

# STOGURSEY NEWS



*A regular winter visitor - this Redshank was spotted recently at Stolford Common.*

Photo: FJ

## February 2025

# Deadline for **MARCH 2025** contributions: 10.00am Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025

## EDITORIAL

Welcome to Stogursey News for February 2025. The Redshank seen at Stolford in an icy puddle and pictured on the cover of this month's magazine does look a little cold. However there are some signs of Spring about with primroses peeping out in Fiddington Lane.

Fortress Friends are hosting a Sunshine Tea in the Jubilee Rooms on 2<sup>nd</sup> February which sounds likely to be an event to brighten a dull day, and the enthusiasm described in the News from the school outlining their activities certainly lifts the spirits.

As usual there is a wide variety of interests and activities on offer within the village this month. Many happen regularly. One new event is a visit from our local MP, Rachel Gilmour, who is to hold a surgery on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February (venue will be confirmed only to those making an appointment to meet with the MP - details within.) It will be an opportunity to bring local concerns to her directly.

Finally, you will see in the magazine that we have to bid a fond farewell to Annie Rivers and her husband. We will miss them and the contribution they have made to life in the village. We wish them all the very best.

*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.

## 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](mailto: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 the 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 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: <a href="https://www.sasp.co.uk/sedgemoor">https://www.sasp.co.uk/sedgemoor</a></i>	Victory Hall Victory Hall Stear 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) 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 - <a href="https://www.sasp.co.uk/health-walks">https://www.sasp.co.uk/health-walks</a></i> Mobile Library visit (once every four weeks) Youth Club (weekly) Stogursey Arts Photographic Society- SAPS (second Thursday of month) Film Night (monthly)	Stear 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) <i>Contact John Nicholson 01278 732711 or <a href="mailto:jfnicholson@talktalk.net">jfnicholson@talktalk.net</a></i>	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

\* *Contact [siancocks@btinternet.com](mailto:siancocks@btinternet.com) / 01278 652411*

FEBRUARY 2025			
Saturday 1	First Aid Training	Victory Hall	9.00am - 4.00pm
Sunday 2	Sunshine Tea for Fortress Uganda	Jubilee Rooms	2.30pm - 4.30pm
Thursday 6	Mobile Library visit	as per schedule	as per schedule
Thursday 6	Artisans meet: Textile and Crafts projects	Jubilee Rooms	2.00pm - 4.00pm
Friday 7	Mother & Toddler Group	Victory Hall	9.30am - 11.30am
Friday 7	Constituency Surgery with Rachel Gilmour MP	tbc individually	2.00pm - 3.30pm
Friday 7	Quiz Night	Victory Hall	7.30pm
Wednesday 12	Forget-me-not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon
Wednesday 12	Strummers of Stogursey- Ukululele session	Greyhound Inn	7.30pm - 9.30pm
Sunday 16	Sunday Roast	Victory Hall	12noon - 2.00pm
Tuesday 18	Parish Council Meeting (3rd Tuesday this month)	Victory Hall	7.00pm
Thursday 20	Artisans meet: Textile and Craft projects	Jubilee Rooms	2.00pm - 4.00pm
Wednesday 26	Forget-me-not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon
Wednesday 26	Strummers of Stogursey- Ukululele session	Greyhound Inn	7.30pm - 9.30pm
MARCH 2025			
Saturday 1	St David's Day Celebration	Jubilee Rooms	7.00pm
Thursday 6	Mobile Library Visit	as per schedule	as per schedule

