

STOGURSEY NEWS



Spring flowers in Benhole Lane

Photo: TM

April 2025

Deadline for **MAY 2025** contributions: 10.00am Tuesday 15th April 2025

EDITORIAL

We hope everyone is looking forward to the first bank holiday of the year at Easter. Hopefully, as Easter is later this year, the weather will be getting better and we can look forward to a number of spring events.

As the village hall is named the 'Victory Hall', and this year marks the 80th anniversary of VE Day, there are various events taking place throughout the weekend of 9th - 11th May at the hall. The children from the local primary school will be designing VE posters and writing poetry which will be on display at the Victory Hall.

Come and celebrate St George's day, the patron saint of England, at the hall on the 26th April. There you will find a typical English theme, maybe with a dragon and a knight for all the family to enjoy.

The Easter fete being held at the Jubilee Rooms on the 5th April will be open to all, and various stalls will be selling crafts, local produce, food products, and much more, to herald in spring with seasonal fare.

The editorial team wish everyone a nice Easter and hope that you enjoy the longer and warmer days!

Stogursey-Online.uk

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

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

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

Stogursey News

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

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

Guidelines

for contributing to Stogursey News

- * Prepare your contribution as a straightforward text document (no boxes, tables or pdfs please)
- * Attach it to an email.
- * Send it to: stogurseyparishnews@gmail.com

A few more points to remember:

- Please submit by the deadline date published at the top of this page.
- Please keep within a 500-word limit.
- Stogursey News Team reserves the right to edit contributions for length, and for space available.
- Your contribution will be published in our standardised font style, font size and colour. *(We do not print colour posters).*
- Send your contribution for each and every month that you would like it published.
- If you include an illustration, it must be copyright free. *(Stogursey News will not be liable for costs resulting from prosecution if this condition is ignored.)*

We look forward to receiving your contributions,

Thank you

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Regular Events

Monday	*60+ Rehabilitation Fitness Class (weekly) *Spinal Mobility, Balance & Strength Class (weekly) Health Walks - Level One (weekly) <i>Contact: https://www.sasp.co.uk/sedgemoor</i>	Victory Hall Victory Hall Steart Marshes Car Park	9.30am - 10.40am 11.00am - 12 noon 2.00pm
Tuesday	*Core Stability - Pilates-based (weekly) Tai Chi Shibashi for over-50s (weekly) (<i>Contact AgeUK 01823 345 624</i>) Stogursey Lunches (weekly, except 1st Tues of month) Bingo (weekly) Parish Council Meeting (second Tuesday of month) Meditation (first & third Tuesday of month) Short Mat Bowls (weekly) <i>Contact: Ron 01278 732688</i> Quantock Tennis Club (first Tuesday of month)	Victory Hall Victory Hall Jubilee Rooms St Audries Centre Victory Hall St Andrew's Church, Lilstock Victory Hall Multi-sport court, Victory Hall	9.00am - 10.00am 10.30am Doors Open 12 noon Eyes Down 2.00pm 7.00pm 7.15pm 7.30pm - 9.00pm 6.00pm - 10.00pm
Wednesday	Forget-Me-Not Café (alternate Wednesdays) Ukulele Sessions (alternate Wednesdays) Sea Shanty Singers (alternate Wednesdays)	Jubilee Rooms Greyhound Inn Greyhound Inn	10.30am - 12 noon 7.30pm - 9.30pm 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Thursday	Health Walks - Level Two (weekly) <i>Contact - https://www.sasp.co.uk/health-walks</i> Mobile Library visit (once every four weeks) Youth Club (weekly) Stogursey Arts Photographic Society- SAPS (second Thursday of month) Film Night (monthly)	Steart Marshes Car Park Shurton & Stogursey Youth Club Jubilee Rooms Jubilee Rooms	10.00am as per schedule 6.30pm - 8.30pm 7.00pm doors open 7.00pm
Friday	Toddler & Baby Group (term-time only) Friday Social Café (weekly) Quantock Tennis Club (weekly) <i>Contact John Nicholson 01278 732711 / JFNicholson@talktalk.net</i>	Victory Hall Jubilee Rooms Multi-sport court, Victory Hall	9.30am - 11.30am 10.00am - 12 noon 10.00am - 12 noon
Saturday			
Sunday	Quantock Tennis Club (weekly)	Multi-sport court, Victory Hall	10.00am - 12 noon

