

Stogursey Flower Show & Festival  
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# STOGURSEY NEWS



SAF Coffee morning at the Victory Hall on 7<sup>th</sup> August

## September 2021

The Official Opening Events of the Victory Hall will be on  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September - See inside for details

**Deadline for OCTOBER contributions:  
10.00 am Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

## Editorial

Welcome to our September edition.

From the cover photo you will see that normality is returning! However, Covid has not gone away yet, so caution should remain a priority. Mask wearing is rather tedious, especially to glasses wearers - but it all helps.

This edition is so full that we recommend you set aside a period of quiet time to read and give it your attention!

As you will see, the village calendar is quite full once more: be it music, food, film or sport we seem to be back in business. And with the Arts Festival and Flower Show there are plenty of events to look forward to.

The Victory Hall opening events are also worth your attention, and although we are all invited to the, free, evening event, don't forget to get your ticket beforehand!

We are sorry to lose Margaret Brown who did so much in the village, and also, as her daughter Hilary told us, "was one of the founding editorial team of Stogursey News many, many years ago." We shall miss her.

Our thoughts and thanks go to our school staff who have worked so hard to keep going during these trying times!

We wish you better months ahead.

*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](http://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](mailto:stogurseynews@hotmail.co.uk)

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

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- 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.
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**Thank you**

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<b>Regular Events</b>			
Monday	Health Walks (weekly) Contact Ralph 07969777325 Short Mat Bowls (weekly) Contact: Ron 732688	Stear Marshes Car Park Victory Hall	2.00pm 7.30pm - 9.00pm
Tuesday	Tai Chi Shibashi (weekly) Contact Joan 732779 Stogursey Lunches (weekly) WI (second Tuesday of month - from October) Parish Council Meeting (second Tuesday of month) Quantock Tennis Club (first Tuesday of month)	Victory Hall Church Rooms Victory Hall Victory Hall Multi-sport court, Victory Hall	10.30 am Doors Open 12noon 2.30pm 7.15 pm 6.00pm - 10.00pm
Wednesday	Baby & Toddler Stay and Play (weekly) Forget-Me-Not Café (alternate Wednesdays) Bingo Club	Victory Hall Church Rooms Youth Club	11.00am - 12noon 10.30am - 12 noon 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm
Thursday	Mobile Library visit (once every four-weeks) Ukelele Sessions (second Thursday of month)	Shurton & Stogursey Victory Hall	as per schedule 8.00pm - 10.00pm
Friday	Coffee Shop (weekly) Quantock Tennis Club (weekly) Contact John Nicholson 732711 or jfnicholson@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

## DIARY 2021

<b>Date</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>Where</b>	<b>When</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> September	Forget-me-Not Café	Church Rooms	10.30am - 12.00pm
9 <sup>th</sup> September	Ukulele Session	Victory Hall	8.00pm - 10.00pm
10 <sup>th</sup> September	Burnham & Highbridge Band	Victory Hall	7.30pm
14 <sup>th</sup> September	Parish Council Meeting	Victory Hall	7.00pm
15 <sup>th</sup> September	Forget-me-Not Café	Church Rooms	10.30am - 12.00noon
15 <sup>th</sup> September	Baby & Toddler Stay & Play	Victory Hall	11.00am - 12.00noon
18 <sup>th</sup> September	Victory Hall Opening Event (for parishioners)	Victory Hall	7.30pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Mobile Library	As per schedule	as per schedule
11th - 17th September	<b>Stogursey Arts Festival Events:</b> see programme on inside pages	Various venues around the Parish	

## MARGARET PATRICIA BROWN

23.6.1924 - 27.7.2021



Mum died very peacefully at home in Cardiff with her daughter Hilary in the early hours of 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at the very grand age of 97.

Margaret moved to Stogursey in November 1955 and lived in the bungalow, Lime Street until earlier this year. The wonderful community of Stogursey was Mum's life and she took a very full and active part in many aspects of the village until lockdown hit us all last year.

There will be a Celebration of Life service in St Andrew's Church Stogursey later in the autumn. The exact date has yet to be arranged but we hope to be able to publish the date in the October edition of Stogursey News.

The family would love to see as many of Mum's dear neighbours and friends at the memorial service to celebrate the long and very happy life of this remarkable lady who touched the lives of so many. She has certainly left a larger-than-life-sized hole in ours.

## Line Dancing

Have you ever done Line Dancing? It is possible that a group will start in October on Wednesday afternoons in the Victory Hall. This will be friendly and relaxed and not to a very high standard. There will be a break for a cup of tea or coffee.

We need to know if there would be enough people to make it viable, so if you are interested please let me know as soon as possible.

Joan Moore - Tel: 732779

## VICTORY HALL LOTTERY WINNERS

### July 2021 Draw

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£25.00	Mary Pearce	No 19
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£15.00	Mel Stone	No 92
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£10.00	Bet Stone	No 70

## Baby and Toddler Stay and Play

### It's free!

And it's beginning in the Victory Hall in Stogursey., on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

Sessions will run every Wednesday from 11am- 12 noon.

*Debbie Roger*

*Lead Bumpstart Co-ordinator Home-Start West Somerset*

## VICTORY HALL – OPENING EVENTS

As most of you will know, the new Victory Hall was completed last year, but due to the Covid-19 pandemic we have been unable to use our brand new facilities. However, now that the restrictions have been eased, we have started using the hall for regular meetings and taking bookings for one-off events.

Therefore the trustees of the hall feel that the time has come for us to have an official opening – albeit many months later than had been anticipated. Therefore, on the afternoon of Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> September, we will have a formal opening to thank all those companies who have contributed, either physically or financially, to the building of the new Victory Hall.