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

## FEBRUARY SUNDAY SERVICE ROTA for Quantock Gate Parishes

CHURCH	2 <sup>nd</sup> February Candlemas	9 <sup>th</sup> February 4 <sup>th</sup> before Lent	16 <sup>th</sup> February 3 <sup>rd</sup> before Lent	23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2 <sup>nd</sup> before Lent
Cannington St Mary	8.00 & 9.30am <b>Holy Communion</b>	8.00am <b>Holy Communion</b> 9.30am <b>Family Service</b>	8.00 & 9.30am <b>Holy Communion</b>	8.00 & 9.30am <b>Holy Communion</b>
Combwich St Peter	11.15am <b>Family Service</b>	6.00pm <b>Prayer &amp; Praise</b>	11.15am <b>Holy Communion</b>	
Fiddington St Martin	9.00am <b>Holy Communion</b>	9.00am <b>Holy Communion</b>	9.00am <b>Holy Communion</b>	9.00am <b>Family Service</b>
Stockland St Mary Magdalene		11.15am <b>Family Service</b>		11.15am <b>Holy Communion</b>
Stogursey St Andrew	10.30am <b>Holy Communion</b>	10.30am <b>Holy Communion</b> (in Jubilee Rooms)	10.30am <b>Holy Communion</b>	10.30am <b>Café Church*</b> (in Jubilee Rooms)
	White	Green	Green	Green

\* Tea/coffee and breakfast served, if you wish to partake.

### **Regular Weekday Services**

Tuesdays 6.00pm     **Holy Communion**     Cannington, St Mary the Virgin Church  
 Thursdays 9.00am     **Prayer Meeting**     Combwich, St Peter's Church  
 Fridays 9.00am     **Holy Communion**     Cannington, St Mary the Virgin Church

### **Babes and Tots Play Group**

Tuesdays (termtime)     9.00-11.30am     Cannington Village Hall

### **Coffee Mornings**

Thursdays     10.00am     Cannington Church  
 Fridays     10.30am     Jubilee Rooms, Stogursey

### **Bellringing**

Tuesdays     7.30pm     Cannington Church  
 Wednesdays     7.00pm     Stogursey Church (1<sup>st</sup> Wed) / Fiddington Church (2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Wed)  
 Fridays     7.00pm     Combwich Church (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri)

Do be in touch if you would like to marry in one of the churches, or to arrange a baptism,  
 or if there is anything else we can help with.

*Revd Alison Waters, Rector & Revd Jan Church, Associate Priest*  
 01278 652953 / [cannington.benefice@gmail.com](mailto:cannington.benefice@gmail.com)



## CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2024

By now, the Festival will no doubt have somewhat faded from people's minds, but this is the first opportunity that we have had to publicly thank all those who helped to make it the tremendous success it was, as well as showcasing just how creative Stogursey can be and the host of groups and interests it has to offer.

For the second year, we received kind support from the Parish Council as well as the ability to purchase quality trees from Secret Valley, Enmore at a discounted price, for which we are extremely grateful. This, together with additional donations from entrants and visitors, enabled us to continue to subsidise the entry fee.

This year's entrants came from a wide range of individuals/groups/organisations and businesses and were:

Bell Ringers  
Stogursey School Eco Club  
Burton Springs Holidays  
Stogursey Soap Factory Cinema  
Deafinate Matters SCIC  
Stogursey Toddler & Baby Group  
Forget-Me-Not Café  
Stogursey Twinning Association  
Fortress Friends charity  
Stogursey Youth Club  
Stogursey Artisans  
The Old Vicarage Residential & Care Home  
Stogursey Arts Festival  
Wild about Blooms  
Stogursey Arts Photographic Society  
Yellow Door Cottage  
Stogursey Book Group  
Mr & Mrs N Woodford  
Stogursey Community Network  
Alison Jacobs (artist)  
Stogursey Motors

Sadly, illness prevented 2 entrants from taking part (we will see them at Festival 2025) but a lovely idea for the use of the 'undressed' tree was put forward – a Prayer Tree. We provided a variety of parcel labels for people to write on names and prayers for anyone they wished to be remembered and they then hung them on the tree; we had a big response and will ensure that the Prayer Tree becomes a permanent fixture for all future Festivals.

We must also give a huge 'thank you' to everyone who helped in all the other ways – collecting trees, setting up and taking down the Festival, stewarding, donations of precious time (and mince pies!) and the re-cycling of the trees – it would be impossible to hold the Festival without you.

This time, we were able to coincide the Festival with the Christmas Carol Service and the feedback from both the Service and those who visited throughout the week was wonderful. As it should have been – the thought, originality and work that went into every single tree was amazing.

So once again, thank you from us both and we hope that more entrants will be encouraged to take part in Festival 2025, making it even bigger.

