

# STOGURSEY NEWS



*Green Man in St Andrew's Church, Stogursey*

## March 2025

# Deadline for **APRIL 2025** contributions: 10.00am Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2025

## EDITORIAL

Welcome to our March edition.

You may wish to add your thoughts to the Victory Hall games area discussion. The Victory Hall committee needs as much feedback from the community as possible, so have your say. There is a form printed within for you to let the Committee know what you think.

The Flower Show may seem a long way in the future, but anyone growing produce will realise that it cannot be hurried, so make sure preparations are made in good time. Some of the classes new in 2025 are given within.

Stogursey Gala Nights are being revived. Anyone who has lived in the community for a fairly long time will have fond memories of them, and they were much looked forward to. It is a chance to perform and is an event well worth planning for. A definite date for the diary.

Our school page is worthy of your attention. The school is focussing on reading and what an essential skill it is, and also the worlds that reading opens up and the opportunities it brings.

We are very lucky to have our magazine printed free for us by Hinkley B station and delivered to your doorstep by a team of volunteers so that you can keep informed.

Have a lovely Spring!

*Stogursey News Editorial Team*

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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 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) 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)	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

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

### MARCH 2025

Saturday 1	St David's Day Celebration	Jubilee Rooms	7.00pm
Thursday 6	Mobile Library Visit	as per schedule	as per schedule
Monday 10	Gala Night Planning Meeting	Victory Hall	7.00pm
Wednesday 12	Forget-me-not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon
Wednesday 12	Strummers of Stogursey - Ukulele session	Greyhound Inn	7.30pm - 9.30pm
Saturday 15	Big Breakfast	Victory Hall	10.00am - 11.30am
Sunday 16	Sunday Roast	Victory Hall	12 noon - 2.00pm
Friday 21	AGM - Stogursey Twinning Association	Jubilee Rooms	7.30pm
Saturday 22	St Patrick's Day Event	Victory Hall	7.30pm
Wednesday 26	Forget-me-not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon
Wednesday 26	Strummers of Stogursey - Ukulele session	Greyhound Inn	7.30pm - 9.30pm

### APRIL 2025

Thursday 3	Mobile Library	as per schedule	as per schedule
Saturday 5	Coffee, Craft & Produce Market	Jubilee Rooms	10.00am - 1.00pm
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
Wednesday 16	Easter Bingo	Victory Hall	7.00pm

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## MARCH SUNDAY SERVICE ROTA for Quantock Gate Parishes

CHURCH	2 <sup>nd</sup> March	9 <sup>th</sup> March	16 <sup>th</sup> March	23 <sup>rd</sup> March	30 <sup>th</sup> March
	Next Before Lent	Lent 1	Lent 2	Lent 3	Mothering Sunday
<b>Cannington</b> St Mary	8.00 & 9.30am <b>Holy Communion</b>	8.00am <b>Holy Communion</b> 9.30am <b>Rise &amp; Shine All Age Service</b>	8.00 & 9.30am <b>Holy Communion</b>	8.00am <b>Holy Communion</b>	8.00am <b>Holy Communion</b> 9.30am <b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Combwich</b> St Peter	11.15am <b>Family Service</b>	6.00pm <b>Prayer &amp; Praise</b>	11.15am <b>Holy Communion</b>		
<b>Fiddington</b> 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>
<b>Stockland</b> St Mary Magdalene		11.15am <b>Family Service</b>			11.15am <b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Stogursey</b> St Andrew	10.30am <b>Holy Communion</b>	10.30am <b>Holy Communion</b> (Jubilee Rms)	10.30am <b>Holy Communion</b>		10.30am <b>CAFÉ CHURCH</b> in Jubilee Rms
<b>Stolford</b> St Peter				10.00am <b>Benefice Communion</b>	
	Green	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple

### Ash Wednesday – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes: 10.00am Stolford, St Peter's: 7.00pm Cannington, St Mary the Virgin

### Annunciation – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March

Holy Communion. 7.00pm Cannington, St Mary the Virgin Church

### 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) 9.00am -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 (1st Wed) / Fiddington Church (2nd -5th Wed)
Fridays	7.00pm	Combwich Church (1st and 3rd Fri)

