

# STOGURSEY NEWS



*'Carols on the Gravel' 2023*

Photo: Village Archive

*See inside for details of this year's Carols on the Gravel.*

## December 2024

# Deadline for **JANUARY 2025** contributions: 10.00am Thursday **12<sup>th</sup>** December 2024

## EDITORIAL

Welcome to December's edition of Stogursey News.

This month's cover reminds us of the yearly fun of singing carols on the Gravel. Make a note of this year's date, Friday December 13<sup>th</sup>, if you fancy going along - the more the merrier. And this will get your vocal cords nicely warmed up for more singing at The Greyhound later that evening when you can join in with the combined Strummers and Shanty Singers. In fact, it's a very busy evening in Stogursey as it's also 'eyes down' at 8pm in the Victory Hall for the big Christmas Bingo session as well. This year's Friday 13<sup>th</sup> can't possibly be unlucky.

Live music is also coming to the Victory Hall the following Friday, when the village welcomes the West Somerset Brass band for an evening of seasonal favourites.

For those of you who'd also like to make plans for the year ahead, do have a read of the article about the Twinning Association. They are keen to attract new members and to support you in getting involved in hosting some of our French visitors from Lonlay next April. The Photographic Society is also busy with new ideas. In this month's edition it gives details not only about festive exhibitions and Christmas Tree Festival plans, but also an exciting new project for 2025.

Finally, if you're tired of shop mince pies, make sure to take note of that delicious-looking recipe for homemade mincemeat. It could transform your Christmas.

Festive Greetings to all our readers.

*The Stogursey News 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

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

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

## How to contribute to Stogursey News:

### by email:

- \* Prepare your contribution as a 'word' document, (not as a pdf).
- \* Attach it to an email.
- \* Send it to: [stogurseyparishnews@gmail.com](mailto:stogurseyparishnews@gmail.com)

### A few points to remember:

- Submit your contribution by the deadline date.
- Please keep within the 500-word limit.
- Please provide your contact details so that we can get in touch if we need to.
- 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, size and colour. (*We do not print colour posters*).
- Send your contribution for each and every month 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.*)

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## Regular Events

Monday	*60+ Rehabilitation Fitness Class (weekly) *Spinal Mobility, Balance & Strength Class (weekly) Health Walks - Level One (weekly) Contact: <a href="https://www.sasp.co.uk/sedgemoor">https://www.sasp.co.uk/sedgemoor</a>	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) (Contact AgeUK 01823 345 624) Stogursey Lunches (weekly) Bingo (weekly) Parish Council Meeting (second Tuesday of month) Meditation (first & third Tuesday of month) Short Mat Bowls (weekly) Contact: Ron 01278 732688 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) Contact - <a href="https://www.sasp.co.uk/health-walks">https://www.sasp.co.uk/health-walks</a> 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	Friday Social Café (weekly) Quantock Tennis Club (weekly) Contact John Nicholson 01278 732711 or <a href="mailto:jfnicholson@talktalk.net">jfnicholson@talktalk.net</a>	Jubilee Rooms Multi-sport court, Victory Hall	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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DECEMBER			
Wednesday 4	Forget-me-not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon
Wednesday 4	Strummers of Stogursey (Ukulele session)	Greyhound Inn	7.30pm - 9.30pm
Friday 6	Christmas Quiz Evening	Jubilee Rooms	Doors open 7.00pm
Saturday 7	Christmas Market	Victory Hall	10.00am - 2.00pm
Sunday 8	Christmas Lunch	Victory Hall	12 noon - 2.00pm
Tuesday 10	Parish Council	Victory Hall	7.00pm
Friday 13	Carols on the Gravel	The Gravel	6.00pm
Friday 13	Christmas Bingo	Victory Hall	Doors open 7.00pm
Friday 13	Strummers of Stogursey & Shanty Singers	Greyhound Inn	7.30pm
Tuesday 17	Christmas Lunch (Stogursey Lunches)	Jubilee Rooms	Doors open 12 noon
Wednesday 18	Forget-me-not Café - Christmas party	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon
Thursday 19	Film Night: "The Man Who Invented Christmas"	Jubilee Rooms	Doors open 7.00pm
Friday 20	Carol Concert with West Somerset Brass Band	Victory Hall	7.00pm
JANUARY 2025			
Saturday 4	Wassail	Shurton Mill Orchard	1.00pm
Wednesday 8	Forget-me-not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon
Thursday 9	Mobile Library	as per schedule	as per schedule
Saturday 25	Burns Night	Jubilee Rooms	Doors open 7.00pm