### Evening Event for parishioners at 7.30pm on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September

- ★ A musical event, with a buffet
- ★ Open for everyone in the parish of Stogursey.
- ★ Free - but tickets will be needed.
- ★ Tickets can be obtained from the bar in the Victory Hall on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays between 6.00 pm and 9.00 pm
- ★ The bar will be open, but will not be free!

*If you would like to attend, but are unable to get to the Victory Hall for a ticket, please contact one of the following:*

Chris Ford - 732191

Ron Dyer - 732688

Allan Searle - 732820

Look out for the posters around the district with further information.

## FOR SALE

**Wooden Shed** with 2 glass windows. Good condition. Approx. 10 feet x 5 feet. Buyer must dismantle. £100 ono - proceeds to The British Heart Foundation. Enquiries to 25 St Audries Close.

*Anne Harris*

## Inaugural Ukulele Session

As a first timer on the ukulele I would like to thank Rose, Ian and Pauline and all who made the evening a big success. It was good to see people coming together again, with some from as far afield as Taunton, along with a good cross section of locals.

The atmosphere was relaxed and there was plenty of encouragement for beginners from experienced strummers. The big screen had its first real airing for displaying song sheets and chords, and Mat's Bar and Eli's Kitchen were open for refreshments.

Having long given up on my guitar, I decided to "have a bash" at the ukulele. Although I love to sing there's not much of the musician in me. I was able to borrow an instrument and clumsily managed to pick out a few simple chords. It's a work in progress, but "I'll be back!" for the next monthly session.

(Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September, 8.00 - 10.00pm)

Why not come along? There's nothing to lose.

*Jan Ford*

**In loving memory of my son  
Derek William Miles  
born 18.08.73 – died 29.08.2019**

Two years on from Derek's death, myself his Mum, brother Robert and sisters Nicola and Selina are looking back on his life and missing him so much. Not a day goes by when we don't think of him. Derek was a kind and caring man, always trying to help others when he could.

I would like to thank all my family and all Derek's friends for the help they have given us during the past two years.

Thanks to his bearers: Simon, Luke, Hutch, Tony, Liam and Adrian who carried him to his final resting place. Finally, thank you to Grandfield & Son, Fine Memorials, Rev Nicky Morgan and Rose Nurton for all their help two years ago.

*Mrs Virginia Coate*

## A HUGE THANK YOU

May I send, through Stogursey News, a huge thank you to all my friends and neighbours who sent messages via Jennie with love and wishes for my speedy recovery? They all cheered me up no end and I'm sure they shortened my stay.

Thank you all again.

Sincerely,

*Bob Page*

## Solution to Crossword No.15 August 2021

### CLUES ACROSS

1. Aerials, 5. Cycle, 8. Backstage, 9. ROI, 10. Mummy, 12. Mammoth, 13. Ventriloquist, 15. Lambada, 17. Abyss, 19. Tat, 20. Schnitzel, 22. Agree, 23. Reynard

### CLUES DOWN

1. Album, 2. ROC, 3. Assayer, 4. Shammy Leather, 5. Cream, 6. Curiosity, 7. Epithet, **11. Manometer \*\***  
13. Valetta, 14. Qualify, 16. Aisle, 18. Salad, 21. Zoa

**\*\*A device for measuring the pressure of gases and liquids.**



*So sorry I missed this clue out, but thank you to everyone for letting me know. Helen.*

## MACULAR SOCIETY

**EXMOOR SUPPORT GROUP  
DULVERTON**



It was lovely to see our group members so happy at our July meeting, looking beautiful in their summer outfits and tucking into a superb cream tea at Bridge Cottage Tea Rooms in Winsford. Teresa and her staff couldn't have been nicer and more helpful and made it so easy for us (in spite of our varying states or lack of eye sight) to have a great time like everybody else. A big THANK YOU!

Another big THANK YOU goes to the drivers who picked some of our members up from their homes and took them back. We couldn't have done it without you! We even managed to get a cream tea to one of our members who had a nasty fall and was confined to barracks; I am sure it helped with the recovery.

On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August we shall be going to Chittlehamholt, where Hazel and Steven of the Exeter Inn will give us a right royal welcome. We are so grateful that Jan Ross has managed to organise a Community Coach, and that Sarah Buchanan has agreed to drive us. We shall tell you all about it in the October edition.

In the meantime, stay safe, and if you need help, we are only a phone call away (01398 371 450).

*Marion and Royce*

## SAF Tea & Coffee Morning

on 7<sup>th</sup> August in the Victory Hall



*As well as the chance to enjoy delicious home-made cakes with a cup of coffee or tea, the morning provided a great opportunity to find out about some of the groups, clubs and organisations that are active in the parish:*

## Bellringing

The bellringers meet one evening a week for practices, and also ring on Sunday mornings for services. Most of the practice sessions are held in Fiddington Church, and occasional ones in Stogursey Church. The next bellringing session will be at Fiddington Church on 1<sup>st</sup> September, at 7.30 pm. All ages, from 11 - 90, are welcome! Contact: Kay Smith, 01278 733577

## Bingo Club

Bingo takes place every Wednesday evening, from 7.00 - 9.00pm in the Youth Club.

## Forget-me-Not Café

takes place every other Wednesday, from 10.30am - 12.00 noon in the Church Rooms, Castle Street, Stogursey. Contact: Helen Cuttell, 01278 734818

## Short Mat Bowls

Monday evenings: 7.30 - 9.00pm in the Victory Hall. The cost is £2.50 per evening and £1 for children accompanied by an adult. Contact: Ron Dyer, 01278 732688.

## Soap Factory Cinema

Films are shown monthly in the Church Rooms, Stogursey. Tickets can be bought in advance at the Post Office/Spar, and currently cost £6. (Details for the September showing elsewhere in this edition.) Contacts: Claire Brockis at the garage, or Lynn O'Driscoll.