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Wednesday 2	Easter Wreath & Obelisk making course	Victory Hall	6.30pm - 8.30pm
Thursday 3	Mobile Library	as per schedule	as per schedule
Saturday 5	Easter Fete & Craft Fair	Jubilee Rooms	10.00am - 1.00pm
Tuesday 8	Parish Council: Annual Assembly & Meeting	Victory Hall	7.00pm
Wednesday 9	Forget-me-not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon
Wednesday 9	Strummers of Stogursey - Ukulele session	Greyhound Inn	7.30pm - 9.30pm
Thursday 10	Easter Bingo	Victory Hall	7.00pm for 7.30pm
Friday 11	Quiz Night (Spring & Eggs theme)	Victory Hall	7.00pm for 7.30pm
Wednesday 23	Forget-me-not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon
Wednesday 23	Strummers of Stogursey - Ukulele session	Greyhound Inn	7.30pm - 9.30pm
Saturday 26	St George's Night	Victory Hall	6.30pm
Sunday 27	Sunday Roast	Victory Hall	12 noon - 2.00pm

APRIL SUNDAY SERVICE ROTA for Quantock Gate Parishes

CHURCH	6 th April	13 th April	20 th April	27 th April
	Lent 5	Palm Sunday	Easter Sunday	Easter 2
Cannington St Mary	8.00 & 9.30am Holy Communion	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Rise & Shine All Age Service	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion & Easter Egg Hunt	8.00 & 9.30am Holy Communion
Combwich St Peter	11.15am Family Service	6.00pm Prayer & Praise	11.15am Family Communion	
Fiddington St Martin	9.00am Holy Communion	9.00am Holy Communion	9.00am Family Communion	9.00am Family Service
Steart St Andrew			5.30am Dawn Eucharist (followed by breakfast)	
Stockland St Mary Magdalene		11.15am Family Service		11.15am Holy Communion
Stogursey St Andrew	10.30am Holy Communion	10.30am Holy Communion	10.30am Family Communion & Easter Egg Hunt	10.30am Café Church @ Jubilee Rooms
	Purple	Red	Gold/White	Gold/White

Holy Week Services

Holy Monday	Holy Tuesday	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Holy Saturday
6.30pm 'The Passion of Christ' by Arthur Somervell <i>with the Quantock Deanery Singers at Stogursey Church</i>	7.00pm Tenebrae <i>a service of light and shadow at Cannington Church</i>	7.00pm Holy Communion at Cannington Church <i>followed by silent vigil and Compline at 9pm</i>	Prayer & Reflection in Church for Good Friday 9.00am – Combwich 10.00am – Fiddington 10.30am – Stockland 12.00pm – Stogursey 12.00pm – Cannington Eucharist 3.00pm - Cannington	8.00pm Easter Vigil Cannington Church

All are always welcome to any of our services

Revd Alison Waters, Rector & Revd Jan Church, Associate Priest
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THANK YOU!

The **Stogursey Community Network** volunteers wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to the **Somerset Community Foundation** for the 'Help Through Winter' grant which has enabled us to provide financial help to several groups in our community, as well as to support our own costs until the end of March 2025.

We are very grateful for all the help and support provided. Thank you!

Points from the Parish Council Meetings February and March 2025

Land at Paddons Farm

The transfer of land from Strongvox to the Parish Council, which will be used to provide additional parking, is still dragging its heels in the hands of the solicitors.

Shurton Pumping Station

Following a parishioner raising their concerns over raw sewage being released over a public footpath the Council contacted Wessex Water and their reply is as follows:

We're only aware of two sewer related issues, in the catchment area, over the last 12 months.

- April 2024 – A blockage in the main sewer. The cause of the blockage is unknown
- January 2025 – Report of flooding in the road outside a nearby property January road flooding

We identified the Sewer Pumping Station was operating at a high level because of recent rainfall. We sampled the flood water which confirmed that, while there was a small amount escaping from the manhole, it was heavily diluted.

It was concluded that the recent heavy rain had caused a significant amount of additional rainwater to enter the sewer system. Our sewers are designed to take sewage away from properties. In some cases, they also take away surface water which runs off roads, roofs, footpaths, and paved areas.

Our sewerage system can cope with day-to-day flows, but exceptional wet weather can overwhelm it and cause sewer flooding. Normally this is because a lot of extra water enters the sewer system and the amount of water then exceeds the sewer's hydraulic capacity, the water can't flow through the pipes quickly enough. This causes the water to back up and rise, eventually surcharging (overflowing) through manholes.