Please send contributions to: [stogurseyparishnews@gmail.com](mailto:stogurseyparishnews@gmail.com)

## DECEMBER SERVICE ROTA for The Quantock Gate Parishes

CHURCH	1 <sup>st</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	29 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Cannington</b> St Mary	8.00 & 9.30am <b>Holy Communion</b>	8.00am <b>Holy Communion</b> 9.30am <b>Christingle &amp; Toy Service</b>	8.00 & 9.30am <b>Holy Communion</b>	8.00 & 9.30am <b>Holy Communion</b>	4.00pm <b>Crib Service</b>  11.30pm <b>Midnight Mass</b>	8.00am <b>Holy Communion</b> 9.30am <b>Family Communion</b>	8.00am <b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Combwich</b> St Peter	11.15am <b>Family Service</b>	4.00pm <b>Christingle Service</b>	11.15am <b>Holy Communion</b>		9.00pm "Not Quite Midnight" <b>Mass</b>		
<b>Fiddington</b> St Martin	9.00am <b>Holy Communion</b>	9.00am <b>Holy Communion</b>	4.00pm <b>Carol Service</b>	9.00am <b>Family Service</b>	9.00pm "Not Quite Midnight" <b>Mass</b>		
<b>Steart</b> St Andrew							10.00am <b>United Benefice Service</b>
<b>Stockland</b> St Mary Magdalene		11.15am <b>Family Service</b>	6.00pm <b>Carols by Candlelight</b>	11.15am <b>Holy Communion</b>		11.00am <b>Family Communion</b>	
<b>Stolford</b> St Peter		6.00pm <b>Carol Service</b>				9.00am <b>Family Communion</b>	
<b>Stogursey</b> St Andrew	10.30am <b>Holy Communion</b>	10.30am <b>Holy Communion</b>	10.30am <b>Holy Communion</b>	6.00pm <b>Carols by Candlelight</b>	4.00pm <b>Crib Service</b>	10.30am <b>Family Communion</b>	
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### Christmas Services

All are always welcome to any of our services.

See our flyer for more detail of Christmas Services at Stogursey and Stolford,  
and our Christmas Tree Festival.

*A very happy Christmas to all and a joyous New Year!*

*Revd Alison Waters, Rector & Revd Jan Church, Associate Priest*

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# MERRY CHRISTMAS

We would like to wish everyone  
a **HAPPY CHRISTMAS** and  
ALL THE BEST FOR THE  
COMING NEW YEAR.

From all of the Stogursey Victory  
Village Hall Committee

Thank you for your support  
STOGURSEY VICTORY HALL

## Come and enjoy a fun **Christmas Quiz Evening** **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

Jubilee Rooms from 7pm

First prize: a Christmas hamper

Entrance £6 per person -  
includes a glass of mulled wine  
and a mince pie.

You're welcome to bring  
your own drinks.

Teams of 4  
to be registered in advance -  
email Anna:  
StogurseyTwinningAssociation  
@gmail.com or  
call 01278 732690

## STOGURSEY VICTORY VILLAGE HALL **CHRISTMAS MARKET** **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

10.00am - 2.00pm

STALLS

Tea , Coffee, Cake and Mince Pies

FATHER CHRISTMAS  
plus gifts £3.00

Also bring your dogs to meet  
Father Christmas from 1.00pm



Images sent in by Denise and Helen,  
Thank you

## **CHRISTMAS LUNCH** **on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

Lunch will be served between  
12 noon and 2pm

2 courses £15.00 &

3 courses £20.00

Both offer tea, coffee &  
mince pies to finish

CHILDREN'S LUNCHES  
ALSO AVAILABLE

The bar will be open as usual  
from 12 noon.

