

STOGURSEY NEWS



Bridgwater Carnival
see inside for details

Photo: Bridgwater Photographic Society

November 2024

Deadline for **DECEMBER 2024** contributions: 10.00am **Friday 15th November 2024**

EDITORIAL

Welcome to our November edition and well done to the producers of the wonderful Carnival cover!

I'm sure that we on the Editorial team won't be alone in wishing George and Clare at the garage all the best in their retirement. They'll be sorely missed for all manner of reasons.

It is nice to hear such positive words from new residents about both the News and village life. We are pleased to be able to provide a conduit for both village life and news from slightly further afield – even as far as Bridgwater! It is true that 'success breeds success'. As a fairly long term member of the team writing here I can remember meetings when we pondered whether anyone actually reads Stogursey News? I think that question has been answered very positively.

Anyone who comes to the Soap Factory Cinema will love the next film, 'Keeping Mum' - a delight from start to finish. We were surprised by the low turn out for 'Lion' last month and can only assume that the pull of Bridgwater Fair won out.

It has been wonderful to watch, over the years, the sense of community coming through the entries to this magazine which have broadened and deepened to where we are now. Thanks to all are contributors.

It is lovely to see the work of the children in our pages and displayed in the Church during the Arts Festival.

As ever, HPC news is fascinating and technically mind-boggling in size and quantity. We are grateful for their continued support in printing this lovely magazine.

Have a safe and fun Bonfire Night!

Best autumnal wishes from the Editorial Team

Stogursey-Online.uk

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

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

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

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.
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Regular Events

Monday	*60+ Rehabilitation Fitness Class (weekly) *Spinal Mobility, Balance & Strength Class (weekly) Health Walks - Level One (weekly) Contact: https://www.sasp.co.uk/sedgemoor	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 - https://www.sasp.co.uk/health-walks 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 jfnicholson@talktalk.net	Jubilee Rooms Multi-sport court, Victory Hall	10.00am - 12 noon 10.00am - 12 noon
Saturday	Quiz Night (third Saturday of month)	Victory Hall	doors open 7.00pm
Sunday	Quantock Tennis Club (weekly)	Multi-sport court, Victory Hall	10.00am - 12 noon

* Contact siancocks@btinternet.com / 01278 652411

NOVEMBER			
Wednesday 6	Stogursey Strummers - Ukuleles	Greyhound Inn	7.30pm - 9.30pm
Saturday 9	Cheese & Wine Evening (STA)	Shurton	8.00pm
Sunday 10	Sunday Roast	Victory Hall	12noon - 2.00pm
Tuesday 12	Parish Council Meeting	Victory Hall	7.00pm
Friday 15	Auction of Promises and Wine Tasting	Jubilee Rooms	7.00pm
Wednesday 20	Forget-me-not Café	Victory Hall	10.30am - 12noon
Wednesday 20	Strummers of Stogursey (Ukulele session)	Greyhound Inn	7.30pm - 9.30pm
Thursday 21	Film Night: "Keeping Mum"	Jubilee Rooms	Doors open 7.00pm
Saturday 23	Christmas Market	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 1.00pm
Thursday 28	Mobile Library Visit	as per schedule	as per schedule
Saturday 30	History of Hinkley Point and artefacts found	Victory Hall	9.00am - 5.00pm
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
Saturday 7	Christmas Market	Victory Hall	10.00am - 2.00pm
Sunday 8	Christmas Lunch	Victory Hall	tbc

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NOVEMBER SUNDAY SERVICE ROTA for Quantock Gate Parishes

CHURCH	3 rd November	10 th November	17 th November	24 th November
Cannington St Mary	8.00 Holy Communion	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Service of Remembrance <i>followed by gathering at War Memorial at 10.45am</i>	8.00 & 9.30am Holy Communion	8.00 & 9.30am Holy Communion
Combwich St Peter		6.00pm Prayer and Praise	11.15am Holy Communion	
Fiddington St Martin		9.00am Patronal Festival	9.00am Holy Communion	9.00am Family Service
Stockland St Mary Magdalene	10.00am COMBINED BENEFICE EUCHARIST	10.50am Service of Remembrance		11.15am Holy Communion
Stogursey St Andrew		10.00am Service of Remembrance <i>followed by gathering on the gravel at 10.40am</i>	10.30am Holy Communion	10.30am Rise and Shine Family Service
	Gold/White	Red	Red	Red

All Souls Services of Light

Every year, around All Souls Day, we hold special services to remember loved ones who have died.

This year, we are holding three services, at Stolford, Steart and Cannington.

Should you like someone remembered by name at these services, please either use the list at the back of the churches or else contact our Benefice Administrator, Helen Greenwood, at qgparishes@gmail.com.