## Stogursey Community Network (SCN)

Provides a number of support services in the community. See the SCN page elsewhere in this edition. Contact: 01278 732149; or for Medical Transport, 07485350560

## Stogursey News

The monthly magazine for the parish, sponsored and printed by Hinkley Point B station. The magazines are hand-delivered by a team of volunteers to more than 670 homes in the parish. Email versions are distributed to many UK destinations, as well as overseas as far away as Australia. Contact: stogurseynews@hotmail.co.uk

## Stogursey Twinning Association (STA)

Stogursey is twinned with Lonlay L'Abbaye in Normandy. (It was monks from this Normandy Abbey who founded Stogursey Church.) With exceptions for Covid, cross-channel visits take place annually. Contact: Caroline Hawkes, 01278 733162.

## Tai Chi Shibashi

Every Tuesday morning in the Victory Hall, starting at 10.30am. It costs £3 each session. There is no commitment to a minimum number of sessions - you just come when you are able. Contact: Joan Moore, 01278 732779

## Tennis Club

The Quantock Tennis Club meets on the first Tuesday of every month, 6.00 - 10.00pm; and every Friday and Sunday from 10.00am - 12 noon. Tennis sessions take place at the Multi-sport court, Victory Hall. Contact: John Nicholson, 01278 732711 or jfnicholson@talktalk.net

## Women's Institute (WI)

The 'Stogirzels' meet on the second Tuesday of each month. From October this will be in the Victory Hall at 2.30pm. Contact the Secretary, Jenny Ody, 01278 653

*From a 1987 edition of Stogursey News:*

**SPONSORED JAIL BREAK**  
On 17<sup>th</sup> October, Simon Bowditch, James Day and I took part in the sponsored Jailbreak from Shepton Mallet Jail, dressed in convict suits with ball and chain. As Simon owns a digger hire firm, we decided to enter the most unusual means of escape category, by digger, supplied by Transform of Bridgwater.

At 9.00 am we ran from the jail to find no digger, due to a mix up at the Transform office, but this was soon put right and a digger arrived by low loader and by 9.20 we were off. . . .

*to find out how Donna Cross's adventure finishes, read next month's edition of Stogursey News.*

# Stogursey Community Network (SCN)

## September Update



The weekly **Stogursey Lunches** in the Church Rooms on Tuesdays, open to all, are proving extremely popular. If you haven't tried it yet, do come along! Payment is by donation. See the menus in the box below. The menus are also on the **Stogursey Lunches** Facebook page.

Please note, booking is essential!

**Food Bank Deliveries** - the SCN continues to act as 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. If you need some food assistance, either contact the Village Agent (for Foodbank referral), Home Start (families) or us for something from the **Stogursey Larder...**

**Stogursey Larder – We hate Waste! Don't you?** So we have set up the **Stogursey Larder** which has a good supply of packaged food from the Fareshare charity ready to go to anyone who could use it. But also, the **Stogursey Larder** is for donations of food, fresh produce or those tins and packets (in date please) that you have in your cupboard but will never eat.

Don't let anything go to waste! Someone else could use your surplus!

Contact us\* if you, or someone you know, could use a delivery of supermarket standard food and/or some fresh produce, or if you would like to donate.

**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 continue to be under Covid-safe conditions in a volunteer's car, if either the driver or the passenger prefers this. Please see SCN Medical Transport information below.

### \*How to contact us:

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

*We are always grateful for more 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 how you could help in your community. Thank you.*

*All information is treated in accordance with standard Data Confidentiality Policy*

## SEPTEMBER MENU

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September

book by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September:  
phone 01278 734818

Meat Lasagne, or  
Vegetable Lasagne

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Tiramisu

### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September

book by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September:  
phone 01278 734818

Somerset Pork, or  
Somerset Wyvern Pie (vegetarian)  
served with vegetables

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Pear, Blackberry & Ginger Strudel



### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September

book by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September:  
phone 01278 734818

Savoury Cod Crumble or  
Cheesy Vegetable Crumble,  
served with vegetables

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Home-made Blackcurrant Ripple  
Icecream

### Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September

book by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September:  
phone 01278 734818

Baked ham or Nut Roast,  
served with vegetables, mashed  
potatoes & parsley sauce

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Caramel Apple Cheesecake

## OCTOBER MENU

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October

book by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October:  
phone 01278 733052

Chicken Breast with tomato and  
cheese topping with vegetables, or  
Stuffed peppers with garlic bread

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Sticky Toffee Pudding with  
custard or cream

## Stogursey Arts Trust

"It's amazing how a little tomorrow can make up for a whole lot of yesterday"

*John Guare*

The time is here and we are dedicating the Festival this year to 'hope' as we seem to be finally moving beyond the dark days of the pandemic. We hope you enjoy the programme we have put together this year, which has benefitted from the fantastic support and enthusiasm of other groups in the village. This year, for example, the Parish Council are getting involved in the 'Lighting up Stogursey' project and will be putting the Christmas lights up on the Gravel for the week to get this 'out of season' snowball rolling. Please join in yourselves and let's make this year's 'Lighting up' the village, the best yet.

If you haven't turned your front window into 'a picture', there is still time and there are already some good examples being put up to give you some ideas. I wonder whose street/road will have the best 'exhibition room' in 'The Outside Gallery' this year? Maybe talk with your neighbours and see if you can put on a joint show . . .

. . . and if you are wanting to compete for prizes, don't forget the Flower Show opens the first full day of the Festival on Saturday the 11th (look for more details elsewhere in this edition of Stogursey News).

For those of you who just want to visit 'The Outside Gallery', don't miss the Well Dressing at St Andrews Well on your way round the exhibits. This year the Flower Arrangers/Artists are taking a traditional approach to

making the Well Dressing, and you may even see work in progress as this comes together.