Booking preferred  
CASH ONLY PLEASE  
Please contact Denise on:  
01278733594 or 07453381844

## Join in this year's **Carols on the Gravel** **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** **6.00pm**

Dress warmly, and bring a torch (to  
read the words on the carol sheet!)

And afterwards, stay for mulled  
apple juice and a mince pie.

## STOGURSEY VICTORY HALL **Christmas Bingo**

will be held on

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

Doors open at 7pm

Eyes down at 8pm

**Lots of good prizes!**

Please come along and support us  
Bar open as usual

## **The Strummers of Stogursey**

wish everyone a very  
**Happy Christmas** -

We will be strumming and singing  
with our dear friends the Shanty  
Singers of Stogursey in the bar at  
the Greyhound on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**December** at 7.30pm so why not  
come along and join us?

## **Hey all you Cinema Goers -**

As the festive season is now upon  
us, come and be entertained with  
the much-loved Victorian author,  
Charles Dickens:

**"The Man Who Invented Christmas"**  
in **The Jubilee Rooms** on  
**19<sup>th</sup> December.**

This comedy-drama film shows the  
novelist, Charles Dickens, a failed  
writer finding himself in a financial  
crisis with three flops behind him, in  
debt, and also seemingly, with an  
unsolvable writer's block.

Determined to recover, he decides  
to write a Christmas story in less  
than two months. Dickens must  
now face his own personal demons  
epitomized through his characters  
and estranged mother and father,  
and struggle to find inspiration in  
creating the classic tale that defines  
the crucial meaning of Christmas.

All are very welcome and can also  
indulge in our great selection of  
refreshments including a glass of  
warming mulled wine.

Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm  
start. Tickets are available, either,  
from our friendly local Spar Shop or  
on the door that night.

Hope to see you then folks.

## **Christmas Carol Concert** with West Somerset Brass Band

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

7.00pm for 7.30pm start  
Victory Hall, Stogursey

A great time to get festive!

Bar on site  
Raffle prizes

Tickets £10.00  
Available from Stogursey  
Post Office

Proceeds in aid of West Somerset  
Brass Band and  
The Beacon Centre through Love,  
Musgrove

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

**STOGURSEY FORGET-ME-NOT CAFÉ**  
**JUBILEE ROOMS, CASTLE STREET, STOGURSEY**  
**FORTNIGHTLY ON WEDNESDAYS 10.30 – 12.00**

## Upcoming Winter Café Dates:

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December –

**CHRISTMAS PARTY** in the Jubilee Rooms

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – NEW YEAR!

**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, some involving existing local groups, such as music, singing, arts, crafts, poetry, bingo, quizzes, or if preferred, just a quiet chat over a coffee. We are a voluntary group, financed by donations 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

Some of Stogursey's talented musicians entertained us in November, including Colin and Annette who sang, and Caroline and Phil who showed us how to play African drums and played saxophone and cornet. Everyone joined in with enthusiasm as always and there were plenty of smiles and laughs!

We will be decorating a Christmas Tree again this year for the Christmas Tree Festival in St Andrew's Church.

## VOLUNTEERS

We always need extra help at the Forget-me-Not Café, why not pop in one Wednesday and meet everyone, and see if you'd like to volunteer.