Thursday 31st October

Friday 1st November

Saturday 2nd November

7pm at St Peter's Chapel, Stolford

7pm at St Andrew's Chapel, Steart

7pm at St Mary's Church, Cannington

STOGURSEY MOTORS RETIREMENT

Greetings all

At Stogursey Motors we are edging closer to our retirement date this coming Christmas. I do feel recovered from my heart attack in March, maybe with just a little less bounce.

This is just to keep you informed of our future intentions and plans, as we are still awaiting planning permission to be applied for.

When, and if, it is granted, the hope is to convert the front shop into a flat at some point, but to keep the workshop as is for the foreseeable future and retain its MOT status, as once lost, it would be virtually impossible to reinstate. This will allow us to have the workshop for hobbies / projects, parking and to carry out a small amount of car and motorcycle MOTs and some light repairs to keep me in beer and cigars and help cover workshop overheads, insurance etc. This will be on a limited basis, as to when we are available and strictly by appointment only. Thus allowing us time to enjoy our motorhome, sailing, hobbies and the list of projects Clare has lined up for me. Also there is the option that someone may like to rent the workshop in the future maybe.

In the new year we are going to catch our breaths after 30 years of toil in the workshop, then do some travelling. We have an extended trip booked to New Zealand, then to Australia for a family wedding, and then a road trip down the Queensland coast, returning home at the end of March. It should be great fun.

Big thankyou to all our wonderful customers, it's been an honour to have served the local community and been part of it .

Kind regards, George & Clare Brockis

Dear Editors

Having moved to Stogursey a couple of months ago, we would like to thank the Editorial Team for the monthly Stogursey News. We have found it both invaluable and informative. We didn't realise so much goes on in our little village before we moved here and have met some lovely people with the help of the Newsletter. The Fish and Chip van on Wednesdays is a bonus, not to mention the lovely local pubs serving delicious meals, the pop-ups at Burton, the Victory Hall and Jubilee Rooms to mention a few. The village has a lovely sense of community and we are delighted to be part of it.

Keep up the good work team and we look forward to the next edition and, of course, what's happening around Christmas time.

Name and address supplied

VICTORY HALL LOTTERY WINNERS

September Draw 2024

1 st prize	£25.00	Rose Nurton	No. 163
2 nd prize	£15.00	John Baker	No. 37
3 rd prize	£10.00	Barbara Langley	No. 100

Stogursey Victory Hall News

Thank you to all who attended the village hall AGM

Chairperson: Heather Ranson
Email: heatherranson124@btinternet.com
Tel: 01278 732824 / 07968799312

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Email: hocking24@aol.com

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Tel. 01278 732820

Secretary: Lisa Dunwood

Thank you to Allan Searle and Chris Ford, all Committee members, and volunteers for all your time and hard work

HELP!

If you have any spare time and expertise, please contact me, Heather Ranson, or any other committee member.

FRIDAY SOCIAL CAFÉ JUBILEE ROOMS, CASTLE STREET, STOGURSEY

FREE!

Café is open every Friday 10.00-12.00
Refreshments are provided.
Newspapers, magazines.

Bring your crafts. Join in debates.
All FREE.

If you are able to volunteer to help run the café, only on a once-a-month basis, please ring 07507 374234.

Solution to Quick Crossword No.53

October 2024

ACROSS:

1.Caramel, 5.Barge, 8.Angostura, 9.Car, 10.Tarka,
12.Doorman, 13.Jiggery-pokery, 15.Canasta, 17.Galah,
19.DJs, 20.Lake Nyasa, 22.Wasps, 23.Trotsky

DOWN:

1. Chant, 2.Rig, 3.Mistake, 4.Laundry Basket, 5.Beano,
6.Recumbent, 7. Errancy, 11. Regenesiis, 13. Jackdaw,
14.Orlando, 16.Seles, 18.Shaky, 21.Ass

BRIDGWATER CARNIVAL CELEBRATIONS

FIREWORKS DISPLAY - Friday 1 November, 7.30pm

The town's carnival weekend celebrations will start with a bang at a 'Grand Firework Display'.

The display is sponsored by Bridgwater Town Council and supported by Somerset Council. The build-up to the fireworks display will start at 3.30pm, as there will be other attractions at St Matthew's Field to entertain the family, including a handful of fairground rides.

Parking on the field for the fireworks display will cost £7, with all proceeds going towards the official Bridgwater Carnival charity and other supported local charities and organisations.

BRIDGWATER GUY FAWKES CARNIVAL – Saturday 2 November, 6.00pm

Bridgwater hosts the oldest carnival in the UK, which is annually held on the first Saturday in November. It has the reputation for being one of the largest illuminated parades in Europe, and the event's origins can be traced back to The Gunpowder Plot.