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

**01278 652953 / [cannington.benefice@gmail.com](mailto:cannington.benefice@gmail.com)**



## VICTORY HALL LOTTERY WINNERS

January Draw 2025

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	£25.00	Mary Pearce	No. 19
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	£15.00	Roger Nicholls	No. 93
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	£10.00	Claire Blackman	No. 14

### THE JUBILEE ROOMS

CASTLE STREET, STOGURSEY



#### A VENUE IN THE CENTRE OF THE VILLAGE available for all to hire

The building contains two rooms, and the kitchen is also available for hire.

In 2024 the Rooms were hired by individuals, groups and families for birthday parties, small wakes, family gatherings, craft fairs and fund-raising events, as well as being used for practices by musicians and choirs.

The Jubilee Rooms are used for a variety of regular activities and events including:

- Stogursey Lunches - providing home-cooked lunches on Tuesdays (see separate article for details).
- Friday morning Social Café - providing refreshments, newspapers, magazines and lively conversation - It's FREE and ALL ARE WELCOME.
- Forget-me-not Café - on alternate Wednesdays (see separate article for details).
- Soap Factory Cinema - showing films once a month on Thursday evenings (currently having a break until April).
- Craft groups - The Tree of Life panels (made by the Artisans) are now framed and on display in the Rooms.
- Ballet lessons - on Saturday mornings with a qualified teacher (a graduate of the Royal Academy of Dance in London). *For further information contact Meghan Robbins at the Spar.*

So, if you prefer a smaller venue for your event, then the Jubilee Rooms are perfect for you. The hire fees won't break the bank!

For more information please contact us on our email [sjrbookings7@gmail.com](mailto:sjrbookings7@gmail.com) or tel 07507 374234.

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

## DON'T MISS THE FIRST STOGURSEY

### 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 price 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.***

**WEAR SOMETHING YELLOW!**

*(An initiative of the Stogursey Arts Trust)*

### Revival of Stogursey Gala Nights

Production to be part of the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the VE Day celebrations in May.

Are you interested in/or have you taken part in amateur dramatics?

Do you sing or play an instrument?

Come along to the Victory Hall on

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm**

to hear and discuss the plans.

For further details contact John JAMES

on Tel 01278 734 988

or email [jjames4827@aol.com](mailto:jjames4827@aol.com)

### Big Breakfast

Sat 15th March

10.00am - 11.30am

Stogursey Victory Hall



Come and join us for a Big Breakfast on  
Saturday 15th March,  
in aid of Stogursey Victory Hall.

Booking preferred, please contact:  
Denise 07453 381 844 or Jo 07747 495 716

Transport available - please ask

See you there!



## SUNDAY ROAST

at the Victory Hall

### SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH

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

BAR OPEN AS NORMAL



Come along and join us at  
**Stogursey Victory Hall**  
to celebrate



### St Patrick's Day

with some traditional Irish food  
on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

A two-course meal will be served starting at 7.30pm

Licensed Bar and Music - £15

For more information and bookings please contact  
Denise on 07453 381844 or  
Sue on 07772 181740

## Coffee, Crafts & Produce Market

### Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> 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:

- ❖ Sea-glass pictures and cards
- ❖ Crochet wearables, tatted earrings, and laser-engraved trinkets
- ❖ Fresh, seasonal, local and home-made produce
- ❖ Ugandan jewellery, small gift and fabric items
- ❖ Local honey, beeswax candles . . . and more!
- ❖ Knitwear and woollen goods
- ❖ Greetings cards and card-based gifts
- ❖ Home-made cakes

£5 entry includes coffee/tea/fruit juice and a slice of home-made cake.

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

## STOGURSEY FORGET-ME-NOT CAFÉ

Jubilee Rooms, Castle Street, Stogursey



### FORTNIGHTLY ON WEDNESDAYS

10.30am – 12.00 noon

#### Café Dates:

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 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 it 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.