**People from all the neighbouring villages are welcome.**

**For more information please contact:**

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Rose: 07507 374234 [rosechalk@icloud.com](mailto:rosechalk@icloud.com)

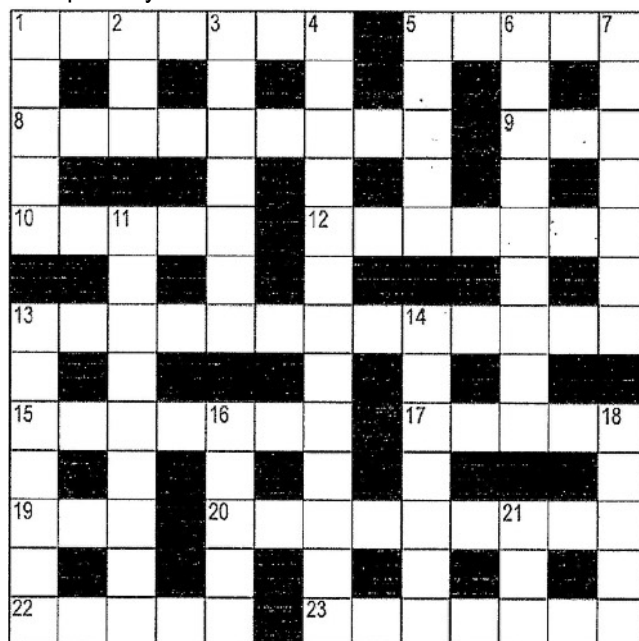


## Christmas Tree Festival

The Christmas tree festival is happening! Look out for posters and on Stogursey Pulse to find out when the festival starts, and when you can visit St Andrew's Church to see all the trees.

## Quick Crossword No.55

compiled by Helen Cuttall



## CLUES ACROSS

1. Forceful and extreme (7)
5. Scottish lakes (5)
8. Kiwi Fruit (9)
9. 19<sup>th</sup> letter of the Greek alphabet (3)
10. Belonging to the aristocracy (5)
12. Lettuce with crisp, tightly packed leaves (7)
13. Decorated conifer, popular in the festive season (9,4)
15. Someone who makes or repairs shoes (7)
17. Small village in Somerset near Somerton (5)
19. Deoxyribonucleic acid (3)
20. Cockney rhyming slang for eyes (5,4)
22. Small Japanese deer (5)
23. Displaying effortless beauty (7)

## CLUES DOWN

1. Pipe through which liquid is carried away (5)
2. Social insect living in a colony (3)
3. Bicycles for two (7)
4. Artist's pigment and paint colour (7,6)
5. to go away from a place (5)
6. The principal church of a diocese (9)
7. Move goods illegally in or out of a country (7)
11. Irish fruit bread (9)
13. Large insects from hot countries that make a loud noise (7)
14. Triangle with sides of different lengths (7)
16. Young sheep (5)
18. Start again after a period of rest (5)
21. India Pale Ale (3)

## VICTORY HALL LOTTERY WINNERS

### October Draw 2024

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	£25.00	Steve Stoneham	No. 150
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	£15.00	Sylvia Calder	No. 73
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	£10.00	Michelle Dyer	No. 157

## SAPS

(Stogursey Arts Photographic Society)

Hopefully most of the readers will have visited our photography exhibition in the Jubilee Rooms. If you have not had the opportunity to indulge, there is still a chance to see this display of village scenes/icons up until 12th December on the days that the Rooms are open. After the 12th December the exhibition will move to the Victory Hall, making way for the exciting exhibition of the "Tree of Life Panels".

SAPS is extremely appreciative of both the Jubilee Rooms and the Victory Hall for allowing us to exhibit in these venues, surely prime examples of "village life/cooperation" at its best.

Our next offering (that we are all feverishly working on) will be the "photographic tree" as part of the Christmas Tree Festival in the church. For more details about this event see elsewhere in the newsletter.

We are planning ahead for 2025, our current plans are for countryside walks (not far!) to photograph natural phenomena. Please consider joining us for what looks like an exciting day/days out.

We are "theming" the 2025 season with the title 'Change'. Completely open to interpretation this can be the change of the environment, the changing seasons, change in farming, change in the village and whether this be perceived as good or bad, it is open to the individual.

At the time of writing, negotiations are taking place with a local professional photographer who will hopefully come along and give us some advice and coaching.