We have been fortunate to be offered a new and fascinating work by local artist, Alison Jacobs, which we are intending to display on the Gravel with sponsored support, thanks to Twin Towers Scaffold. The work is a large scale installation based on weather and climate and we are confident that it will raise lots of questions from our 'gallery' visitors.

In a change from our past closing celebrations in the Church, Chris Moorsom has put together a special concert of Music and Worship, relating to water and well-dressing, at St. Andrew's Church, which will coincide with the opening weekend of the Festival. For more details, please see the Festival Facebook page.

We are still looking for other works for exhibition in the more public accessible spaces, such as Stogursey Motors' front window, the Church and Church Rooms, so do get in touch.

In the October edition of Stogursey News, we will be reporting on the hugely successful Coffee, Cake & Networking Event and sharing feedback and ideas from the various groups and visitors who joined us at the Victory Hall on the 7th of August.

If you would like more information on any of the events above or tips on displaying your 'picture window' as part of the Outside Gallery call us on 01278 734550.

*Mike Bradshaw for Stogursey Arts*

### . . . a Stogursey Flower Show & Festival Event . . .

#### **Brass Band Concert** **Burnham and Highbridge Brass Band**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September  
Victory Hall  
at 7.30pm

How would you like an evening that contains vibrant brass band music, a visit to a Bier Keller, all topped off with a raucous Last Night at the Proms finale?

Plus bar, refreshments and a raffle!

Sounds good?

Then come along and enjoy a great evening in the Victory Hall.

Tickets: £7.50 (accompanied under 10s free)  
Available in advance from Phil Griggs 733377 or on the door.

### .. a Stogursey Flower Show & Festival Event ..

#### **Open Mic Night**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September  
Church Rooms  
doors open at 7.00pm

Calling singers, poets, comedians, raconteurs . . . anyone who wishes to do a turn in the Church Rooms is welcome.

Come along and join in the entertainment which will start at 7.30 pm and end around 10.30pm.

Entry is FREE and there will be a licensed bar.

For more information contact Ian Elenor:  
Tel 01278 733052  
Email. [ianelenor@gmail.com](mailto:ianelenor@gmail.com)

# Stogursey Flower Show & Festival Programme

## Thursday 9th of September

at St Andrew's Well

**Well Dressing** begins, and will be accessible throughout the Festival.

## Friday 10th of September

**Brass Band Concert** with the **Burnham & Highbridge Brass Band**.

7.30pm Victory Hall. (Full details in this issue.)

## Saturday 11th of September

**The Stogursey Flower Show:**

**In the Church Rooms**

11.00am - 2.00pm

Spinning & Weaving demonstrations

Book & Plant/Seed Swap Stalls

Refreshments

**On the Gravel:**

11.00 am -The Morris Travellers performing an 'unusual' version of traditional dances

12 noon - Decorated Hat 'parade'.

(see details of all Flower Show displays in this issue.)

## Sunday 12th of September -

**in St Andrew's Church:**

**'Arts week' special service** with Holy Communion  
10.30am.

All welcome. This will include music, hymns and readings relating to the themes of this Arts week, and a conversation with Mike Bradshaw about the Festival.

**Concert with music and readings** 4.30 pm.

Chris Moorsom (voice & violin) and  
Miles Quick (organ/keyboard - Director of Music at  
St. Mary Magdalen Church, Taunton).

A presentation with music and readings, linked to the theme of wells and water. A group who have been preparing material for the Well-dressing of St. Andrew's well will talk about the well-dressing traditions and how they have set about introducing these here in Stogursey.

## Tuesday 14th of September

**Stogursey Lunches**

in the Church Rooms with a special Festival menu.  
See more details in this issue.

**Music in a Pandemic**

St Andrews Church 6.00pm.

Chris Moorsom will present up to an hour of music - including some recordings of music created virtually during lockdowns over the last year. Please feel free to drop in or out of these. For more details see the Festival Facebook page.

## Wednesday 15th of September

**Music in a Pandemic**

St Andrews Church 6.00pm

Chris Moorsom will present up to an hour of music - including some recordings of music created virtually during lockdowns over the last year. Please feel free to drop in or out of these. For more details see the Festival Facebook page.

## Thursday 16th of September

**Soap Factory Cinema:**

Church Rooms 7.00pm

The team will be running a very special 'themed evening' for us to enjoy during the Festival. See more details in this issue.

## Friday 17th of September

**Open Mic Night**

7.30pm in the Church Rooms

More details in this issue, on the Festival Facebook site and on Stogursey Pulse.

*Flower Show presenters are invited to keep their work on display throughout the week as additional exhibits in the **'Out Side Gallery'** where we hope to see all sorts including paintings, drawings, sculpture, craft, arranged flowers and vegetables, maybe even a scarecrow or two.*

*These exhibits will complement the annual **'Lighting Up of Stogursey'**. We hope you will all join in with the 'light-up': simply put your Christmas tree lights up early and turn them on at dusk each evening of the Festival.*

... a Stogursey Flower Show & Festival Event ...

## Stogursey Fun Flower and Craft Show

Saturday 11th September

I hope that plenty of you are planning to display your plants or your crafts outside your homes, or inside your front windows or in your front gardens. I know that this parish is full of crafters, bakers and gardeners of all ages, so don't hide your talents under a bushel, be bold and let's create a colourful and interesting day around the village.