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 [cuttellhelen@gmail.com](mailto:cuttellhelen@gmail.com)

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



## Solution to Quick Crossword No.57

February 2025

#### ACROSS:

1. Biltong, 5. Trawl, 8. Calendula, 9. CFC, 10. Sucre, 12. Ecology, 13. Henry Bessemer, 15. Morpeth, 17. Nunez, 19. Oar, 20. Identical, 22. Knave, 23. Exmouth

#### DOWN:

1. Bucks, 2. LOL, 3. Omniety, 4. Gruyere cheese, 5. Trago, 6. Anchorman, 7. Lockyer, 11. Cineraria, 13. Hammock, 14. Sanctum, 16. Exile, 18. Zilch, 21. Cru

**Have your say!**  
**Victory Hall MUGA refurbishment**

For those of you in the village and surrounding areas who are unaware, the Victory Hall also has a MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area) to the back of the building. This in recent years has fallen into disrepair, and we are therefore looking to obtain funding to refurbish this facility.

Our initial thoughts are to resurface it with an astro turf, replace the existing boards and install new LED flood lighting. We hope this will encourage a wider range of activities, but we'd love to hear from the community as it is available to all! We are therefore conducting a survey so we can canvass opinion on our intentions. Without any feedback, we will find it very difficult to get the funding required, so please do let us know your thoughts!

The survey form is also available at: <https://stogursey-online.uk/muga-refurb>

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**Victory Hall MUGA Refurbishment Survey**

1. Do you (or your children) use the MUGA?
  
2. If so, for what purpose?
  
3. Do you use similar facilities elsewhere?
  
4. Would an astro turf encourage you to use the MUGA?
  
5. What activities would you like to see available from a refurbished MUGA?
  
6. Do you have any other comments?

If you are happy to give your name and contact details, and would like a reply, please fill in below.

Name: .....

Email / phone number .....

*Please return your answers to the Post Office or a committee member by **14<sup>th</sup> March**,  
and thank you for your time and effort!*

The Victory Hall Committee

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



# 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>

**Reading** is at the very heart of everything we do at school, and I have had the pleasure of hearing children read across different year groups. It was a real joy to listen to their growing confidence, fluency, and enthusiasm as they tackled new words and explored exciting stories. Whether reading aloud in class, delving into books during independent time, or sharing stories with friends, it's clear that a love of reading is thriving within our school.

It has also been fantastic to see reading embedded across lessons, with children using texts to spark curiosity, support their learning, and develop their comprehension skills. Our well-stocked library continues to be a wonderful space for children to discover new books, and it's been lovely to see them making the most of it—choosing stories that interest them, revisiting favourites, and exploring new genres.

Encouraging a lifelong love of reading is one of the most valuable gifts we can give our children. Whether at school or home, every moment spent with a book is an opportunity to expand their world, develop their imagination, and build essential skills for the future.

*Gary Tucker, Headteacher*

## Beacon

Beacon class have been extending their learning on our book, 'The Dam', and have continued to build multi-clausal sentences with expanded noun-phrases, fronted adverbials and also using semi-colons!

**semicolon**



They have also had fun applying these skills to some creative writing of their own. The Year 5s are continuing to work really hard on their Maths with Mr Tucker, and the Year 6s have been working so hard on embedding their knowledge of division by a 2-digit number, although it is very tricky. They are using their resilience and digging deep.

## Alfoxton

This week we have been learning even more about Vikings in History; using inverted commas for speech in our English work; testing different coloured overlays on our periscopes in Science; creating awesome moves in Dance, and, becoming masters of addition and subtraction in Maths - gosh, we have been busy!

In RE we have been thinking about the miracles Jesus performed (as written in the Bible). It made us think about how many people have experienced miracles, whether we have experienced any, and whether people really believe that all the miracles were recorded accurately. We have learned in our History studies that the Anglo-Saxon Chronicles said that Vikings raided with fire-breathing dragons flying overhead! We wondered about the accuracy of historical stories and how additions might have come about over time. After considering our own beliefs, we reflected on the morals of well-known stories and what we can learn from them. We discovered that many of Jesus' miracles teach us about kindness and having faith in ourselves and one another. It was quite interesting!