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas, maybe Santa will bring you that camera you have always dreamed of, alternatively you may just make a New Year's Resolution to get out and take more photos!

Whatever happens you are more than welcome to come along and join us in our adventures.

Merry Christmas from all at SAPS

Roger

## Points from the Parish Council Meeting

12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024

### New Parish Clerk – Steve Taylor

Just to introduce myself. I was born and grew up in Bridgwater attending Chilton Trinity School, where I remember visiting Stogursey as part of a class field study! I enjoy amateur dramatics and am a member of the West Huntspill Players, and I'm also a 6<sup>th</sup> degree blackbelt and qualified taekwondo instructor. After working full time in local government for over 40 years I have now taken on the role of your Parish Clerk and look forward to meeting you.

### Grants

The Parish Council awarded the following grants:  
£600 – to the Friends of Stogursey School (FOSS) towards their firework display.  
£100 – to the Stogursey Christmas Tree Festival.

### Date of Next Meeting

The Parish Council is due to meet on the evening of **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**. The meeting will commence at 19:00, at the Victory Hall. All are welcome to attend. Please see the agenda and draft minutes of the last meeting on the parish website, [www.stogursey-online.uk](http://www.stogursey-online.uk), or on any of the parish noticeboards, where you will also find the dates of meetings due to be held until May 2025. If necessary, please contact the Clerk for any further information ahead of the meeting. You can e-mail the Parish Clerk at: [clerk@stogurseyparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@stogurseyparishcouncil.org.uk)

## Community Award

At a presentation evening in October, the Stogursey News Team received "The Chair's Award for Service to the Community 2024", presented by Mike Best (Chair of Somerset Council).



Belinda Crowther, Ron Dyer and James Cousins accepted the award on behalf of the 26-strong team of volunteers who put together the News and distribute copies to every corner of the parish.





# Stogursey C of E Primary and Pre-School



Headteacher: Mr G Tucker

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email: [stogurseyschool@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:stogurseyschool@educ.somerset.gov.uk)

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

## Beacon Class

It has been lovely to welcome Beacon class back after half term. The children have come back brilliantly and with fantastic learning attitudes.

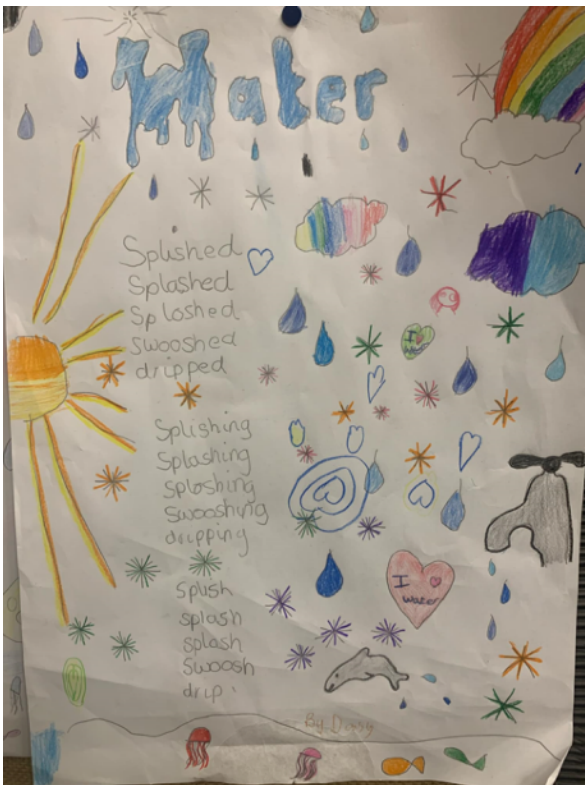
We have got stuck straight in with our new English topic on a book called Floodland, looking at addition and subtraction in Maths, begun our topic on the Romans and began our

investigative science unit on materials and their properties.



It was also super lovely to share some reading time with Triscombe class this week and use our fabulous school library together.

## Alfoxton Class



We have had a lovely start to the second half of the autumn term and the colder air and darker days make us feel cosy in our toasty, warm classroom.