The team that attended confirmed the flooding had ceased whilst they were onsite investigating. We continued to monitor the situation for 24 hours and followed up with residents to confirm that no further issues occurred.

Ongoing investigations

We have already implemented some mitigation measures for properties near the pumping station due to historical issues. In 2016/2017 we relined approximately 800 meters of sewer, which would have helped prevent unwanted groundwater entering the sewer and causing operational issues.

We are continuing to monitor the situation and are in the initial stages of a sewer review.

If you or the residents experience/witness any sewer-related problems, please contact our customer service team on 0345 600 4 600, so we can send a team to investigate. This also helps us to build an accurate history of events.

County Highways

The Parish Council has continued to raise concerns over potholes with Somerset Council. Regarding the state of the Operation Harold Route between Burton and the Strington and Nether Stowey turnings it was told that whilst Highways could repair potholes on an individual basis, there was an embargo on them closing the road to do a thorough repair as it was a recognised escape route. However, they did ask that the public and the council continue to report pothole issues to them at [Report a problem on the road](https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-travel-and-parking/report-a-problem-on-the-road/) (<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-travel-and-parking/report-a-problem-on-the-road/>)

Lengthsman Scheme

The Parish Council has agreed to continue with its Lengthsman Scheme with funding provided by Hinkley Point C and have awarded the contract to S & J Foster.

Steart Habitat Creation Scheme

At our February meeting we received a presentation from the Bristol Port Authority on their scheme which will create over 130 hectares of intertidal wetlands that can be enjoyed by both people and wildlife long into the future, to compensate for the development of a wind terminal. At this month's meeting the Parish Council supported the Port Authority's request for an environmental impact assessment scoping opinion from Somerset Council.

Stogursey Parish's Annual Assembly / Parish Council's Next Meeting

The Parish's Annual Assembly will be taking place on **Tuesday 8th April** at 7pm at the Victory Hall. This will be followed by the Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm.

The Clerk can be contacted by email at: clerk@stogurseyparishcouncil.org.uk

Steve Taylor, Clerk to Stogursey Parish Council

Please send contributions for publication to: stogurseyparishnews@gmail.com

VICTORY HALL LOTTERY WINNERS

February Draw 2025

1 st prize	£25.00	Maria Williams	No 49
2 nd prize	£15.00	Jo Loveday	No 40
3 rd prize	£10.00	Allan Searle	No 16

Make an Easter Wreath or Garden Obelisk

Manda's Willow is pleased to announce the following Wreath and Garden Obelisk classes in April. Come and join me for a few hours and learn to make your own Easter Wreath or a Garden obelisk from locally grown Somerset Willow.

You may find you have the time to do both!
All materials are provided as well as tuition and refreshments.

Wednesday 2nd April

6.30pm - 8.30pm in Stogursey Village Hall

£45 per person

£20 deposit required on booking.

Discount for groups of 4+

Further details and how to book are on Manda's Willow Facebook, or contact Manda directly on mandaswillow@gmail.com

Easter Fete & Craft Fair

Saturday 5th April

10.00am - 1.00pm

Jubilee Rooms, Castle Street, Stogursey

Come along and browse the stalls - there will be a wide-range of goods and products for sale, including:

- ❖ Hand-made greeting cards and sea-glass pictures
- ❖ Bags - handbags, shoppers, beach bags etc
- ❖ Crochet wearables, tatted earrings, and laser-engraved trinkets.
- ❖ Fresh, seasonal, local and home-made produce
- ❖ Hand-made cards for any occasion
- ❖ Ugandan jewellery, small gift and fabric items
- ❖ Local honey, beeswax candles, sausages from free-range local pigs
- ❖ Home-made cakes and savouries
- ❖ Refreshments: coffee / tea / fruit juice

FREE ENTRY

If you would like to book a table for your products, please email sjrbookings7@gmail.com or phone 07507 374234
Large table £10 / small table £5

Quiz Night

Friday 11th April in the Victory Hall

7.00pm for a 7.30pm start

£2 per person/ maximum 6 per team

Annual Easter Bingo

Wednesday 16th April

at the Victory Hall

7.00pm for a 7.30pm start

Always a good night & great prizes!



Celebrate St George's Day

in the Victory Hall on

Saturday 26th April

Servings 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Starters & Desserts: £4.50

Main course (Steak or Gammon) £17.00

BOOKINGS ONLY

Phone 01278 733161 and leave a message

Enjoy great food, music & company!