The 2024 carnival celebrations are testament to the town's dedicated carnivalites and the invaluable support received from the event's main sponsor EDF's Hinkley Point C, and many other local businesses and organisations. In the last two years, Bridgwater Guy Fawkes Carnival has raised over £65,000 for local charities and good causes.

On carnival day itself, the build up to the grand procession starts in the town centre at 10:30am with a full

programme of street entertainment for the revellers who come into the town early.

The carnival procession starts at 6.00pm, and will consist of 100 entries. Nearly 50 illuminated carnival carts and many other walking entries will enthrall the tens of thousands of people from throughout the UK who are expected to line the route.

The entertainment will be brought to a fitting finale immediately after the procession when approximately 200 squibbers will line the town's High Street for the traditional squibbing display.

For those who are unable to make it into Bridgwater on the big night, the carnival is also being streamed live on the internet. This is thanks to the technical expertise of Somerset Web Services, Maniac Films, QSS IT and Timeless Images. Viewers can tune in from 6pm on carnival night with the procession coming into range of the Cornhill cameras at about 7.15pm. For those who would like to make use of the streaming service, all that is needed is internet access, and in return viewers are asked to consider making an optional donation to the Bridgwater Carnival charity. To find out more about the live stream service and to watch it, please visit <https://live.bridgwaterncarnival.org.uk/>.

For all of the latest Bridgwater Carnival news, visit www.bridgwaterncarnival.org.uk or the event's social media channels - Facebook (@BridgwaterGuyFawkesCarnival), Twitter (@BCarnival), Instagram (@bridgwaterncarnival) and TikTok (@bridgwater_carnival)

It's not just George Formby - The Strummers of Stogursey

sing lots of lovely songs while they strum their ukuleles.

If you like to sing why don't you come and join in?

Have a little go on a ukulele too if you'd like to give that a try.

We meet at the Greyhound 7.30pm every second Wednesday - next session

Wednesday 6th November.

Hope to see you then, beginners welcome.

Further details:

lanelenor@gmail.com

rose.palmer280@gmail.com

Cheese & Wine Evening



Saturday 9th November
8.00pm

Come and enjoy a selection of cheeses and a glass of wine in convivial company.

Hosted by Karen and Kelvin at Bayleys Brook House, Shurton. TA5 1QE.

£10

Please book by phoning
01278 732949

Stogursey Twinning Association

SUNDAY ROAST

at **STOGURSEY VICTORY HALL**
on **SUNDAY 10th NOVEMBER**

LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE
FROM
12 noon TO 14:00

1 course £10 / 2 courses £15
Children's courses available

CASH ONLY PLEASE

Bookings are required,
please contact

Denise Oliver 01278 733594 /
07453381844

BAR OPEN FROM 12 NOON

Don't miss the first ever Stogursey

AUCTION OF PROMISES and WINE TASTING EVENING



Friday 15th November
in the Jubilee Rooms, Stogursey

7.00pm start

EXCELLENT PROMISES TO BID FOR!

plus

CHOOSE YOUR WINE BY TASTING
AND ORDERING ON THE NIGHT!

LIMITED NUMBERS! DON'T MISS OUT!

**Wine Bar,
an opportunity to see the Stogursey Arts Festival
Photographic Exhibition**

COST: £8.00 ADVANCE TICKETS, £10 ON THE DOOR

Advance tickets can be reserved by email:

saftickets2@gmail.com

Or bought at the Spar shop in Stogursey until 14/11/2024

For enquiries please contact John on 01278 734988.

**Hosted by Stogursey Arts Festival
(Wine Tasting hosted by Vine Associates)**



As the nights are now closing in,
why not come and join us and enjoy
an evening at the Cinema.

To commemorate the extraordinary life of the
outstanding actress Maggie Smith, who we have just
lost, we thought it would be a lovely idea to show
the film "Keeping Mum".

It is set in a sleepy English village, Little Wallop, and tells
the story of a well-meaning vicar who is oblivious to his
family's woes, until a housekeeper (Maggie Smith) arrives
who has her own unique definition of keeping house – a
very unusual way of solving problems. The cast also
includes Rowan Atkinson and Kristin Scott-Thomas.

Everyone is very welcome and can also indulge in our
great selection of refreshments.

Doors will be open from 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.

Tickets are available from our local Spar shop or on the
door that night.

Looking forward to seeing you all on

Thursday 21st November.

The Soap Factory Team

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



Christmas Market



in the Jubilee Rooms, Stogursey

Saturday 23rd November

10.30am - 1.00pm

Entry £2 - includes a drink (tea/coffee/hot chocolate)
and a mince pie.