*Tim & Pauline Kaye*



### Victory Hall Christmas Bingo

The Christmas Bingo proved to be very successful raising a profit of £770.00 for the Victory Hall funds.

The Management Committee wishes to thank all those who attended and donated prizes and who continue to support us, not only at the end of the year events, but also at all our events throughout 2024.

Your continued support is very much appreciated.

*Allan Searle, on behalf of the Victory Hall Committee*

### VICTORY HALL LOTTERY WINNERS

#### December Draw 2024

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	£100.00	Sally Fox	No 115
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	£50.00	John Baker	No 132
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	£25.00	Ann Morgan	No 169

### Why not join the Stogursey Victory Village Hall Lottery?

#### Monthly Prizes:

1st prize £25.00  
2nd prize £15.00  
3rd prize £10.00

ONLY £12.00 per year for 1 entry every month

Please contact:

Heather Ranson 07968799312, or  
heatherranson124@btinternet.com, or  
Allan Searle 01278 732820

## First Aid Training

in Stogursey Victory Village Hall

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

9.00am -4.00pm all-day course

£10.00 per person

Please contact Heather Ranson 07968 799312 or  
Email [heatherranson124@btinternet.com](mailto:heatherranson124@btinternet.com)

## Beat the Winter Blues

Join the Fortress Friends for  
a **Sunshine Tea**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025**

Jubilee Rooms Stogursey

2.30pm to 4.00pm

£5 for tea/coffee and a piece of homemade cake

All profits to The Fortress Uganda

The Fortress is a charity based in Kampala Uganda. We support pregnant teens, run education programmes in schools and the community, and provide sterile Mama kits for safer births in and around Kampala.

The sales table with jewellery and fabrics made by the girls will be there with more information about The Fortress and Fortress Friends.

## STOGURSEY VICTORY HALL

is holding a

## QUIZ NIGHT

on

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

Starts at 7.30pm

£5.00 for a team of 4 people  
Nibbles included

Questions on General Knowledge, Music, Film, TV etc.

PLEASE COME ALONG AND JOIN US  
FOR A FUN NIGHT!

Bar open as usual



## SUNDAY ROAST

at the Victory Hall



**SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

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  
01278 733594 / 07453381844

BAR OPEN AS NORMAL

## The Strummers of Stogursey

would like to extend a very warm 2025 welcome to anyone who is considering joining us this year. If you are ukulele curious please come along to the Greyhound at 7.30pm on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> February** - or alternate Wednesdays after that. Borrow a uke and give it a try - you have nothing to lose.

Further info -

Rose: [rose.palmer280@gmail.com](mailto:rose.palmer280@gmail.com)

Ian: [ianelenor@gmail.com](mailto:ianelenor@gmail.com)

## Holford Gardeners' Group

present:

A talk by Dr Andy King -

**"Fossils and Geology of our Coastline"**

**Tuesday February 18<sup>th</sup>**

7.30pm, Holford Village Hall

Raffle

All Welcomed

Members £1.00 Visitors £2.00



## Holford Flower Show 2025

The new schedule of classes is now available - it can be viewed at Holford News & Views website, or picked up from Holford Hall, or by contacting Liz on 07879 906592.

## Your chance to speak to your MP!

**Rachel Gilmour will be holding a Constituency Surgery in Stogursey - Friday 7 February 14:00 - 15:30**

Rhys Wallis, Chief of Staff for Rachel Gilmour, has provided the following information about the event:

". . . for security reasons, the location cannot be publicly confirmed. When individuals book for a surgery, they will receive the location in their response confirming the allocation. Constituents can book in to a surgery session by emailing [rhys.wallis@parliament.uk](mailto:rhys.wallis@parliament.uk) or by writing to Rachel directly through her email, [rachel.gilmour.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:rachel.gilmour.mp@parliament.uk)".

## Goodbye Annie!

Thank you Annie for your eagle-eyed proof-reading, your minute taking, your help with distributing the magazines, as well as for the thoughtful editorials that you have written whilst you were part of the Stogursey News editorial team. We shall miss you, but wish you every happiness in your new home.