SUNDAY ROAST

at the Victory Hall, Stogursey



SUNDAY 27th APRIL

Lunch will be available from 12 noon to 14:00

1 course £10.00 / 2 courses £15.00

CASH ONLY PLEASE

Bookings are required:

Please contact Denise Oliver on 01278 733594

BAR OPEN FROM 12 NOON

Stogursey Victory Hall News

Wow! It's been a busy month.

We are working towards marking the

80th Anniversary of Victory In Europe,

and have been networking with Jubilee Rooms/Forget-Me- Not Café/ Festival Group/John James and Mr Gary Tucker, Headteacher at Stogursey Primary School.

Stogursey Primary school children are going to be creative in designing VE posters, writing & poetry. Their work will be displayed in the hall for all to admire.

Also there will be memorabilia & extracts of what happened in our area during wartime.

Mr Tucker has kindly invited us, and anyone else interested, to help find details from the Stogursey School's archived diaries and registers.

Tuesday 22nd April, 2.00pm - 3.00pm, VE Open

Hour in Stogursey School. We are very grateful to Mr Tucker & the school for allowing us to glean some historical memories, we hope to see you there.

Stogursey Victory Hall
PLANNED EVENTS FOR 80th VE DAY ANNIVERSARY:

Friday 9th & Saturday 10th May - Variety Show

If you are interested in contributing, please contact John James 01278 734988 / jjames487@aol.com
STOGURSEY HAS TALENT - WE NEED YOU!

Saturday 10th May - Children's Party - for pre-school and primary school pupils in the Victory Hall. We are asking parents to bring a plate of party food to share. Entertainment/games . . . much fun!

Sunday 11th May - Afternoon Tea Dance -

Enjoy listening or dancing along to Steve Saddington with an afternoon tea, followed by listening/singing along to 'Our Village Land Girls'.

Watch out for posters & look on Stogursey Pulse, it should be a great weekend.

And another date to save:

Saturday 19th July - Stogursey Victory Hall Summer Fete

Thanks everyone for your continuing support, look forward to seeing you all soon.

Heather Ranson 07968799312
Sue Hocking 07772181740 hocking24@aol.com

Charity Quiz Night

Friday 16th May

Victory Hall

7.00pm for a 7.30pm start

£2 per person/ maximum 6 per team
RAFFLE!

Stogursey Twinning Association

Plant Sale

The STA will be holding a fund raising plant sale on the Gravel on **17th May**, 9.30am till 1.00pm, with a large selection of annual, herbaceous perennial and vegetable plants on offer, as well as some hanging baskets and planters, just in time for planting out at the end of May.

There will also be a good selection of pre-loved gardening books to buy.

This event is open to everyone, and we very much hope that it will be well attended! In the event of the weather being too wet or windy we will hold the sale in the Jubilee Rooms.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed plastic pots and seed trays!

If anyone would like to donate plants of any description, ornamental pots, or gardening books, please contact Debbie at ecologieuk@gmail.com.

Please send contributions for publication to: stogurseyparishnews@gmail.com

STOGURSEY VICTORY VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 24th MAY

9.00am - 4.00pm

First Aid at Work Courses

Certified

Maximum of 20 people

£30.00 each including lunch

Please book your place

Heather Ranson 07968799312 or

heatherranson124@btinternet.com

Burton Fete



Sunday 25th May

9.00am - 10.00pm

- * Food
- * Bar
- * Craft stalls
- * Live music
- * Dog show

Raising money for local charities

£1.50 entry. FREE for under 12yrs

Saturday 24th May

5.00pm - 9.00pm

Come on down to Burton Springs for a chilled Saturday night.

- Local Pizza truck making hand-stretched fired pizzas (vegetarian/vegan available),
- Bar serving ales, cider & lager.
- A giant firepit and an autistic artist to help sooth the evening along.