Children under-12 free.

A great opportunity to come and do some Christmas gift
shopping

from a range of crafts and local produce!

To book a table contact us on sjrbookings7@gmail.com
or Tel: 07507 374234

£10 for a large table; £5 for a small table

FORTHCOMING VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

NOVEMBER 30th, Saturday

History of Hinkley Point, and artefacts found on site
Somerset Heritage Centre
9am - 5pm

DECEMBER 7th, Saturday

Christmas Market

10am - 2pm
Stalls / Tea & coffee / food
Maybe a visit from Father Christmas

Christmas Bingo

Details in next month's Stogursey News

DECEMBER 20th, Friday

WATCHET BAND

7pm - Late

A FUTURE DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

MAY 10th / 11th 2025

Celebrate 80 years since Victory in Europe (VE Day)
More information to follow.

STOGURSEY VICTORY HALL



CHRISTMAS LUNCH



will be served on

Sunday 8th December

Menu available soon

£ 20.00 for 3 courses

£ 15.00 for 2 courses

All meals to include mince pie, and tea or coffee to finish.

BOOKINGS PREFERRED

Please call Denise on 01278733594 / 07453381844



STOGURSEY FORGET-ME-NOT CAFÉ

Jubilee Rooms, Castle Street, Stogursey

FORTNIGHTLY ON WEDNESDAYS

10.30am – 12.00 noon

Upcoming Winter Café Dates:

Wednesday 6th November -

PLEASE NOTE, NO CAFÉ IN THE JUBILEE ROOMS -
we shall be out that day

Wednesday 20th November

Wednesday 4th December

Wednesday 18th December – CHRISTMAS PARTY
in the Jubilee Rooms

Wednesday 8th 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 will be entertaining us this month. We will be decorating a Christmas Tree again this year for the Christmas Tree Festival in St Andrew's Church, ideas for decoration are very welcome.

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:

Helen: 01278 733451 cuttellhelen@gmail.com

Rose: 07507 374234 rosechalk@icloud.com



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2024

Following on from last year's highly successful Festival, we are now planning this year's one. Thirteen of last year's entrants have already booked a place and we hope to increase the number of entries this time.

The Festival will simply involve individuals and/or groups making or 'adopting' a Christmas tree and/ or its decoration. The project has been designed as an 'open brief' because we want to encourage all involved to get creative and have some fun! You may want to work to a traditional Christmas theme, using symbols of Christmas for example, or you may want to use the opportunity to identify your group or business through making your own decorations that say something about you; the choice is yours.

At the moment we do not have specific dates as we are hoping to coincide with the Carol Service, but obviously it will be in the run up to Christmas! We plan to make a bulk purchase of trees from the same source as before to keep a visual continuity. We are asking for a £5 entry fee and will be happy to receive additional donations towards the cost of the trees.

For further information please contact Pauline Kaye by telephone 01278 734550 or email: pfkaye@yahoo.co.uk

By the Pool

by Jan Ford

Just how did I get here?
I'm all alone,
Languishing near the pool edge.
I feel abandoned,
Missing like companions.
- Less than cool now
In full sun.
Hoping to be picked up.

My well-rounded form
Feeling the heat
- Lumpy skin shrivelling, drying out,
Becoming darker orange
By the minute.

But inside I'm fruity.
Still tender, juicy and moist!
Just waiting to be taken
- and consumed.
A morning by the pool;
Not bad for a lonely Satsuma!

Points from the Parish Council Meeting
8th OCTOBER 2024

Parish Defibrillators

The Parish Council hosted an awareness session in the use of the units at the Victory Hall, and over 30 residents attended. We are still seeking assistance from local residents living near to the defibs in Stogursey, Shurton and Stolford to ensure that they are in-situ and operational, on a weekly basis. Anyone who feels they could spare 5 minutes a week carrying out such checks could you please contact the Clerk.

Remembrance Day

The Parish Council will be represented and laying a wreath at the service to be held at the War Memorial on The Gravel on Sunday 10th November 2024. We hope you can join us.

Highway Matters

The Parish Council is striving to ensure that the Highway Department of Somerset Council keeps the roads, drains, white/yellow lines and warning signs in the best of condition, but the backlog of works is causing issues across the Parish. Can I encourage you to continue to report such matters via Somerset Council's website www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-travel-and-parking/report-a-problem-on-the-road/

Who is a Riparian Owner?