We have begun learning about the rivers in the local area and across the United Kingdom which links to our English perfectly as we read books about water and rivers!

We began our English work by looking at a picture book called, 'Once Upon a Raindrop'. Inspired by this book, we thought about all the different sounds that water makes and collected them to write poems with stanzas showing three different tenses. Take a look at one of our wonderful water poems!

Our art is also linked to the theme of rivers and water as we study two collage artists - Ed Fairburn and Robin Brooks. We discovered that Ed Fairburn is inspired by maps depicting rivers and portraits, whilst Robin Brooks is inspired by nature, especially scenes depicting the coast. This term we will produce our own collages in the style of Ed Fairburn and Robin Brooks using maps, tissue paper, pens and pencils.

## Triscombe Class

It's been another busy, fun-filled week in Triscombe. In Adventurers, we made blueberry muffins that were as delicious as we expected. We took turns weighing and mixing the ingredients. We were careful not to lick the spoon!

In English, we have been busy writing instructions on how to sow a seed. We would like to use these to help the rest of school grow plants that we hope will go into our quirky garden.

We have also been busy making Autumn art.







We made Autumn trees using broccoli and made apple print pumpkins.

We have lots of exciting learning planned in the run-up to Christmas, including preparing for the Christmas Nativity production.



## Preschool

We have been learning about Bonfire night and been exploring different ways to make 'Fireworks'. We used cut toilet rolls, dunked in paint to make colourful fireworks and used different shapes and material to create fireworks. Our favourite activity however was dropping paint into gloop and using paint-brushes to create swirls and patterns in the gloop. (It was even more fun, when we used our fingers and got really messy!)

We also had great fun twirling sparklers and watching the sparks fly as we made circles in the air!



## Stogursey Twinning Association (STA)

Stogursey Twinning Association is looking for local families to host French visitors from Lonlay L'Abbaye over the weekend of 11th – 14th April 2025.

The Association is one of the most active twinning associations locally and we welcome members from surrounding villages. Being part of the Twinning Association is a fantastic opportunity to make new friends and develop an understanding of French life with an invitation to make a return visit to Normandy in Spring 2026.

Existing members of STA will support you to make this an enjoyable experience. There is no need for hosts to be able to speak French. Children are happy to sleep on floor beds and

bunk in together and space need not be an issue.

The twinning weekend starts with a welcome at 7.30pm on 11th April in Stogursey. You will then have an evening meal at your home (or you can meet with other families if that makes life easier) with your visitors.

On Saturday your visitors will go on a trip organised by the STA, followed by a party for all at the Victory Hall.

Sunday will be spent with your French family before they leave from the Victory Hall early on Monday morning. The STA can support you with ideas and events for the Sunday.

Family membership of the STA is just £10 and the cost of children's travel to France is heavily subsidised. For more information please email [stogurseytwinningassociation@gmail.com](mailto:stogurseytwinningassociation@gmail.com)

## Stogursey Lunches MENUS

### Tuesday 10 December

(book by Friday 6 Dec - phone 01278 733451)

Sausage & mash pie OR  
Vegetarian sausage & mash pie,  
with vegetables

\* \* \* \* \*

Coconut bread and butter pudding

### Tuesday 17 December

(book by Friday 13 Dec - phone 01278 733451)

### Christmas Lunch

Roast turkey OR  
Nut roast with glazed carrots,  
and all the trimmings

\* \* \* \* \*

Christmas pudding with cream, OR  
Mincemeat icecream with brandy snaps

### Tuesday 24 December

NO LUNCH TODAY

### Tuesday 31 December

NO LUNCH TODAY

### Tuesday 7 January 2025

NO LUNCH TODAY

### Tuesday 14 January 2025

(book by Friday 10 Jan - phone 01278 733451)

The menu for today's lunch will be in  
January's Stogursey News.



Stogursey Community Network (SCN)  
DECEMBER 2024

### 2024 Happy Christmas from us!

The SCN is a group of volunteers who offer a wide range of  
services to our community.