*The Editorial Team*

## Post Christmas Rant

*by Jan Ford*

Can life please get back to normal?  
Are we over that festive tripe?  
Were you really ready for Christmas  
After three long months of hype?

I'm sorry for those who worked in stores  
So brimming with excess  
Forced to listen to festive music  
Or leap around in 'fancy dress'.

In a world of need and conflict  
We're so encouraged to over eat.  
It doesn't keep our High Streets going  
- Small shop prices can't compete.

I'd have loved to roast 'Kevin the carrot'  
- Find out if he really was so sweet,  
Along with all those other animations  
For anything from 'tech' to meat.

I suppose it's cheaper to repeat old ads  
Than to make anew, support fresh actors  
So old ads pop up year on year  
Repeats just one of many factors.

Yes, year on year ad infinitum  
- Like Johnny Depp and his lupine mates  
One of many irksome perfume ads.  
- That screeching female tops my pet hates.

And what is it about Panettone?  
Just who does find that product good?  
Be they homemade, artisan, supermarket,  
What happened to Christmas cake and pud?

But I won a big one in a raffle.  
A posh example of its kind,  
My best friend said she'd have it!  
- Her family really wouldn't mind.

So now we're into February.  
Did you brave snow and winter gales?  
- Not soft pedalling on the bargains,  
Or make an online killing in the sales.

Not long now before we see again  
The same old ads for luxury lines.  
If you missed out at Christmas,  
Easter's coming - after Valentines.



## STOGURSEY FORGET-ME-NOT CAFÉ

Jubilee Rooms, Castle Street, Stogursey



**FORTNIGHTLY ON WEDNESDAYS 10.30 – 12.00**

### Café Dates:

Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February,	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March,	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April,	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April

**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**

We celebrated our 6<sup>th</sup> birthday last month, and the lovely STRUMMERS OF STOGURSEY helped us celebrate. A big thank you to them and everyone who continues to support us.

### **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 the neighbouring villages are welcome.***

For more information please contact:

**Helen:** 01278 733451 [cuttellhelen@gmail.com](mailto:cuttellhelen@gmail.com)

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



## Solution to Quick Crossword

**No 56 January 2025**

ACROSS:

1.Fatberg, 5.Kilim, 8.Nocturnal, 9.MOD, 10.Howel,  
12.Ramones, 13.Duke Ellington, 15.Doppler,  
17.Renal, 19.IAD, 20.Eindhoven, 22.Meath, 23.Oilskin

DOWN:

1.Finch, 2.Tic, 3.Ecuelle, 4.General Franco, 5.Koala,  
6.Lamington, 7.Madison, 11.Wikipedia, 13. Dadaism,  
14.Narwhal, 16.Leech, 18.Linen, 21.Vik



# St David's Day Celebration

Saturday March 1st

Welsh specialities Buffet & Musical Entertainment

Doors Open at 7pm

Jubilee Rooms, Castle Street, Stogursey - Licensed Bar

Tickets £12 from SPAR shop (£15 on door) or pre-book at £12 from [saftickets2@gmail.com](mailto:saftickets2@gmail.com)

**It would be very helpful if tickets could be purchased / pre-booked by 6pm on the previous Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> Feb.**

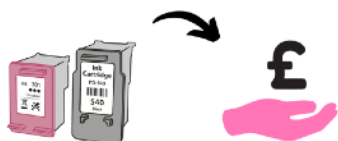
(An initiative of the Stogursey Arts Trust)

**WEAR SOMETHING YELLOW!**



**Deafinate**  
Matters CIC

**Help Us Raise Money!  
Recycle Your Ink Cartridges**



We are all local volunteers supporting people with hearing loss. We need to raise funds to be able to continue to do this.

Allan at **Stogursey Post Office** has kindly allowed us to put our collection box there. If you have any old/used printer cartridges please drop them into the box to help us raise funds.