I am looking forward to the event and hope that you are all too. So until September 11<sup>th</sup> ... Keep creating! *Fiona*

### Fun Competitions - around the Parish:

These are the categories you can enter:

- \*Front Garden Display
- \*Hanging Basket or Container - can be plants, vegetables, flower arrangement, cupcakes, something knitted, sewn or sculpted. I leave it to your creative imaginations!
- \*Front Door decoration- again it is up to you what you make.
- \*Decorated Hat - any theme - to be worn on the Gravel at 12 noon on the day.  
(And wear it again to the Film Night on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>)

*If you are planning to enter into the spirit of the day, please let me know by 5<sup>th</sup> September so that we can create a trail around the roads.*

*Put your name and address on a card (or on the form below) and pop it through my front door: 7 St Andrew's Road, Stogursey; or email me, [fiona2591@gmail.com](mailto:fiona2591@gmail.com).*

*If you are under 18, please put that on the card/form so that I can organise appropriate prizes.*

### In the Church Rooms from 11am to 2pm:

- \*Spinning and Weaving demonstration
- \*Refreshments  
*(If you are able to donate a cake or biscuits they will be gratefully received, as would any offers to help in the kitchen.)*
- \*Book Swap Stall
- \*Seed/Plant Swap Stall  
*If you have any spare books, seeds, plants or excess harvest from your garden, bring them along on the day to share or swap at the stalls.*



## Stogursey Fun Flower and Craft Show

I would like to enter these categories in the fun competitions:

- Front Garden Display
- Hanging Basket or Container
- Front Door Decoration
- Decorated Hat

Name: .....

Address: .....

.....

Age (if under-18) .....

Post your completed form through the letterbox at: 7 St Andrew's Road, Stogursey



... a **Stogursey Flower Show & Festival Event** ...

**Hello to all you cinema goers,**

We have great news!

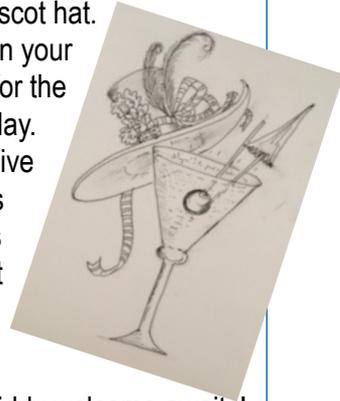
It's been a long time coming but we are now able to provide you with some excellent films over the next few months. The following films for this season are:

- ☆ Thursday 16th September 'Dream Horse'
- ☆ Thursday 14th October 'Nomadland'
- ☆ Thursday 18th November 'The Last Bus'
- ☆ Thursday 9th December 'Love Sarah'

As our first film is in September, we have fitted this in perfectly with the Stogursey Festival week. This will be our grand opening, and as such we wanted to make this a special occasion so have decided to do an Ascot-inspired theme which incorporates our upcoming film, 'Dream Horse'.

This is based on the true story of Dream Alliance, an unlikely racehorse bred by small town bartender Jan, who persuades her neighbours to chip in and help raise Dream to compete with the racing elite.

As mentioned, we are taking inspiration from the theme of this month's film. We are asking the ladies and gentlemen to wear their favourite Ascot hat. This can be one you already have in your hat box, or the one you decorated for the Flower Festival the previous Saturday. The wearer of the best hat will receive two tickets for the following month's film - so get dusting those cobwebs off and trot along in your best Ascot hat and enjoy some racy cocktails while watching the film.



Come and join us where a warm, giddy welcome awaits!

Thursday 16th September at the Soap Factory Cinema Church Rooms, Stogursey.

Doors open 7pm for a 7.30pm showing  
Tickets £6 - available from Stogursey Post Office or on the door.

Cocktails and refreshments available to purchase.

That's all folks,

Look forward to seeing you there.

*The Soap Factory Team*

*drawing by Jennie Hayman*

**Stogursey Oil-buying Group**

The Stogursey Oil Buying Group's next order will be in **September**. 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 November. If you have any questions about the oil buying group, I can be contacted on 0755 261 0692.

*Chris Ford*

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# Stogursey C of E Primary and Pre-School



## Letter from the co-Chair of the governors

It is hard to believe that this entire school year has been spent with Covid-19 restrictions in place. Returning to school last September, I certainly didn't think that school would be as disrupted as it has been.

It was a very tough lock down early this year and it has been good to see a gradual return to an increasingly normal school life.

I have been moved by how everyone has risen to the challenge. As Governors, we've had over a year of remote meetings, which are not as effective as meeting face-to-face but we have been able to do our job reasonably well. I have to thank all the governors for their hard work and engagement in school life. We finally managed to meet together in July, and it was amazing how much could be achieved in a room together!

Enormous thanks also to Pauline Kaye, our Clerk, who has worked very hard to keep the governor show on the road!

Governors have focused on supporting Mr Tucker and all the staff who have had to be very adaptable. Teachers moved swiftly to online learning in January whilst the school stayed open to children of key workers and children who were unable to learn effectively at home.

The film of the Christmas celebration was released online, and the end of year performance of Peter Pan filmed is awaiting release! School sports day was held on the school field in July, and I think it was the first time that parents have been able to attend a school event since March 2019.

A personal highlight of my year was the Easter Happiness Holiday Club. This is the first time holiday provision has been available for families at Stogursey school. It was great to see the children playing so happily after such a long time apart, and the Stogursey Community Network teamed up with the school to supply

the healthy lunches. We are very grateful to the West Somerset Opportunity Area for financially supporting this initiative. This scheme was extended into the summer holidays with four weeks of activities at Kilve Court available to our children.

One of my sadnesses is not being able to say "Goodbye" to our year sixes and the three members of staff who left us at the end of the school year when we had to close the school due to positive cases and the majority of staff and children having to self-isolate. We will miss Mrs Wall, Mrs Stark and Mrs Cavill a great deal. They have all been a very important part of the school community for many years and we wish them all the best for the future. It was a very difficult end to what has been a difficult year. We look forward to being able to say goodbye properly by inviting them back in September for a much more fitting farewell.

On a positive note, we are delighted that we have secured funding to offer wraparound care for the children attending our school. This has been an ambition for some time, and are delighted that the Happiness Breakfast and After School Club will start in September. We hope that this will be a valuable resource to families of Stogursey and we are very grateful to the Fairfield Trust for their support of this.