Contact us: [stogurseycommunitynetwork@gmail.com](mailto:stogurseycommunitynetwork@gmail.com), or  
Tel: 01278 732149.

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

### STOGURSEY LUNCHES - Tel: 01278 733451

Come along and sample our Level 5 Food Hygiene delicious  
2-course meals, cooked and served in the Jubilee Rooms,  
Stogursey, on Tuesdays (**except the first Tuesday of the  
month**). Everyone is invited to enjoy our Lunches, all ages very  
welcome! A vegetarian option is always available, and we can  
cater for special diets / preferences on request when booking.

Payment is by anonymous cash donation. Please pay what you  
can afford and help us cover our costs.

**Advance booking please** (in order to avoid waste and cater to  
your needs) phone 01278 733451 by 5pm on the preceding  
Friday. See our Menus 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, including doctor,  
dentist, optician, physiotherapy etc, 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** - phone 07485 350560 (please leave a clear  
message)

### PRESCRIPTION DELIVERY

In addition, SCN volunteers collect prescriptions from the two  
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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  
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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 now  
comes weekly (Tuesday afternoons) to our village for Pantry  
clients.



### Meetings 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month

7.30pm at Nether Stowey Church Centre

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

### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December: Members' Christmas Party

For more information about our vibrant club, contact secretary Lucy Haswell 01278 671289 [shbassoon@aol.com](mailto:shbassoon@aol.com). Or visit - <https://sites.google.com/site/stowey-gardeners>

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### Pick of the Crop

by Jan Ford

Last year, so many apples set  
On the little Braeburn tree.  
They didn't thrive - so small, hard and green;  
Fell off diseased, none left to see.

This year was completely different.  
- We hadn't expected a bumper crop,  
But after so much wind and driving rain  
It looked again like a total flop.

But at last a crop did ripen,  
In spite of getting so little sun.  
Before blackbirds could help themselves  
We picked that perfect, only one.

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### Solution to Quick Crossword No. 54 November 2024

ACROSS:

1.Avocado, 5.Bebop, 8.Subcostal, 9.Loo, 10.Maori,  
12.Imagine, 13.Witchetty Grub, 15.Leghorn,17.Lassi,  
19.Own, 20.Epitomise, 22.Fella, 23.Gosport

DOWN:

1.Assam, 2.Orb, 3.Abolish, 4.Outdistancing, 5.Balsa,  
6.Billiards, 7.Proverb, 11.Octagonal, 13.Waldorf,  
14.Yellows, 16.Omega, 18.Inept, 21.IMO

### Two dates for 2025 . . .

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(Middle English *wæs hæl*, literally 'good health' or 'be you healthy')

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*"Here we come a wassailing  
Among the leaves so green,  
Here we come a wandering  
So fair to be seen."*

### Sat 4 January 2025

Shurton Mill Orchard

Procession leaves from The Babbling Brook, Shurton at 1.00pm (parking available at the pub, but not at the orchard).

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### Burns Night Supper

#### 25<sup>th</sup> January

Jubilee Rooms, Stogursey

7.00 - 7.30pm arrival

Warm a winter's night celebrating with traditional fayre and Scottish touches including live music, songs and dancing.

Tickets £18.50

Contact Kate at [elenorkate2@gmail.com](mailto:elenorkate2@gmail.com)  
(STA)

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### Mum's Mincemeat Recipe - makes about 2.5kg

1 lb raisins	1 tsp cloves
12 oz currants	900g apples (peeled & diced)
8 oz sultanas	2 lemons (zest & juice)
8 oz soft brown sugar	4 tbsp golden syrup
6 oz butter	4 tbsp brandy or rum
2 tsp cinnamon	85g roasted hazelnuts
2 tsp nutmeg	140ml cider

Put cider into a big pan. Add the butter, syrup and sugar and heat gently until butter is melted. Add all the dried fruits, apple, spices, lemon zest and juice. Stir well.