Thank you – Deb  
[www.deafinatematterscic.org.uk](http://www.deafinatematterscic.org.uk)

## Stogursey Flower Show

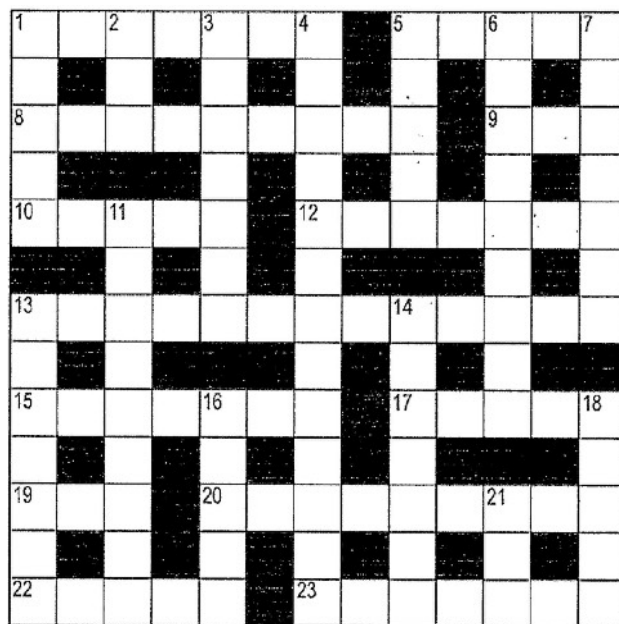
This year's Flower Show will be on  
**Saturday 2 August.**

At the moment, as we go into February, the days are still quite cold, and the nights are only just beginning to draw out - but what better time to start getting ready for the Show - plan which vegetables and flower seeds you will sow; make some marmalade; get those knitting needles and crochet hooks busy or finalise those creative masterpieces!

More details on the schedule in next month's edition.

## Quick Crossword No.57

compiled by Helen Cuttell



### CLUES ACROSS

1. Strips of dried, salted meat (7)
5. Search through something (5)
8. Marigold (9)
9. Chlorofluorocarbon (3)
10. Basic unit of money in Ecuador (5)
12. Study of the relationships between living organisms and their physical environment (7)
13. English inventor who developed a process for making steel (5,8)
15. Market town in Northumberland (7)
17. Footballer from Uruguay who plays for Liverpool (5)
19. Pole with a flat blade used to row a boat (3)
20. Exactly the same (9)
22. A jack (5)
23. Seaside resort in Devon (7)

### CLUES DOWN

1. Male deer (5)
2. Laugh out loud! (3)
3. That which is all pervading (7)
4. Swiss dairy product good for fondues and quiches (7,6)
5. - - - - - Mills, a chain of West Country stores (5)
6. TV reporter who coordinates a broadcast involving several correspondents (9)
7. Sir Joseph Norman - - - - - English scientist & astronomer (7)
11. Plant of the daisy family with brightly coloured flowers (9)
13. Bed made with a net supported by two trees or poles (7)
14. Sacred place of pilgrimage (7)
16. Expel from a country (5)
18. Nothing (5)
21. Group of French vineyards of recognised quality (3)





**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. All welcome!

**Coming up:**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February**

Dunster Castle Gardens - A talk by James Cordingly

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

Greencombe Gardens, Porlock - A talk by Rob Schmidt

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

Gardens of Madeira - A talk by Jonny Hartnell

*For more information about our vibrant club, contact secretary Lucy Haswell 01278 671289  
shbassoon@aol.com.*

*Or visit - <https://sites.google.com/site/stowey-gardeners>*



invites you to a talk by Adrian Webb on:

**Thomas Spigurnell (1630 -1663)**

**"A Somerset Scoundrel"** - Attorney, Moneylender, Surveyor & Gentleman farmer

2.00 - 4.00pm

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February**

Kilve Village Hall

Refreshments will be served

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

### **Mistakes? wot mistakes?**

Are you good, at Spotting typos?

Do you notice when things do'nt line up properly, when the punctuation is a bit doubtful, when the dates are wrongor when spaces between words are missing or to big? **If so, we need you as a proof-reader!**

Would you like to help with distributing the magazines, and to take turns in writing the editorials? And, are you interested in putting the magazine together, and setting out the pages?