Entry is by donation

Solution to Crossword No. 58

MARCH 2025

ACROSS:

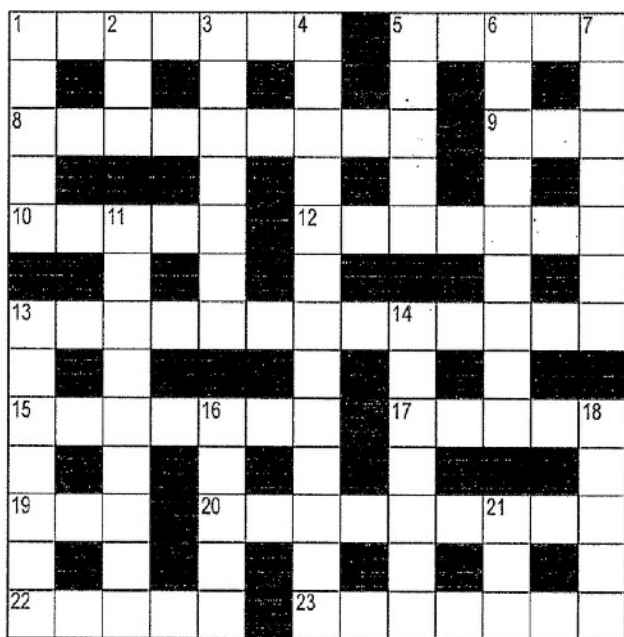
1.Canvass, 5.Ochre, 8.Winnebago, 9.Rut, 10.Duplo,
12.Derwent, 13.Barbecue Sauce, 15.Cordoba,
17.Renew, 19.LED, 20.Islamabad, 22.Cheer,
23.Thyroid

DOWN:

1.Ciwyd, 2.Nan, 3.Anemone, 4.Spandau Ballet,
5.Odour, 6.Harlequin, 7.Entitle, 11.Partridge,
13.Bucolic, 14.Scrumpy, 16.Osier, 18.Waded, 21.Boo

CROSSWORD No.59

compiled by Helen Cuttall



CLUES ACROSS

1. Plant with edible fleshy leaves which are cooked (7)
5. Many headed serpent in Greek mythology (5)
8. Very typical example of a person or things (9)
9. Civil Aviation Authority (3)
10. Metal plate on which an Indian meal is served (5)
12. Bathroom immediately adjoining a bedroom (2,5)
13. Flowers of ornamental cherry trees (6,8)
15. Person in charge of a ship or boat (7)
17. Flax (5)
19. Before the present (3)
20. Road and area in the City of Westminster (9)
22. Squirrels nests (5)
23. Cocktail of brandy, lemon juice & orange liqueur (7)

CLUES DOWN

1. Eaten on a Sunday (5)
2. Coordinated Universal Time (3)
3. Workshop or studio used by an artist or designer (7)
4. Fruits developed by crossing various plants of the genus Rubus (6,7)
5. The crusty ends of a loaf of bread (5)
6. Emily US poet (9)
7. City in California, home to the Disneyland Resort (7)
11. Fish without scales (9)
13. Sweet sauce made with milk, eggs and sugar (7)
14. Sesame, rape, sunflower (7)
16. County in Wales (5)
18. Grinding tooth at the back of a mammal's mouth (5)
21. A curve (3)



STOGURSEY FORGET-ME-NOT CAFÉ

Jubilee Rooms, Castle Street, Stogursey

FORTNIGHTLY ON WEDNESDAYS

10.30am – 12.00 noon



Café Dates:

Wednesday 9th April, Wednesday 23rd April

Wednesday 7th May, Wednesday 21st May

FORGET-ME-NOT CAFÉS provide support, companionship and a warm welcome to those who are recognising issues with their memory, as well as their family, friends or carers. There are a variety of activities, some involving existing local groups, such as music, singing, arts, crafts, poetry, bingo, quizzes, or just a quiet chat over a coffee. We are a voluntary group, financed by and fundraising events.

The Café runs fortnightly, planned so that the café is open the alternate week to Watchet Forget-me-Not Café. Many friendships have been made over the years. Please come along and see what we do, you will receive a warm welcome.

FORGET-ME-NOT NEWS

We will be at Burton Fete running our annual fundraising Tombola on Sunday May 25th from 10am. We hope to see you at Burton Springs Fishing and Holidays, Burton, TA5 1QB. It's a great day out for all the family: stalls, music, food, bar, dog show and lots more . . .

We have a lovely group of friendly volunteers, but we always need extra help at the Forget-me-Not Café, chatting to people, making teas and coffees or washing up. Why not pop in one Wednesday and say hello and see if you'd like to volunteer.

All are welcome from the neighbouring villages.

For more information please contact:

Helen: 01278 733451 cuttallhelen@gmail.com

Rose: 07507 374234 rosechalk@icloud.com



invites you to

"Birding with the BBC"

video clips of spectacular places and wildlife
by TV producer

Stephen Moss

Monday 28th April

2.00pm - 4.00pm

Holford Village Hall

Refreshments will be served

Website <https://quantock.u3asite.uk/>.