I look forward to a new school year with optimism, and I am looking forward to spending more time in school and much less time on Zoom.

**Anna Hammond, co-chair of the governors**



## Unfounded Fears

by Jan Ford

Tall plants and and trailers! Would they survive?

The gravel often gets windswept!  
But Helga always had a vision;  
Which in her mind she kept.

Our Spring was cold and Summer late.  
Spring bulbs would not give way to new.  
Small plants were set between their stalks;  
Stayed small and green as cold winds blew.

Weeks on the plants looked very green.  
Rich compost having good effect;  
Grew bigger, stronger by degree,  
No timely colours you'd expect.

The long-awaited warmer spells  
Encouraged flower buds to unfold;  
A riot of colour meeting the eye  
As sunny days replaced the cold.

An explosion of textures, shapes and hues;  
Nasturtiums and geraniums, yellows and reds,  
A contrast to purples, pinks and creams,  
With other gems nestling in leafy beds.

All Hail, to Helga and her team  
Who planted, watered and fine-fettled,  
Who strive to keep the planters glowing  
Whatever the weather - wild or settled.



### An evening with Dr Lucy Pollock

Somerset NHS Consultant Geriatrician and author of 'The Book about Getting Older' at St James's Church, Taunton on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 at 7.30pm

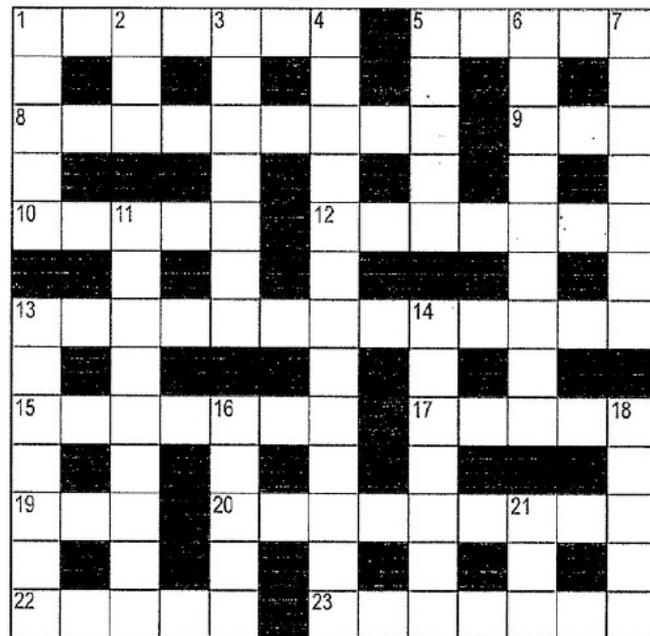
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## Quick Crossword No 16

Compiled by Helen Cuttall



### CLUES ACROSS

1. Kingdom in Western Europe (5)
5. Make room for someone (5)
8. Places where scrap is collected (9)
9. Nuclear Energy Agency (3)
10. Sea bear or fur seal (5)
12. Christmas tree decoration ((7)
13. English landscape painter (4,9)
15. A show of boldness (7)
17. How a duck or swan would feed (5)
19. Elizabeth (3)
20. Ancient Greek citadel (9)
22. Strange & frightening (5)
23. Relating to human life (7)

### CLUES DOWN

1. Small & elegant (5)
2. --- Goodman, former judge on Strictly Come Dancing (3)
3. Happy, peaceful, or picturesque (7)
4. Blonde bombshell (7,6)
5. Broom made of twigs (5)
6. Market town in Bedfordshire (9)
7. Young Soy Beans (7)
11. German breed of dog (9)
13. A particular anniversary or event (7)
14. A character from Bambi (7)
16. Proverb (5)
18. ----- Springfield (5)
21. The sixth note of a musical scale (3)

## Points from the Parish Council Meeting - 10<sup>th</sup> August 2021

### Growing for Health and Well Being

The Parish Council has been awarded £10,344 from the Somerset Climate Emergency Community Fund as the turn down of our bid in the autumn of last year has been reviewed. This will enable the planters, which have looked fantastic this year, to be replaced with water retaining versions for 2022; enabling some improvements to the allotments and working with parishioners to help them grow their own vegetables. Councillors Helga Staddon and Chris Ford will be leading the working group formed to deliver the project.

### Paddons Farm

Strongvox are intending to use the land on the right of the entrance once again as a compound whilst they construct the remaining properties for which they have permission to build. The Parish Council is concerned that this yet again holds up the transfer of the land to it and is trying to ensure that any disruption is kept to a minimum.

### Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

The group are at a stage where consultation with parishioners of all ages is needed ahead of a questionnaire being delivered to all residents of the parish. It is intended that pop-up consultations will take place, probably at some of the usual events or gatherings across the parish. SO if you get the chance please do share your views on the future of the parish with the team.

### Stogursey Arts Festival in September

The Parish Council agreed to install the multicolour lights used on the Gravel to enhance an installation being placed there for all to see and appreciate. Hopefully you will have the chance to see some of the Festival's presentations.

### Flood Online Reporting Tool

The Flood and Water Management Team at Somerset County Council (SCC) are interested to know if your property in Somerset has been affected by flooding. The Flood Online Reporting Tool (FORT) has been developed to report any type of flooding that may have affected your property in the past or future events. The link below can be used by members of the public or community Flood Wardens.  
<https://swim.geowessex.com/somerset> - Flood Online Reporting Tool (FORT). Your report will help the Team to investigate flood events and may provide useful information for subsequent flood protection schemes.

### The next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 19:00

It will be held in the Victory Hall, Stogursey.