If you own land or property that contains or is adjacent to a river, stream or ditch, you are a 'Riparian Owner'. Under common law you are the riparian owner of any watercourse if it is within or adjacent to the boundaries of your property/the highway. Where a watercourse is between two or more property boundaries, it is assumed that each owner is responsible to the centre of the watercourse, unless it is known to be owned by someone

else. For example, even if the 'Title Deeds' for a property show the boundary to be the fence/wall, they have riparian rights and responsibilities to the centre of the watercourse. Roadside ditches are also the riparian owners responsibility for maintenance.

New Parish Clerk

After just over four years as your Parish Clerk I am taking up my slippers and retiring. Please welcome your new Parish Clerk, Steven Taylor, who takes over on 1st November 2024. Steve lives in Chilton Trinity and has a long background in Council service with Sedgemoor and Somerset Councils. The email address will be the same, but the phone number will change from next month.

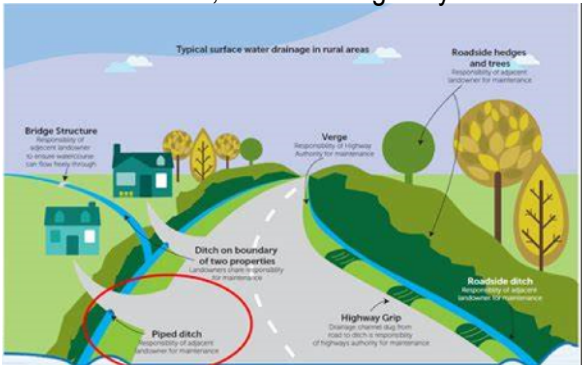
Date of next meeting

The Parish Council is due to meet on the evening of **Tuesday 12th November**, which 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 or 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 on - clerk@stogurseyparishcouncil.org.uk

Richard Wand, Clerk to Stogursey Parish Council



Stogursey Oil-buying Group

The Stogursey Oil-buying Group's next order will be in November. The scheme is open free of charge to all households within the Stogursey News distribution area except those whose oil delivery has to be made through the house. The minimum order is 500 litres. We usually get oil for 3 to 4 pence per litre less than the price quoted for individual orders.

The next order after this one will be in January. If you have any questions about the oil-buying group, I can be contacted on 0755 261 0692.

Chris Ford

To place an order please leave the form in the Post Office or telephone (01278 732191) or email stogurseyford@gmail.com by **10am Monday 11th November** with the following information:-

Name

Address

Postcode

Email (if available)

Tel:

Amount of oil required litres

Note: PLEASE specify an amount of oil required, and not an unknown quantity such as 'top up'.

Special instructions.....

**Delivery will be in the 2 week period commencing
12th November**

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Stogursey C of E Primary and Pre-School



It was lovely to hear how proud the children made us when they recently visited the church for the Arts Festival.

Every Friday, I teach Beacon class and they have made me very proud with their artwork. We have been learning about watercolour techniques, and the creativity and imagination coming from this class has been exceptional.

I also got the chance to teach Alfoxton recently and they were very creative with their story writing.

Sadly, my short unit on woodworking has come to an end in Triscombe class as they move onto cookery. I have been so pleased with their drive to improve their measuring, marking and sawing skills. When I return, we are going to use our skills to design and make our own birdhouses to spruce the school site up!

Gary Tucker
Headteacher

Alfoxton Class

This week in our Science lesson, we made everybody jealous by making chocolate rice crispy cakes! Anyone might think it was a cooking class, but no! We were learning about the melting points of different solids. We tried to melt chocolate using water at 10° Celsius, (10°C) 40°C, and 90°C (with super supervision of course). We predicted that the chocolate would melt at 90°C and some of us thought it might even melt at 10°C. We found out that chocolate won't melt at all at 10°C, will only melt the smallest amount around the edges at 40°C but melts quickly at 90°C.

Did you know that when a solid turns into a liquid, the particles that are tightly bound together, begin to break and move around? Isn't it fascinating?



Beacon Class

It was so lovely to have our whole-school trip to St Andrew's Church on Wednesday for the Harvest Festival.



There were so many generous donations from our parent and carer community and it was heart-warming to see so many of you there with us to join in with this important date in the religious and school calendar. The children were fabulous with their confident contributions to the ceremony and their up-lifting singing voices.

To be part of a community that is so nurturing and warm is at the centre of what we believe as a school. We look forward to seeing you all there on 20th December to join us and your children for our Christingle service.

Triscombe Class

It's been another busy week in Triscombe class. We have come to the end of our woodwork sessions and we have learned many things, like controlling a saw, being safe around tools and precision cutting.

In Reception, we have started learning tricky words in phonics.

In Geography, we discovered why there are seasons and what makes them change.



Preschool

At Preschool, we have continued to learn about the Harvest festival. We had a vegetable trough, and the children enjoyed digging up the vegetables and exploring their different textures and smells.