Bring to simmering point, and simmer covered for 40 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove lid, and simmer for another 15 minutes, or until the liquid is almost absorbed.

Remove from the heat, cool slightly, stir in the brandy/rum and nuts.

Put into sterilised jars and seal.



# Stogursey Update

A round up of the latest news from Hinkley Point C

December 2024

## Making progress on the Service Center

Located between the two nuclear reactors, Hinkley Point C's Operational Service Centre will be home to hundreds of Hinkley Point C staff when the power station becomes operational.

It will include general office space, welfare facilities and workshops and be a central shared hub for both units.

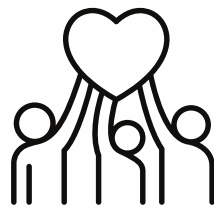
Over the coming months, a team from Alumet UK will be installing what's known as the "envelope" - the windows, curtain walling, waterproof cladding and security features that give any building its distinct identity.

Overall around 2,500m<sup>2</sup> of curtain wall and composite panels will be installed, as well as 4,500m of fire barriers, all essential components to one of the power station's most important buildings.



## Star Trekkers

Sixteen intrepid graduates from Hinkley Point C completed a 16-mile walk along the Jurassic Coast in Dorset. It took them nine hours but the effort was well worth it. They raised more than £2,500 for homeless charity, Social Bite



## Meet Hinkley Point C's Neighbourhood Police team

Funded by the project, the Hinkley Point C's neighbourhood Police team is made up of Police Officers focused on the local community. With experience of the project and the local area, they can react to local needs, supporting workforce and community integration on and off site.



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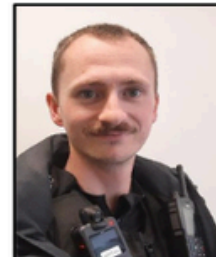
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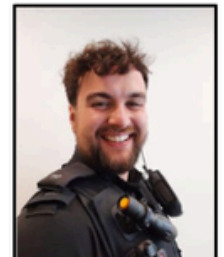
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# Project Update

A round up of the latest news from Hinkley Point C

December 2024

## Big step for Unit 2's Reactor Building

### The last of six Liner Rings has been installed at Hinkley Point C.

The final piece was Liner Ring 3 in Unit 2's Reactor Building, which was lifted by Big Carl and put in place two months ahead of schedule.



### Interesting fact

The containment building's steel liner serves two purposes:

1. It protects the building against damage from internal hazards
2. It also acts as a leak-tight barrier to prevent the release of any radiation

## 1,000th lift for Big Carl

### Hinkley Point C has one of the world's largest cranes, Big Carl, and it's just made its 1,000th lift for the Project.

Big Carl was built by Sarens in 2018 and arrived at Hinkley Point C a year later.

Since then, it's provided sterling service lifting a range of items from liner rings and domes to reinforcement cages

and even other lifting devices, such as the Polar Crane, which was positioned at the top of our Unit 1 Reactor Building last year. With the 1,000th load secured, The lifting team has no plans to take things easy during the rest of 2024. They've got another 100 lifts on the cards before the year is out.



## Hinkley Point C Virtual Work Experience 2024

Young HPC hosted an exciting Virtual Work Experience for young people interested in STEM careers.

Participants could also complete challenges like "The Fizzing Fire Extinguisher" (photo 1), "The Spaghetti Bridge" (photo 2), "Bending Water/Salt & Pepper Static" (photo 3).

For each successfully completed challenge, students were encouraged to send in a photo or video, earning a Digital Badge as recognition of their efforts



Photo 1



Photo 3

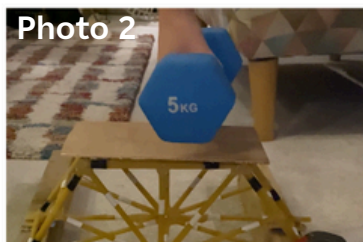


Photo 2



Photo 3



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**Meetings:** held monthly in the Victory Hall, Stogursey  
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