Please contact the Clerk for any information ahead of the meeting. My phone number is 01278 652534 or you can e-mail me at [stogurseyppclerk@gmail.com](mailto:stogurseyppclerk@gmail.com)

*Richard Wand, Clerk to Stogursey Parish Council*



### What is a Village Agent?

The Village Agent service is part of the Community Council for Somerset (CCS) and offers free, confidential, practical support to anyone in need, including community groups.

I'm Izzy your local Village Agent - I love the challenge of making a positive impact in my local community for people who need it most. It is very rewarding when a plan comes together, and a person's life is enhanced by the work I have done. I also love to chat! If needed, I work closely with your local GP surgery and the Adult Social Care team, so you have well-rounded support.

### Sounds Interesting but WHO can a Village Agent help?

A Village Agent can help if....

- You are an unpaid Carer or looking after someone else informally and need a little help & support – for you and the person you care for.
- You are struggling with a problem that can be fixed or improved by accessing the right people or services in the local community.
- You live alone and are feeling lonely and isolated.
- You are part of a community with a collective problem & need a kick start to solve.

It doesn't matter how big or small the problem, we are here to help.

### OK that's great – but HOW exactly can a Village Agent help?

A few recent examples are:

- Gifted refurbished mobiles to people who are cut off from their family & friends.
- Helped people to get home from hospital or temporary accommodation.
- Helped people to stay independent in their homes.

*If you think I could help you in any way please call 07931 018045 or [izzy@somersetcc.org.uk](mailto:izzy@somersetcc.org.uk) or our main helpline 01823 331 222 or visit [www.somersetagents.org](http://www.somersetagents.org) and request a call back. You can also email [info@somersetcc.org.uk](mailto:info@somersetcc.org.uk).*

## News from the Quantock Medical Centre

I don't know why, but I always find it difficult to know what to write about and what people will be interested to hear, so this month I am going to update you on a few issues.

You may have heard recently the sad news that Victoria Park Medical Centre Bridgwater has had to permanently close due to lack of clinical staff. This will have a huge knock-on effect to all the patients registered there, and the surrounding Bridgwater practices are working extremely hard to support these changes and to provide care for these patients.

We, too, as a practice are finding it increasingly difficult to find locum doctors and nurses to support the practice when our Clinical staff book a much needed break. There are some weeks when we are operating on very minimal staffing levels and only able to see urgent on-the-day patients – so please be supportive of your local practice and bear with us.

In order to support the doctors, we have asked our very experienced and qualified Advanced Nurse Practitioner, Helen Every, to step back from general Practice Nurse duties to work alongside Dr Stone and Dr Klein using her skills and knowledge to see patients with minor illness: assess, diagnose, treat and prescribe. We will also be recruiting a new Lead Practice Nurse to support the nursing team.

You may have noticed some empty shelves in supermarkets, and heard about the shortage of lorry drivers across the country – we too have noticed a knock-on effect with dispensary deliveries and stock. Many drivers have left their pharmaceutical delivery jobs

due to low pay, long hours, etc, and we have noticed in recent months fewer deliveries and less stock. This in turn has a knock-on effect on our dispensary team being able to fulfil your repeat requests in 48 working hours. Again, please bear with us we are all doing our best.

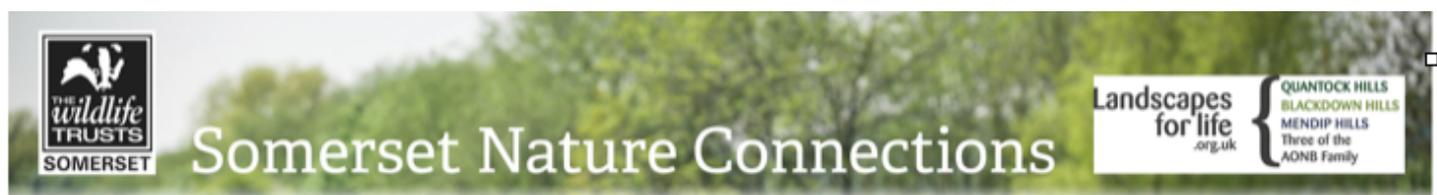
We would like to remind everyone coming into the practice to continue to wear face masks as Covid is still about and we need think about the safety and care of others as well as ourselves. A polite reminder that if you have any symptoms of Covid including a high temperature, a new continuous cough, loss or change to your sense of smell or taste, please organise a PCR test – please do not book an appointment with a doctor first, as it is a viral illness we are unable to help you with, and you will risk passing it on to more vulnerable patients at the Surgery.

Last, but not least, please book your 'flu vaccination appointment at the medical centre on 01278 732696. We will be holding clinics from mid-September through to October for all patients in a clinical risk group including: asthma, COPD, chronic lung conditions, heart disease, kidney disease, liver disease, neurological disease, learning disability, weakened immune system, BMI over 40, diabetes, all aged over 50 years old, pregnant women, carers and close contacts of immunocompromised patients.

The Government have not yet announced plans for covid boosters, so we need to go ahead with our 'flu plans as a priority.

Thank you for listening

*Helen Stacey Practice Manager*



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This course is for you if you are feeling socially isolated and/or are experiencing mild to moderate depression, low mood, anxiety or stress. All activities have been fully covid risk assessed and group sizes will be limited.

**The course starts on Tuesday the 21st of September** and then runs each Tuesday for a total of 5 weeks.

For more information and to book a space, please get in contact with Hermione: 07783 516611

Email [snc@somersetwildlife.org](mailto:snc@somersetwildlife.org)

## Andrew's Update

The project has continued to make excellent progress throughout the summer months and at the end of July we safely achieved the second major goal of 2021 – the completion of tunnelling work on Hinkley Point C's outfall tunnel.

Emmeline, the largest of our tunnel boring machines has now successfully completed her work to dig a 1.8km tunnel, 24m under the Bristol Channel. The outfall tunnel, working in parallel with the two additional intake tunnels, will act as part of the wider water cooling system. It will take water away from the power station and back out to the Bristol Channel.