We practised our fine motor skills by cutting out some farm objects and using them to create our own farming pictures, and we counted vegetables and practised writing our numbers.

We used playdough to make tractor wheels, scarecrows hats, carrots and wheat sheaves and we made an apple and blackberry crumble with the fruit we picked on last week's walk. We then enjoyed eating it with some custard!

We also joined the rest of the school at the church to celebrate the Harvest festival.



Art News

Alfoxton Class, Beacon Class and Pre-school had the privilege of visiting the Stogursey Arts Festival at St. Andrew's Church. It was amazing to learn about the artwork and local artists and to see all the mythical sea creatures around the church. Amongst them were aquatic creatures the children had created in school.

Everyone was so proud to see their work in display for the community to appreciate. We all look forward to taking part again next year.

We would like to share some positive feedback from members of our village community.

One person commented how polite and well behaved our pre-school and older children were whilst walking in the village last week. She described it as 'an absolute joy to see.'

There was further feedback about the school's wonderful artwork displayed in the Church: "I took a picture, it was the only one I took". High praise indeed!

Well done everybody!



Stogursey Lunches MENUS



Stogursey Community Network (SCN)
NOVEMBER 2024

Tuesday 5 November

NO LUNCH TODAY

Tuesday 12 November

(book by Friday 8 Nov - phone 01278 733451)

Beef & vegetable casserole and potatoes;
A vegetarian option on request

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Italian rice pudding cake

Tuesday 19 November

(book by Friday 15 Nov - phone 01278 733451)

Chicken & mushroom stroganoff, or
Mushroom stroganoff,
with rice and vegetables

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Parkin with cream

Tuesday 26 November

(book by Friday 22 Nov - phone 01278 733451)

Creamy chicken cobbler, OR
Creamy vegetable cobbler;
with green vegetables

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Apple blondie with clotted cream

Tuesday 10 December

(book by Friday 6 Dec - phone 01278 733451)

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

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Coconut bread and butter pudding

Tuesday 17 December

(book by Friday 13 Dec - phone 01278 733451)

Christmas Lunch

details in December's Stogursey News

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

Contact us: 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

We are pleased to report that we were recently reinspected and awarded Level 5 Food Hygiene standard again.

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, prepared by our Food Hygiene Level 2-certified volunteers.

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 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 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.

Observations from Footpath Junction

The winter is clearly imminent, summer a fading memory, the images of "holiday" dog walkers and happy children camping at Burton Springs, out for a journey into "the country" are a thing of the past, we hope they enjoyed the area as much as we do.

The local dog owners are still in abundance and it's delightful to see the bond between dog and owner, also positive is that the vast majority pick up the canine by-product.

The house martins that had a short term lease on the garage eaves have left for their winter site. Were they replaced by swallows or did they just get bigger? They have all gone now.

We have heard a strange noise coming down the chimney, on investigation it was an owl squawking as it perched. It must be the nights drawing in, as we have now seen owls in the early evening on a few occasions.

We now have a visiting squirrel, he wasn't apparent last year. About a month ago we kept finding walnuts on the drive and on flagstones. Last week we sighted the culprit as he brings the walnuts in from an adjoining garden and then tries to find suitable storage sites, we suspect he is already losing them as he returns and seems to dig holes as if looking for something.

Along with many other plants, we brought a clump of "red hot poker" with us when we moved from North Kent some 22 months ago, some plants have survived, some died, but the pokers have flourished. Not sure why but as I write they are still producing flowers, the clump is expanding and getting taller by the week. Is it the soil, the local environment or just the new slightly sheltered location that is aiding these plants? Also of note are the dandelions that are still blooming in the grass despite all our efforts.

We must now attend to those autumn tasks, the runner beans have been taken down and some pods stored for next year, the crop was ok initially but tailed off.

Some 20 years ago we were given some bean seeds by a farmer whilst holidaying near Bridport, they flourished in Kent for a number of years and we always retained some seeds. Sometime in 2023 we received a phone call from a friend who asked if we were near Nether Stowey as he was there on holiday and thought we were nearby. It transpires his family had arranged for him to have a mountain biking treat in the area for his birthday, so with just a few minutes notice we joined them. What do you give as a gift with only minutes to spare? The guy is a passionate vegetable grower, so we wrapped up some seeds and presented them to him. We are pleased to recount that the beans have produced in huge number after being planted in Northamptonshire, we will definitely be trying them in our garden in 2025.

Best wishes Roger and Ruth

SAPS

(Stogursey Arts Photographic Society)

This group meets one evening a month at the Jubilee Rooms and is open to all, whether you are a "professional" or a "happy snapper" your input and enthusiasm will be encouraged, supported and nurtured, this is truly a society of equals.