Please send contributions for publication to: stogurseyparishnews@gmail.com



Stogursey Lunches MENUS*

Tuesday 2 April

No lunches today

Tuesday 8 April 2025

(book by Fri 4 April - phone 01278 733451)

Chicken, leek and mushroom casserole, with
new potatoes, OR

Butter bean, leek and mushroom casserole,
with new potatoes

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Lemon meringue ice cream

Tuesday 15 April 2025

(book by Fri 11 April - phone 01278 733451)

Roast chicken pieces, potato wedges and
vegetables OR

Cheesy vegetable pasta bake, with side salad

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Chocolate banana brownies with
vanilla ice cream

Tuesday 22 April 2025

(book by Fri 18 April - phone 01278 733451)

Cottage pie (beef) with green vegetables OR

Red dragon pie

(aduki bean and vegetables, topped with mashed
potato) with green vegetables

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Caramel Custard

Tuesday 29 April 2025

(book by Fri 25 April - phone 01278 733451)

Pork, apple and piccalilli pie, with salad OR

Vegetable open crust pie, with salad

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Lemon tiramisu (alcohol free)

*MENUS MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE



Stogursey Community Network (SCN)

APRIL 2025

How to contact us: stogurseycommunitynetwork@gmail.com,
or Tel: 01278 732149

**To book Medical Transport or Stogursey Lunches,
please use the dedicated numbers given below.**

STOGURSEY LUNCHES - Tel: 01278 733451

Doors open 12.00, we serve from 12.30 pm.

Everyone is welcome to enjoy our wonderful home-cooked meals.
Come along with friends or make new friends at the Lunches! Children
are very welcome and meals are FREE for under-12 year olds (children
must be accompanied by a responsible adult).

A vegetarian option is always available, and we can cater for special
diets / preferences on request at time of booking. But don't forget to
book your meals in advance!

Where: Jubilee Rooms, Castle Street, Stogursey

When: Tuesdays (except the first Tuesday of the month)

Cost: Payment is by anonymous cash donation. Please pay what
you can afford to help cover our costs. But if you can afford a bit more,
you will help others.

Advance booking please (in order to avoid waste and cater to your
needs) **Tel: 01278 733451 by 5pm on the preceding Friday.** See our
Menus for the month on this page, on the bus-stop noticeboard, and
outside the Jubilee Rooms.

MEDICAL TRANSPORT - Tel: 07485 350560

For residents in the Stogursey parish, our DBS-checked volunteer
drivers can take you to a **medical appointment** if you are unable to
get there any other way. Payment by cash donation.

*Please note, we are all volunteers and sometimes we may not be able
to fulfil your request, although we always do our very best.*

We do require 48 hrs notice for all requests please.

Medical Transport - Tel: 07485 350560 (please leave a clear
message)

PRESCRIPTION DELIVERY

In addition, SCN volunteers collect prescriptions from the two local
Health Centres and deliver these to the **SPAR/POST OFFICE** for
collection. If your Surgery has designated you a housebound or home
delivery patient, we will deliver to you at home. (Please note: This is
only for those patients who are unable to collect from the Surgery or
from the SPAR/PO.)

Food Bank / Pantry Donations and Deliveries

The SCN is an official outpost of the Quantock Food Bank and Mobile
Pantry. We are always grateful for donations to the Foodbank collection
box in the Spar/Post Office. If you, or someone you know, needs food
assistance please contact us or the **Village Agent** (for a Foodbank
referral) and/or **Home Start** (for families with young children). Phone
numbers on the 'Contacts and Parish Information' page in this
magazine. The Mobile Pantry comes to the village on Tuesday
afternoons for Pantry clients.



Stogursey C of E Primary and Pre-School



Headteacher: Mr G Tucker

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website: <http://www.stogurseyprimaryschool.co.uk>



World Book Day

I'd like to take a moment to celebrate the fantastic children who take on leadership roles across our school. Their dedication, responsibility, and willingness to serve our school community make such a difference, and it's wonderful to see them growing in confidence every week.

Our Collective Worship Crew also deserve recognition for the way they lead our Monday worship each week. It's wonderful to see them delivering our Christian ethos with increasing confidence, responding to feedback, and becoming braver in their leadership. Their role in shaping the spiritual life of our school is invaluable.