Launched from a deep shaft in August 2020, Emmeline has been operated by three separate shifts around the clock with the support of the HPC Marine Works team. As part of the tunnelling activities 100,000 tonnes of earth has been removed and 1,206 concrete rings installed – that equates to 9648 individual tunnel segments.

The completion of the outfall tunnel marks an important step forward in our construction activities as we near the end of our tunnelling works which will be so vital in future operations. Once dredging is complete next year, we will see the installation of water intake heads in the Bristol Channel.

Looking ahead, our third goal of the year will be the installation of the second containment building liner for unit 1, followed by our final goal of the year – the first mechanical and electrical installations within the reactor building itself.



Now complete, the 1.8km long outfall tunnel is made up of 1,206 concrete rings and 9648 individual concrete segments

### Get in touch

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# Hinkley Point C - Monthly Update

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

### The Round Britain Climate Challenge

UN Ambassador Sacha Dench recently stopped in at Hinkley Point C as part of her epic circumnavigation of mainland Britain on the Round Britain Climate Challenge. Known as the “human swan”, Sacha is travelling over 3,000 miles around Britain in an electric paramotor, attempting to earn two Guinness World Records- the fastest and first flight around Britain by this method.

During the visit to Site Sacha met with members of the HPC team as well as Professor Tom Scott from the University of Bristol to learn more about the important role HPC will play in Helping Britain Achieve Net Zero.



### Construction Progress - Tunnelling and Steam Generator Systems

The second of our four major goals for 2021, the completion of the power station’s outfall tunnel has now been completed. Since the beginning of the Spring, the team have tunnelled 1.8km, 24 metres below the Bristol Channel

The first tanks that will support the operations of the steam generator blowdown system have also been installed within the first reactor building. Lifted into place by Big Carl, the 16-tonne tank is the largest installed by the MEH Alliance so far. It is the first of 10 which will need to be installed across both reactors in the years ahead.



### Making a Difference in the Community

Team members from the Balfour Beatty Marine Works Team spent an afternoon with Stowey Green Spaces Group helping to make Stowey Woods more accessible. The team repaired a wooden bridge, built a whole new set of steps up through a slippery path and cleared an overgrown path.

Joined by HPC Chaplain, Ewen Huffman, the team got stuck in to support the Stowey Green Spaces Group and have made a visible difference to the wood and wider area.



### Get in touch

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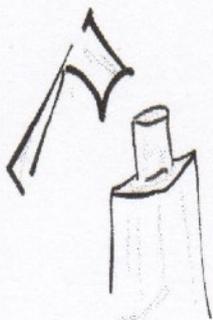
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## Contacts and Parish Information

### Parish Councillors:

Chris Morgan (Chair) 01278 734887 or 07966-697460  
[cmorgan195@icloud.com](mailto:cmorgan195@icloud.com)

Sue Goss (vice-Chair)

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

Clerk: Richard Wand 01278 652534

Meetings: held monthly in the Victory Hall, Stogursey  
7.15 - 7.30 Public Forum - for parishioners to attend & ask  
questions,  
from 7.30 pm Councillors' meeting - parishioners may  
attend and listen.

### West Somerset & Ward Councillors:

Chris Morgan [crr.c.morgan@somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk](mailto: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

Burton & Knighton:	Sue Goss	733405
Wick & Stolford:	Susan E Jones	652287
Stogursey & Shurton:	Chris Morgan	734887

### EdF Main Site Neighbourhood Forum

#### Representatives for the Hamlets:

##### Burton and Knighton

Mike Laver [m\\_laver@btinternet.com](mailto:m_laver@btinternet.com) 732069

Sue Jones [suekibjones@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:suekibjones@yahoo.co.uk) 732275

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Susan E Jones [suejones279@btinternet.com](mailto:suejones279@btinternet.com) 652287

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Dick Blomfield. [richie.blomfield@btinternet.com](mailto:richie.blomfield@btinternet.com) 653302

Parish Council Member: Chris Ford

West Som District & Ward Councillor: Sue Goss

### EdF Contacts:

#### Hinkley Point C Drop-Ins /Main Site Forums

Main Site forums currently being held on-line.  
Next forum: **21 October**. Phone 0333 0097070  
or email: [hinkley-enquiries@edf-energy.com](mailto: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 [scrbookings7@gmail.com](mailto:scrbookings7@gmail.com). (07565 149966)  
St. Peter's Church Stolford - Susan E Jones 652287

### Stogursey Community Network (SCN)

Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/StogurseyCSN](http://www.facebook.com/StogurseyCSN)

Phone: 01278 732149.

Medical Transport/voluntary driver: 07485 350560

### Health Centres

Cannington 01278 652335

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 - 3 in the parish:

♥ - on the wall outside Stogursey Motors, Stogursey

♥ - side entrance of Babbling Brook Inn, Shurton

♥ - church of St Peter, Stolford

### Mobile Library: Route G

The library visits on Thursdays - every 4 weeks

#### Shurton

Babbling Brook 12.05 pm - 12.30 pm

#### Stogursey

Greyhound Inn 1.10 pm - 1.50 pm

Town Close (No 30) 1.55 pm - 2.25 pm

#### Next Visiting Dates in 2021:

23 September.

For more information, contact Libraries Direct by

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Email at [www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries)

### POLICE

Non-Emergencies- Call 101      Emergencies - Call 999

#### Community Policing & Speed Watch Volunteers

Jamie Munro PC 4376 Neighbourhood Beat Manager

Williton & Watchet (AW052). Mobile: 07889 659436

Email: [jamie.munro@avonandsomerset.police.uk](mailto:jamie.munro@avonandsomerset.police.uk)

### 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.

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