**If your answer is 'Yes', PLEASE get in touch with us!**

## **Points from the Parish Council Meeting**

14<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### **Somerset County**

We were advised that Somerset Council, as part of the process in establishing a new local plan for the county, and being expected to provide around 57,000 new homes, was looking for potential sites to be identified. Concerns were also raised over the time it was taking for planning applications to be processed.

### **Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs)**

Many people will have noticed the sudden appearance over the Christmas period of 5 new metal posts at various points along the roadside. These are for the two SIDs the Council has just agreed to purchase. The intention is for the devices to be moved between the various sites around the parish to encourage drivers not to speed.

### **Grant**

We reviewed the amount of grant to be awarded to Citizens Advice West Somerset and felt that it was appropriate to award them £500 towards the invaluable work that they do in providing support for local residents.

### **Meetings**

We were advised that that Rachel Gilmour, the local MP, would be holding a surgery in Stogursey on the 7<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Enhancements**

It was felt that the Christmas tree put up in the village looked very good. It was agreed that regular cleaning of the windows of our Burton and Stogursey bus shelters should be undertaken. It was also agreed to set monies aside to help the volunteers with the filling the planters on The Gravel and elsewhere around the parish.

### **Burgage Road Play Area**

Following the annual inspection of the playground, it had been necessary to temporarily remove the swinging basket on one play item as well as remove a bench that had rotted away. A working group will be set up to visit and look at what remedial work was required.

### **Date of next Meeting**

The Parish Council is due to meet on the evening of **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February**, the meeting will commence at 19:00 in the Victory Hall. All are welcome to attend.

The Clerk can be contacted by email at:  
[clerk@stogurseyparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@stogurseyparishcouncil.org.uk)

*Steve Taylor, Clerk to Stogursey Parish Council*



# Stogursey C of E Primary and Pre-School



Alfoxton

Headteacher: Mr G Tucker

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Although the frosty mornings remind us it's still winter, the energy and warmth around school have been truly uplifting.

As the new term begins, I've had the pleasure of touring classrooms and witnessing our children re-establishing routines, building relationships with one another and with staff, and embracing their learning with enthusiasm. It's been lovely to see creativity and movement across the school, with dancing, collaboration, and focused hard work all part of the mix!

A very warm welcome to Mrs Caitlin Boxell, our new Triscombe class teacher. I am sure our community will make her feel welcome in her new role.

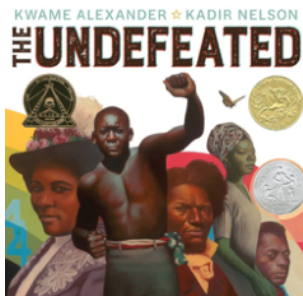
As we embark on the term ahead, let's continue to foster this positivity and dedication, working together to ensure every child thrives. Here's to a successful and rewarding start to 2025!

Gary Tucker, Headteacher

## Beacon

A happy New Year to everybody. It has been super to have all the Beacon children back this week ready for a purposeful and busy term ahead.

We have started our poetry unit on 'The Undeclared'.



The children have really engaged with the learning and with how powerful this poem is. They have been so inquisitive and compassionate with their questions and comments.

For Maths, we have started to split the Year 5s and Year 6s. Mr Tucker is taking the Year 5s for their Maths sessions and I have heard that they have been doing brilliantly. I have been so impressed with the Year 6s and their attitude to their long multiplication. So much progress already!

Our topic work is covering mountains, earthquakes and volcanoes and the study of the artist Danny Osborne.

A fantastic start to the year!

It has been a lovely start to the spring term in Alfoxton Class.

We are really excited to be learning about Vikings. This week we sequenced a timeline and learned that the Vikings travelled from Scandinavian countries to parts of Scotland, England and Wales where they traded, fought, and took over some parts of the land.

In English, we are reading 'Arthur and the Golden Rope'.



This features Viking gods like Thor. Arthur needs to call Thor for help to save the townspeople from an evil wolf called Fenrir (son of the evil god Loki).

We think it is really exciting so far and can't wait to read it all!



## Triscombe

What a fantastic week we have had in Triscombe! The children have returned to school with a fantastic attitude to their learning, and have been working really hard. They have adapted to the new changes and made the adults in the classroom really proud.