## Triscombe

In Science, our young learners dove into the fascinating world of insects, discovering key facts about these tiny creatures. This topic was further explored during busy learning, where the children eagerly investigated the characteristics and behaviours of different insects.





In Art, they used their knowledge of primary colours and colour mixing to create vibrant prints of flowers and fruit, showcasing their artistic flair. A particular highlight of the week has been the children's enthusiasm for the trajectory maths area, where they've been engaging in hands-on activities to explore movement and angles. It's been a wonderful, action-packed week of learning for everyone!

## Preschool

We have been exploring!



The children absolutely loved going on a welly-walk around the village and got very muddy jumping in puddles.

We have made biscuits and also learned more about Winter. We have done some shadow matching which the children were absolutely amazing at!

We have also celebrated the beginning of the Chinese New Year, which this year, is the year of the snake.

The children have watched a short video clip explaining about Chinese New Year, made collage lanterns and used their scissor skills to cut a spiral snake. At snack time they tried some Chinese food and enjoyed a fortune cookie. We also looked to see what each of the children's names would look like, written in Chinese symbols and what the meaning of their names were.

At the end of the day, they took home their own lucky red wallet containing a chocolate coin!

## Adventurers



Mr Tucker has been enjoying working with Triscombe on finally cutting out pieces of wood to put together our bird houses. Mr Tucker was so pleased to see Triscombe children remembering their sawing techniques from last term. Next, we shall focus on filing and sanding to get nice smooth edges.



We are reaching out to our fabulous local community at this time, just in case you are having a clear out, for items that you could potentially donate to the school.

Items that we are looking for:

- Wooden toys, cars, transporters
- Wooden/natural play houses, dolls houses, play kitchens, cooking utensils
- Small world/Happy Land/ Sylvanian Families/ dinosaurs/farm animals
- Unwanted/outgrown children's dress-up items for role play

Also, if you are in an industry do you have any of these items going spare that you could donate to the school for our outdoor play?

- Spare tyres (any size)
- crates

If you are unsure, please email the school and ask. Any donations gratefully received.

Thank you,  
Miss Bentley



## Stogursey Lunches MENUS\*

**Tuesday 4 March 2025**

No lunches today

**Tuesday 11 March 2025**

(book by Fri 7 March - phone 01278 733451)

Fish pie

OR

Egg mornay,  
both with vegetables

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Pear custard pie

**Tuesday 18 March 2025**

(book by Fri 14 March - phone 01278 733451)

Sausage, leek & mash pie with veg

OR

Cheesy veg bake

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Banoffee pie traybake

**Tuesday 25 February 2025**

(book by Fri 21 Feb - phone 01278 733451)

Kedgeriee with garlic bread & salad garnish

OR

Cheesy potato, leek & mushroom tart  
(contains ground almonds)

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Sticky toffee pudding

\*MENUS MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE



## Stogursey Community Network (SCN) MARCH 2025

*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 special numbers given below.**

### **STOGURSEY LUNCHES - Tel: 01278 733451**

**Doors open 12.00, we serve from 12.30 pm.**

Come along and enjoy our wonderful Food Hygiene-certified, 2-course meals, cooked and served in the Jubilee Rooms, Stogursey on Tuesdays (except the first Tuesday of the month). **Everyone all ages, welcome!** Just book your choice and come along. 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) 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**, 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 - 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 now comes weekly (Tuesday afternoons) to our village for Pantry clients.

## Victory Hall News and Future Events

A big 'thank you' to everyone who supported our first Quiz Night for 2025 - a great evening of socialising, discussion & laughter. Our next Quiz Night will be **Friday 11th April** - 'Spring & Eggs' theme.

### Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

we will be holding an Irish Theme Night with food & Irish music! 7-11pm, cost £15. Don't forget to book your place (see separate notice).

### Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April

St George's Theme Night - Steak & British Music

This year **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May** will mark 80 years since Victory in Europe (VE) Day.

To commemorate this anniversary of Victory in Europe, we are working alongside the Festival Group and are planning a weekend of celebrations that everyone can enjoy.

### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>

Gala Evenings, entertainment & food at the Victory Hall.

### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>

Afternoon 'street' party for the children at the Victory Hall.

