we truly understand your frustrations as we have to try to navigate the system on a daily basis, often with the same outcomes as you.

We will be reviewing our Social Prescribing Groups for singing, walking and art in the next few months, and when it safe to do so, we will look to open these up again.

If anyone feels they would like some support to get moving and fit again after months of being at home, we now have Health and Wellbeing coaches who can offer 1:1 sessions to guide you and help you add healthy movement into your life. You can access this support through www.sasp.co.uk/forms/view/hwc or www.sasp.co.uk/activities

I would like to say that we will get things wrong occasionally, and are happy to look into anything we could do better, but we never set out to annoy or upset anyone.

We ask that you be kind to anyone you come into contact with at the surgery - we are trying our best to make sure every patient gets what they need and the many, many lovely patients we speak to make the job very worthwhile.

*Helen Stacey,
Practice Manager*

Opening Times

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Medication Collection Times: Monday to Friday 10:00 – 12:00 and 16:00 – 18:00

Contacts and Parish Information

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Sue Goss (vice-Chair)

Judy Bastick, Rebecca Calvert, Eileen Chave,
Chris Ford, Susan E Jones, Steve O'Driscoll,
Jenny Ody, Helga Staddon

Clerk: Richard Wand 01278 652534

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 cllr.c.morgan@somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk

Site Stakeholders Group Representatives:

Sue Goss, Chris Morgan

Somerset County Council

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Parish Neighbourhood Welcome Pack

Burton & Knighton: Sue Goss 733405

Wick & Stoford: Susan E Jones 652287

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Parish Council Member: Chris Ford

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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

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HPC Hotline

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Community Venues

Victory Hall & Youth Club - Allan Searle 732820

Church Rooms - Belinda Crowther 734695

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

Stogursey Community Network (SCN)

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/StogurseyCSN

Phone: 01278 732149.

Medical Transport/voluntary driver: 07485 350560

Health Centres

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Quantock (Nether Stowey) 01278 732696

Out-of-hours (for both centres) 111

The surgeries held in the Church Rooms and St Audries Centre in Stogursey are temporarily cancelled.

Defibrillators - 2 in the parish:

Heart on the wall outside Stogursey Motors, Stogursey

Heart - side entrance of Babbling Brook Inn, Shurton

Mobile Library: Route G

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

Shurton

Babbling Brook 12.15 pm - 12.45 pm

Stogursey

Greyhound Inn 1.25 pm - 2.20 pm

Town Close (No 30) 2.25 pm - 3.00 pm

Next Visiting Dates in 2021:

3 June; 1 July; 29 July

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Williton & Watchet (AW052). Mobile: 07889 659436

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Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

If you see any ASB or criminal damage incidents happening in public spaces, **phone the Police on 101**.

If you are disturbed by out-of-hours noise problems or ASB relating to businesses, **phone 01823 351411**.

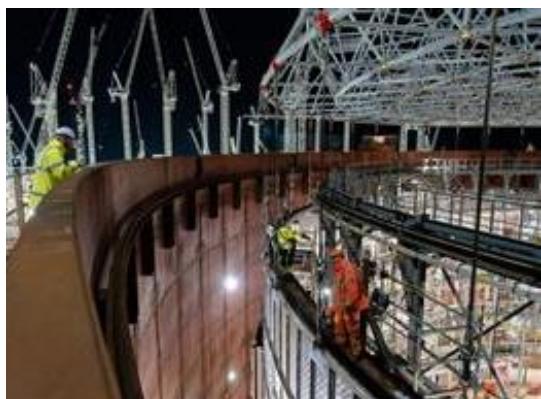
Give as much information, including names, as you possibly can. The more complaints received, the more justification to allocate staff to deal with problems.

Make phone calls at the time of the disturbance.

Complainants' names are not released to the perpetrators.

Hinkley Point C - Monthly Update

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



You'll hear us using the term pre-fabrication a lot at Hinkley Point C, but you might not know what it means...

Pre-fabrication is the practice of assembling components of a structure in a factory, and in our case bunkers too, before being delivered and installed in its final destination. And it plays a big role on the project. The approach provides many benefits including improvements to safety, quality and schedule.

In April we welcomed Minister of State for Energy and Clean Growth, Anne-Marie Trevelyan, for a tour of Hinkley Point C.

Anne-Marie Trevelyan said: "It was a pleasure to visit Hinkley Point C today to meet apprentices being taken on by EDF, showing the clear benefits the project is bringing to employment opportunities in Somerset and the surrounding area. As we work towards our world-leading climate targets, nuclear will continue to be an important and reliable source of clean electricity, and Hinkley Point C will play a chief role in delivering that."



Each year, four local charities will benefit from the HPC Safe Way fund. The latest charity to be selected, St Margaret's Hospice Care, will receive a donation of £5,150 to buy urgently needed end-of-life care equipment for their Taunton hospice.

Joanna Hall, the Hospice's Director of Fundraising, said: "Thanks to your generous gift, we can now purchase vital equipment. This means patients are free to focus on what matters to them most during the time they have left with their loved ones. After such a turbulent year for the whole community these acts of generosity and support really mean everything to us."



Get in touch

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Immy's Update

Big Carl, the world's largest crane, is a sight you'll be familiar with. Standing tall in his yellow coating, his latest lift involved a 17 metre tall ring, with a diameter of 47 metres. This massive containment ring was lifted from the bunker it was constructed in to a lay-down area close by. Next, Big Carl will lift the ring into place in the first reactor building.

The prefabricated steel ring, which forms part of the reinforced cylinder around the nuclear reactor, was lifted out of a bunker where it was constructed in factory conditions – one of the innovations to improve quality on the project. Prefabrication inside these bunkers reduces the need to work at height or in bad weather and the work can be completed and checked in a controlled setting.

Plus, thanks to experience gained during the construction of the first containment ring, this one was built 36% faster.

Stuart Crooks, Hinkley Point C Managing Director, said: "Our belief that we can do things better drives innovation at Hinkley Point C. As we build the first UK European Pressurised Reactor (EPR) we are learning and improving all the time. This is leading to improved productivity as we build Hinkley Point C's twin reactors."



The 308 tonne ring is lifted out of the prefabrication bunker



Big Carl in action



The containment ring landing in its temporary home

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