You do not need a state of the art device to be made welcome, a mobile phone with camera function, a Box Brownie (apologies to younger readers, look it up on the internet!) or the latest all-singing, all-dancing, gizmo-loaded Olympus, all are welcome.

Much of our current focus is on the history of the village whether it be old, yesterday or current, all is of interest.

Our current exhibition is on display at the Jubilee Rooms, initially set up as part of the Arts Festival, and the photographs will be on display until mid-December. The Society is extremely grateful for being accommodated at this venue. The exhibition will eventually be relocated to various sites so it can be seen by many, it is hoped that the next viewing will be in Bridgwater.

Although all users of the Jubilee Rooms will have seen the photographs, some residents may not have had the pleasure, you should try and get along at an appropriate time to view before it all moves on. Many aspects of the village and its life are reproduced and will be of interest to most.

It is an option that you may want a copy of one or more of the photos on display; these can be purchased through SAPS (see website) as bare prints, they might make ideal Christmas gifts for those difficult to please people!

The prints will be on high quality paper and should last for 75 years without fading (conditions re not in sunlight etc), they will cost:-

Up to 12 inches by 8 inches £10.90

Up to 18 inches by 12 inches £21.90

This is for collection only (within village), we are not in a position to post out.

For more information, and to see the photographs if you cannot get along to the exhibition, go to the website:- <https://www.stogurseyphotos.org.uk>

Best wishes Roger

News from the Quantock Medical Centre

We have had a few changes at the practice recently. Sadly Sarah, our receptionist, has retired. You might remember her also from working in the Nether Stowey Library in the past. She will be greatly missed by the patients and her colleagues at the practice. We have two new friendly faces for you on reception, Jasmine and Martin, so please welcome them and we appreciate your patience whilst they are training.

We have a campaign alongside the other Bridgwater Practices this autumn to encourage greater awareness of **Hypertension**. Leaving hypertension undiagnosed can lead to many serious life-threatening medical conditions including: Kidney disease, Strokes, Aortic aneurisms, Vascular dementia, Heart disease, Heart failure and Heart attacks. Even the smallest changes can reduce your risk. We want to encourage people over the age of 40 years to have their blood pressure checked, particularly anyone who has not been seen by their GP in the last 5 years. So if this is you or you know someone, please book an appointment at your practice or pop along to a local Pharmacy to have your blood pressure checked.

We will be contacting patients throughout the year to have the **new Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)** immunisation. RSV is an infectious disease of the airways and lungs with symptoms similar to a cold, including cough, sore throat, sneezing and a runny or blocked nose. The RSV vaccine can be given at the same time as a shingles vaccine, but it is not advised to be given on the same day as a flu or covid vaccination, and evidence suggests that protection lasts for 2 years.

It is for people aged 75 - 79 years of age (from the 1st of September 2024). Some 80 years olds will also be eligible. Also, all pregnant women from 28 weeks gestation will be invited. If you are eligible, you will be contacted by the Practice to book an appointment.

Thanks for your support.

Helen Stacey - Practice Manager



Meetings 3rd Thursday of each month
7.30pm at Nether Stowey Church Centre

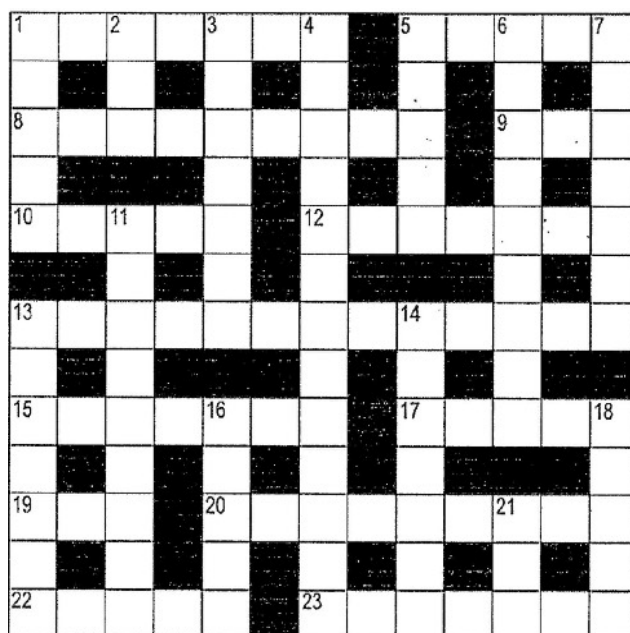
Thursday 21st November: **Christmas Flowers**
A demonstration by Myra Cox