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>

Tea Dance/Afternoon social - Steve Saddington will sing, plus a sing-along with 'The Land Girls'.

We also hope to gather memories and have a display of memorabilia at the hall.

Anyone who would like to share photos/memories, please get in touch with Sue Hocking on 07772 181740 or by email at [hocking24@aol.com](mailto:hocking24@aol.com)

Watch out - more information to follow!

## Stogursey Toddler & Baby Group

Friday mornings  
**9.30am - 11.30am**  
Stogursey Victory Hall

### STAY AND PLAY!

Everyone Welcome!



Suggested donation: £3 per family

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## STOGURSEY TWINNING ASSOCIATION PLANT SALE

The STA will be holding a Plant Sale on the Gravel on **17th May** - please make a note of the date!

We are urgently appealing for donations of plastic plant pots, modular or plug planters (the sort of thing you might have purchased bedding plants in), seed trays, and any unwanted decorative planters and hanging baskets. If you have any that you no longer need we can put them to good use, re-using them, and would be happy to come and collect them from you. Just email Debbie at [ecologieuk@gmail.com](mailto:ecologieuk@gmail.com) to arrange. Alternatively you can drop them off in the front garden of Lavender Cottage, 42 High Street, Stogursey, or in the alleyway at the side of Custard Cottage, St Andrew's Road, Stogursey.

This is an ideal opportunity to have a Spring clean of your shed, greenhouse or garage, and we'd like to thank you in advance for your help and support!

*The STA Committee*

## Stogursey Flower Show 2025

**Saturday 2 August 2025**

There are going to be some new classes in every section of the 2025 schedule, including:

### Section A (Vegetables & Fruit)

- ★ Chillies
- ★ Heaviest courgette
- ★ Dish of fruit

### Section B (Flowers & Plants)

- ★ Fragrant rose (judged for scent alone)

### Section C (Floral Art)

- ★ Foliage only arrangement
- ★ Arrangement for 'Year of the Snake'

### Section D (Handicraft - and Art & Photography)

- ★ Clothing transformation (Sewing Bee style?)
- ★ Hand-made greeting card
- ★ Photos - to be submitted digitally not as prints.

### Section E (Homecraft)

- ★ GF Brownies
- ★ Ginger biscuits
- ★ Meringues

AND FOR OUR YOUNGER EXHIBITORS:

### Section F (aged 11 and under on day of show)

- ★ Largest sunflower head
- ★ Cress grown in an unusual container
- ★ An edible necklace



## Stogursey Oil-buying Group

The Stogursey Oil-buying Group's next order will be in March.

The scheme is open free of charge to all households within the Stogursey News distribution area except those whose oil delivery has to be made through the house.

The minimum order is 500 litres.

We usually get a better price than that quoted for individual orders.

**The next order after this one will be in September.**

If you have any questions about the oil-buying group, I can be contacted on 0755 261 0692.

*Chris Ford*

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commencing 26th March.**



**Meetings 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, and plant table (season dependant). Members free (annual membership £25), guests £5, to include tea/coffee & home made cake!

All welcome.

**Coming up:**

**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

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April:**

Car visit to Fairfield, Stogursey

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May:**

Coach trip to RHS Malvern Spring Show

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May:**

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

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

Car visit to Wick Gardens, Langport

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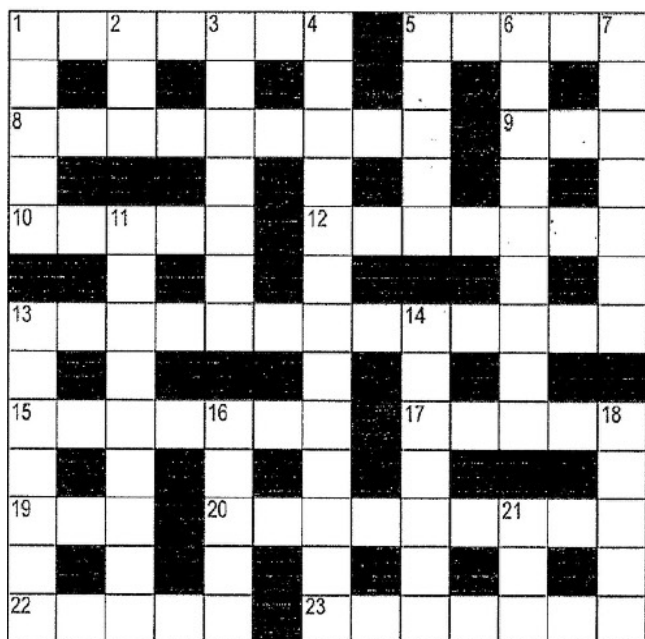
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## Quick Crossword No. 58