The children have learned about the different animal groups in Science, and what an archaeologist is in Geography.



I have been really pleased with their 'Busy Learning'.

They have worked well together in construction-coming up with ideas on how to make a house.



We think a highlight of the week has been the Jurassic World Role Play.

## Preschool

This week, we have been settling back in after the Christmas holidays. We have invited and welcomed new children into our preschool who have also settled in well.

We have been learning about Winter and the weather outside. The children have explored various tuff trays filled with different things such as flour, ice, penguins etc. When exploring the ice tray, the children had to use various tools to try and break the ice to retrieve the animals.



Preschool have also explored shaving foam through write dance on the table. The children really enjoyed this activity and thoroughly enjoyed covering Ashley in the shaving foam!



What a fantastic week back into Preschool!



## Stogursey Lunches MENUS\*

**Tuesday 4 February 2025**

No lunches today

**Tuesday 11 February 2025**

(book by Fri 7 Feb - phone 01278 733451)

Sausage and vegetable casserole,  
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Leek and bean romesco  
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Apricot tart and crème fraîche

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**Tuesday 25 February 2025**

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**FEBRUARY 2025**

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needs food assistance please contact us or the **Village Agent** (for a  
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page in this magazine. The Mobile Pantry now comes weekly  
(Tuesday afternoons) to our village for Pantry clients.



## Apprenticeships



With more than 1,100 members and counting, the Young HPC programme is a great first step for anyone in year 10 or above who may be interested in an apprenticeship or job role at Hinkley Point C.

This free programme for under-21s provides individuals with opportunities, exclusive workshops and careers resources, helping them with everything from writing CVs to interview techniques and new apprenticeship alerts at Hinkley Point C.

If you know someone who is under 21 and interested in STEM careers or apprenticeships, email [younghpc@nbn-edfenergy.com](mailto:younghpc@nbn-edfenergy.com).

## Supporting local initiatives

Teams from Hinkley Point C have donated around £1,600 as well as a collection of toys to two local charities - Charlton Farm Children's Hospice in Bristol and the Brainwave children's charity. The charities are dedicated to helping children and their families through difficult times. This generous contribution will make a significant difference in the lives of many families, offering them support and relief during challenging moments.



## Hinkley Point C Community Fund

The Hinkley Point C Community Fund continues to make a real difference in communities across Somerset.

It has awarded more than £16 million to charities, volunteer groups, councils and other organisations. Managed by Somerset Community Foundation since late 2017, the fund helps local groups apply for grants that boost community wellbeing and make Somerset a better place to live.

Find out more about the four recent grants that are having a lasting impact on our website.



## Major Milestone: Generator Stator Installed



Just before Christmas, a major milestone was achieved with the installation of the generator stator in the Unit 1 Turbine Hall.

At 12 metres long and weighing over 450 tonnes, the stator is one of the heaviest and most significant pieces of equipment installed at Hinkley Point C so far.

### Did you know?

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## Inspiring the next generation



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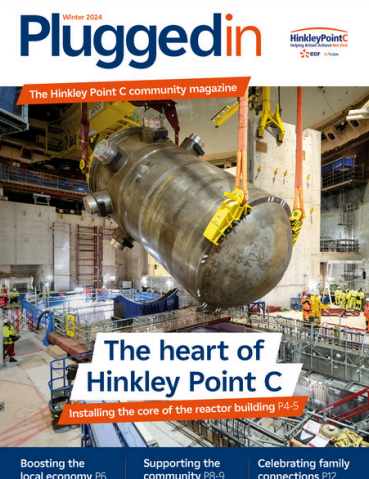
In 2024 the HPC Visits Team hosted more than 80 visits from schools, colleges and universities to the Hinkley Point C site, showing more than 2,000 pupils and their teachers the incredible work being done.

If you are interested in booking an education visit, email [hinkleypointtours@nnb-edfenergy.com](mailto:hinkleypointtours@nnb-edfenergy.com).

## PluggedIn - the community magazine

Find out about the latest progress at Hinkley Point C and what's happening in the local community in the Winter 2024 edition of Plugged in.

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