Tuesday 17th December: **Members' Christmas Party**

Contact: Secretary Lucy Haswell 01278 671289 /
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Quick Crossword No.54

compiled by Helen Cuttall



CLUES ACROSS

1. Alligator pear (7)
5. Style of jazz developed in the U.S in the 1940s (5)
8. Below the ribs (9)
9. Toilet (3)
10. A member of the indigenous people of New Zealand (5)
12. A John Lennon song (7)
13. A large larva of a beetle or moth, eaten by some Australian Aboriginal people (9,4)
15. A breed of Mediterranean chicken noted for their white eggs (7)
17. Indian drink made with yogurt (5)
19. To have possession of (3)
20. Be a perfect example of (9)
22. Man or chap (5)
23. Town on the south coast of Hampshire (7)

CLUES DOWN

1. State in Northeastern India famous for its tea (5)
2. Ball shaped capsule containing the eye (3)
3. Put an end to (7)
4. Leaving someone far behind (13)
5. Very lightweight wood (5)
6. Game for two played with cues (9)
7. Adage (7)
11. Eight sided (9)
13. Salad of celery, apple, and walnuts (7)
14. Disease of plants characterised by loss of chlorophyll (7)
16. Last letter of the Greek alphabet (5)
18. Clumsy or having no skill (5)
21. International Maritime Organisation (3)

Project Update

A round up of the latest news from Hinkley Point C
November 2024

Powered up for testing

In a first for Hinkley Point C, an electrical system has been handed over for testing.

The MEH alliance who plays an important role in delivering the Mechanical, Electrical, Heating, ventilation and air-conditioning installations and enabling services for the project, handed over the system in the Electrical Building for testing. That's the building that will eventually provide an uninterrupted supply of power to various plant systems such as pumps, valves, cabinets, fans, heaters and lights. The Commissioning team has been preparing for months for their first live project and will soon begin checking that everything in the system works as expected.



Polar crane for Unit 2 delivered

Unit 2's Polar Crane beams were successfully delivered to Hinkley Point C last month. This crane will rotate 360° at the top of the Reactor building and will be used to install heavy equipment during construction, such as the reactor and steam generators. It'll also be used when the power station is operational for refuelling and maintenance.



Fast Fact

These are the longest pieces of equipment delivered to the wharf

Weight: 120 tonnes
Height: 3.9 metres
Width: 2.5 metres
Length: 50 metres

Official sponsor of Bridgwater Carnival



Hinkley Point C is the main sponsor for the annual Bridgwater Guy Fawkes Carnival for the third successive year. One of Europe's largest illuminated carnivals, the event - which takes place this year on Saturday 02 November - attracts thousands of people into the town.

It's raised more than £65,000 for local charities and good causes over the past two years.

Dave Croker, President of Bridgwater Guy Fawkes Carnival, said: "We really appreciate the generosity and kindness of EDF, their partners, and Hinkley Point C. I would like to thank them for their continued support and for becoming our main 2024 sponsor."

Stogursey Update

A round up of the latest news from Hinkley Point C

November 2024

Sizeable shipments

Between May and September, 13 abnormal indivisible loads (AILs) have been shipped from Avonmouth to Hinkley Pont C via barge to Combwich Wharf.

Getting oversized and heavy pieces of equipment to Hinkley Pont C can be a complex business. The movement of these AILs takes a lot of planning and communication between suppliers, project managers, and our Freight and Marine team. Initially, deliveries are taken to Avonmouth for storage. When needed, they're transported by Osprey via barge down the Bristol Channel to Combwich Wharf, before being taken five miles down the road to HPC.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for its support and understanding. If you want to be kept informed of the AILs movement, you can email us and we'll add you to the contact list.

The Reactor Pressure Vessel Installation



In the coming days, we'll be seeing something that's not happened in the UK for a generation : the installation of the Reactor Pressure Vessel into the first reactor building.

It is this year's big construction milestone for Hinkley Point C.

The Reactor Pressure Vessel will enter the reactor building through the equipment hatch and then be rotated 90 degrees to be lowered vertically into the reactor pit. This rotation will be completed by the polar crane, which operates on circular rails inside the top of the reactor building.

Once it has been installed, work will begin on connecting vital pipework to complete the primary circuit. This circuit is essential for forming the steam that finally drives the turbine, and it also helps to keep the reactor cool during operation.

Forums

The Community Forum and the Main site Forums were respectively held on the 19th of September and the 16th of October. You can download the presentations on our website.

Our next Transportation Forum will be held on the 14th of November at 6pm at Bridgewater and Taunton College - Cannington Campus.

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Meetings: held monthly in the Victory Hall, Stogursey
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♥ Stolford - church of St Peter

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Stogursey

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28 November

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