compiled by Helen Cuttall



### CLUES ACROSS

1. Solicit votes (7)
5. Earthy pigment containing ferrous oxide (5)
8. American R.V. (9)
9. Deep track made by wheels (3)
10. Lego for very young children (5)
12. A river in Derbyshire (7)
13. This is delicious on spare ribs (8,5)
15. City in Andalucia, Spain (7)
17. Extend period of validity for a licence (5)
19. Light-emitting diode (3)
20. Capital city of Pakistan (9)
22. Shout for joy, praise or encouragement (5)
23. Endocrine gland in the neck (7)

### CLUES DOWN

1. County in Wales (5)
2. Grandma (3)
3. Flowering plant in the buttercup family (7)
4. English new wave band (7,6)
5. Aroma (5)
6. Pantomime character with a mask and diamond patterned costume (9)
7. Give someone a title (7)
11. Ground dwelling Eurasian gamebird (9)
13. Relating to the countryside (7)
14. Rough, strong cider (7)
16. Willow with flexible branches used for making baskets (5)
18. Walked with effort through water (5)
21. Say this to a goose (3)



The 39<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Stogursey Twinning Association will be held on **Friday 21st March 2025** at 7.30pm at the Stogursey Jubilee Rooms.

At the AGM, annual membership will be due. Our membership costs just £5 per person, or £10 for family membership. You can pay by Bank Transfer in advance, or on the night.

Please bring "nibbles" to share, and your own drinks, and the meeting will be followed by a short social evening.

For more information please contact Anna Hammond, STA Chair, at [stogurseytwinningassociation@gmail.com](mailto:stogurseytwinningassociation@gmail.com)

### Stogursey Parish Council Meetings

The February meeting of the Parish Council took place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February, the day after this edition of Stogursey News was sent to Hinkley Point for printing. April's edition will hold notes of the Parish Council meetings for both February and March.

### The Three Winds

The hard blue winds of March  
shake the young sheep  
and flake the long stone walls;  
now from the gusty grass  
comes the horned music of rams,  
and plovers fall out of the sky  
filling their wings with snow.

Tired of this northern tune  
the winds turn soft  
blowing white butterflies  
out of dog-rose hedges,  
and schoolroom songs are full  
of boy's green cuckoos  
piping the summer round.

Till August sends at last  
its brick-red breath  
over the baking wheat and  
blistered poppy,  
brushing with feathered hands  
the skies of brass,  
with dreams of river moss  
my thirst's delirium.

*Laurie Lee (1914 - 1997)*

## Apprenticeships

The number of apprentices trained has passed a new milestone of 1,500 - 500 more than the original target - with more to come. 70% of them are from the South-West.

Hinkley Point C has established three training “Centres of Excellence” in Bridgwater and Cannington to help local people join the project. More than 8,000 people have already been trained in welding, electrical, and mechanical skills. The National College for Nuclear in Cannington is training a new workforce for Britain’s nuclear industry.

Many of the new apprentices started their careers as part of the project’s Somerset-based Young HPC programme. Jobs and careers support is provided by the Hinkley Point C Jobs Service based in Bridgwater.

## Young HPC



This half term, Young HPC members have been offered another chance to learn more about the Hinkley Point C project and how nuclear works with a tour of the site, and time to check out the interactive experiments at the Visitors Centre.

All attendees had the chance to earn their ‘HPC, Nuclear & Low Carbon Pro’ Digital Badge to impress prospective employers!