We also had some fantastic work in our school library, with our librarians working alongside an external library expert to put improvements in place. Their dedication to making the library a welcoming and inspiring space for all our children is really making a difference.

Gary Tucker, Headteacher

Beacon

Beacon class have enjoyed writing their versions of 'The Sister who Ate her Brothers' with some excellent improvements to their writing. I have been very impressed with their resilience and stamina. Year 6 have been working very hard on their fractions and have impressed themselves too. We have continued the fascinating narrative of the Battle of Sedgemoor and the children are so engaged and enthusiastic about this important and local part of our British heritage. We have also conducted an experiment to test the effect of mass on gravity which went against what the popular consensus was - but that's when some of the best learning happens.

Beacon class had a great day dressing up for World Book Day.



Here are a selection of Beacon's fantastic costumes!

Alfoxton

Thursday was our favourite day with everyone putting in so effort to promote reading. During the day, we created a story for Triscombe Class. We based it on the text, 'Red Rockets and Rainbow Jelly'. We decided it would be a fun, yet informative book to help younger children learn colours and realise that we all like different things but can still be good friends.

We also enjoyed story time with Miss Day, listening to Dr Seuss, Hans Christian Anderson and R L Stine. We created images of the things we imagined as we listened to the stories. It was both creative and calming at the same time.

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Even our PE was story-based as we did a yoga session that retold one of our favourite stories.

Triscombe

In RE, we've been learning about Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. The children really engaged with the story and had lots of thoughtful questions about its significance. It's great to see them connecting with the lessons in such a meaningful way.

We also celebrated Cake Day by making pancakes – and they were delicious! The children had a great time flipping and decorating their pancakes, making it a fun and tasty activity.



We celebrated a *brilliant* World Book Day.

The children looked amazing in their costumes, with everything from Mary Poppins to the Gruffalo, and even some super creative characters we've never seen before! It was so much fun seeing everyone get into the spirit of reading.

Preschool

What a wonderful week we have had at Preschool. We have made the most of the beautiful weather by exploring the village and visiting the park, the castle and walking in the fields.

We had a tiny visitor to preschool on Monday morning, when a ladybird landed in our sand tray. The children enjoyed looking at the ladybird and we counted all the spots on its back!

On Tuesday we enjoyed pancakes for breakfast and then listened to the story 'Mr Wolf's pancakes' before exploring a pancake-themed tough tray.



We were also gifted a very large box, which provided the children with endless play opportunities. It was a car, a hiding place, a rocket, an easel and a house!



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Meetings 3rd Thursday of each month

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The aim of the club is to offer gardeners, from around the Quantock area, whatever their enthusiasm, a chance to get together with other gardeners in the locality. We enjoy a guest speaker, raffle, plant table (season dependent).

Members free (annual membership £25), guests £5, to include free tea/coffee & home made cake! All welcome.

Thursday 17th April

'Gardens of Madeira' - A talk by Jonny Hartnell

Tuesday 29th April

Car visit to Fairfield, Stogursey

Sunday 11th May

Coach trip to RHS Malvern Spring Show

Thursday 15th May

'The Newt in Somerset: History & recent developments' - A talk by Arthur Cole

Saturday 17th May

Plant Sale - Thomas Poole Library, Nether Stowey

Thursday 22nd May

Car visit to Wick Gardens, Langport

For more information about our vibrant club, contact secretary Kate Houghton 07940 836139 or email: stoweygardeners@yahoo.com Website - <https://sites.google.com/site/stowey-gardeners>

Did you know that Easter was once banned?

By the late Middle Ages, Easter was marked by elaborate religious services and ceremonies. During the Reformation, the Puritans were not happy with these ceremonies, and in 1647, Parliament abolished Easter. After Charles II was restored to the English throne in 1660, Easter Sunday festivities returned.

Hot Cross Buns

Traditionally the buns were sold and eaten on Good Friday. The different elements of the hot cross bun are said to have specific meanings: the cross represents the crucifixion of Jesus, the spices inside signify the spices used to embalm him, and the fruit symbolises the end of fasting and eating only plain food during Lent. Buns baked on Good Friday were believed never to go mouldy and to be capable of curing diseases, especially those affecting the stomach. Some were even hung in homes and were thought to protect against misfortune.

Easter Eggs

Eggs are associated with new life, and the giving of eggs has long been linked with Easter. In 1290, Edward I purchased 450 eggs which were painted or covered in gold leaf before being distributed to his royal followers. Henry VIII received an egg enclosed in a silver case as an Easter present from the Pope in Rome. Fees due to the Church at Easter were sometimes paid using eggs, which at medieval Durham were known as 'egg-silver.' Eggs were also collected at Easter to be distributed to the poor as charity.

Pace-Egging is an ancient custom from the north of England. "Pace" comes from the Latin word "Pascha," which means Easter. Pace-Eggs are eggs decorated by wrapping them in onion skins and then boiling them, giving the shells a golden, mottled effect. Usually Pace-eggs were either eaten on Easter Sunday or handed out to the Pace-Eggers. Pace-Eggers are associated with Lancashire villages. They were groups of fantastically dressed 'mummers' who processed through the streets singing the Pace-eggers' song and collecting money. On Easter Monday in Preston, Lancashire, children take part in egg-rolling competitions. They see who can roll their decorated eggs the furthest without the eggs cracking. Not breaking your egg is said to bring good luck. But . . . Pace-egg shells must be crushed for they are used by Lancashire witches as boats!

Sources:

- <https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/easter/5-things-you-might-not-know-about-easter/>
- <https://www.historic-uk.com/CultureUK/Pace-Egging/>
- wikipedia

The Stogursey Community Network



Our Community Relations team visited the Stogursey Community Network during a 'pay what you can afford' weekly lunch club in that was also open to the village's youngsters - it's free for anyone under 12. The lovely group of volunteers from across the parish also offer a wide range of services to the community including a Medical Transport service and prescription delivery.

New Monthly Dashboard

Following feedback from the community, we're introducing a new monthly dashboard to keep you informed about key topics. Please note that the data reflects the latest information from external sources and may be subject to change.

TOPIC	UPDATE	REASON
Expected noise levels	Normal	N/A
Expected Light levels	Normal	N/A
Planned use of local diversion route (*HAROLD)	None	N/A
Planned use of HPC emergency access route for site vehicles	None	N/A
Planned Somerset Council related roadworks	None	N/A
Planned Hinkley Point C related roadworks	None	N/A
Planned number of large movements on C182	6	Components required for the mechanical and eletrical phase

Find out more about the upcoming roadworks on Somerset council website and contact us to be added to the distribution list for email and text notifications

*Hinkley Alternative Routes Operating Local Diversions

A coordinated effort to increase room handovers for 2025

In 2025, over 1,600 rooms are expected to be transferred to the MEH Alliance - the contractor tasked with installing the electrical components and pipework of Hinkley Point C. The handovers are crucial for fitting out mechanical, electrical, heating, and ventilation systems needed for the power station.

These handovers require careful coordination across multiple departments. Each room must go through a detailed process before work can begin, which involves aligning schedules, definitions, and data between contractors.

DID YOU KNOW?

An internal team called the Joint Design Office reviews all room surveys for compliance against their original design. It is their job to confirm that the as-built positions are all accurate and acceptable before the mechanical and electrical fit-out can begin.



Ministerial visit - Apprentices in the spotlight



Secretary of State for Education Bridget Phillipson visited Hinkley Point C and our skills delivery partner Bridgwater & Taunton College during National Apprenticeship Week. Her visit to West Somerset coincided with an announcement by government on the massive economic contribution apprenticeships make to the UK economy.

With over 1,500 apprentices already trained across more than 70 different schemes, the project is shaping not just the future of energy, but the careers of thousands of people.



APPRENTICES TALK NUCLEAR TO PARLIAMENT

Four Hinkley Point C apprentices were invited to the House of Commons during 'Nuclear Week in Parliament' for the Nuclear Industry Association's Skills and Apprenticeships Fair to speak with Members of Parliament about their experience.

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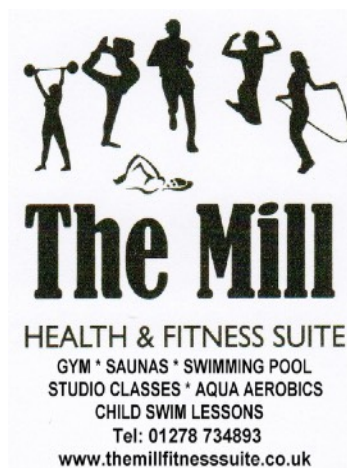
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Meetings: held monthly in the Victory Hall, Stogursey
7.15pm - 7.30pm Public Forum for parishioners to ask
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7.30pm Councillors' meeting starts - parishioners
welcome to attend and listen.

Somerset Council: Watchet & Stogursey Division
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