## Hinkley Point C Community Fund

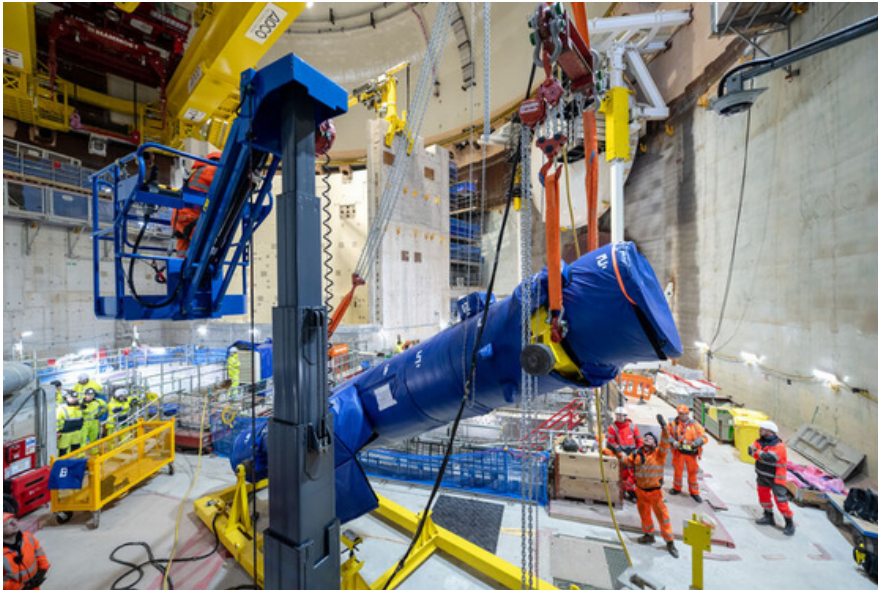
£2,500 was awarded in December 2024 to the Stogursey Community Network to contribute towards their community lunch group for older people in the village.

Stogursey Community Network is made up of 20 local volunteers who run a weekly community lunch club for a mostly older population in Stogursey. They also provide transport for medical appointments. They are essentially a community help group that sprung up as a result of Covid in the community. They work with the village agents, dementia support café and the West Somerset Food Bank in order to support residents.

The grant has helped cover the costs of transport costs, venue hire, food costs as well as a contribution towards the group’s insurance in order to keep running the lunch club.



## First cold leg



The team in the Reactor Building of Unit 1 introduced the first cold leg of our Primary Circuit.

This is the circuit of pipework that'll take water from the Steam Generator back to the Reactor Pressure Vessel, so it can be reheated and used to regulate the temperature of the Reactor.

With the introduction of the first leg complete, teams are one step closer to starting the Primary Circuit welding.

## Final Steam Generator



The final Steam Generator for Unit 1 arrived at Hinkley Point C where it will be stored ahead of installation into the Reactor Building later this year.

In total, four steam generators will be placed in each reactor building, operating at an average temperature of 295°C for at least 60 years.

Weighing 520 tonnes, each Steam Generator contains almost 6,000 tubes which allow heat to pass safely from the reactor to the turbine, ensuring the water / steam in each system remains separate.

## 3,000 new jobs in Somerset

Over the next 18 months, Hinkley Point C will create 3,000 new jobs in Somerset as it approaches peak construction, with around 15,000 people expected to be building the power station.

The increase will provide a major jobs boost for Somerset with 3,000 new roles set to be created. The new roles will be in a vast range of different professions and we remain on target to meet the strong commitments we have made on local recruitment. We will continue to focus on recruiting locally with people from across Somerset supported through training in our new training centres of excellence and a dedicated Jobs Service.

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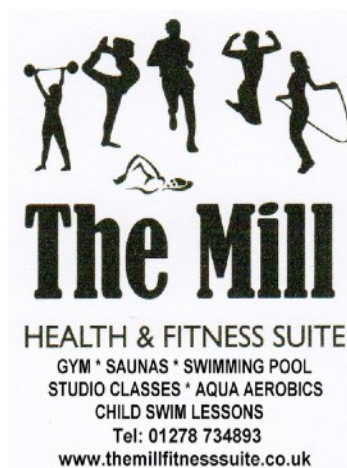
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