

STOGURSEY NEWS



'Primrose Time'

Photo: R FitzGerald

October 2024

Deadline for **NOVEMBER 2024** contributions: 10.00am **Tuesday 15th October 2024**

EDITORIAL

Summer is coming to a close for another year and now we are looking forward to mellow autumnal days with a chill and mistiness in the morning. As the nights get longer there is always plenty to read and do in and around the parish.

First up, the editorial team would like to congratulate all the winners in another successful Stogursey Flower Show and a good day had by all. All the participants have been nurturing their plants, flowers and vegetables for most of the year come rain or shine, this takes dedication indeed. Again, congratulations to all!

There is still time to visit the Stogursey Arts Festival at the end of September as this is dedicated to the memory of George Cassidy. He was an active member in the early days of the festival, read the article on his legacy and the future.

Finally, there is a practical awareness session about the defibrillators across the parish being held at the Victory Hall on Wednesday 2nd October. Who knows this knowledge and understanding could save a life for someone.

We look forward to seeing you again in the next edition.

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.
- If you include an illustration, it must be copyright free. (*Stogursey News will not be liable for costs resulting from prosecution if this condition is ignored.*)

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Regular Events

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

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Wednesday 2	Defibrillator Awareness Session	Victory Hall	7.00pm
Thursday 3	Mobile Library Visit	as per schedule	as per schedule
Saturday 5	Cheese & Wine with the Blackdown Hillbillies	Victory Hall	7.00pm
Tuesday 8	Parish Council Meeting	Victory Hall	7.00pm
Wednesday 9	Forget-me-not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon
Wednesday 9	Stogursey Strummers - Ukuleles	Greyhound Inn	7.30pm - 9.30pm
Thursday 10	Victory Hall AGM	Victory Hall	7.00pm
Sunday 13	Sunday Roast	Victory Hall	12 noon - 2.00pm
Thursday 17	Film Night: 'Lion'	Jubilee Rooms	Doors Open 7.00pm
Wednesday 23	Forget-me-not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon
Wednesday 23	Stogursey Strummers - Ukuleles	Greyhound Inn	7.30pm - 9.30pm
Thursday 31	Mobile Library Visit	as per schedule	as per schedule
NOVEMBER			
Wednesday 6	Forget-me-not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon
Wednesday 6	Stogursey Strummers - Ukuleles	Greyhound Inn	7.30pm - 9.30pm
Saturday 9	Cheese & Wine Evening (STA)	Shurton	8.00pm
Friday 15	Wine Tasting & Promises Auction	Jubilee Rooms	7.00pm
Saturday 23	Christmas Craft Fair	Jubilee Rooms	10.00am - 1.00pm

Please send contributions to: stogurseyparishnews@gmail.com

OCTOBER SUNDAY SERVICE ROTA for Quantock Gate Parishes

CHURCH	6 th October	13 th October	20 th October	27 th October
	Trinity 19	Harvest	Trinity 21	Bible Sunday
Cannington St Mary	8.00 & 9.30am Holy Communion	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Harvest Festival	8.00 & 9.30am Holy Communion	8.00 & 9.30am Holy Communion
Combwich St Peter	11.15am Harvest Festival	6.00pm Prayer & Praise	11.15am Holy Communion	
Fiddington St Martin	9.00am Holy Communion	9.00am Holy Communion	9.00am Holy Communion	9.00am Family Service
Stockland St Mary Magdalene		11.15am Family Service		11.15am Holy Communion
Stogursey St Andrew	10.30am Holy Communion	10.30am Harvest Festival	10.30am Holy Communion	10.30am Rise & Shine All Age Service
	Green	Green	Green	Green

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 contact the Rector, Revd Alison Waters, at cannington.benefice@gmail.com or 652953.

Thursday 31st October

7pm at St Peter's Chapel, Stolford

Friday 1st November

7pm at St Andrew's Chapel, Steart

Saturday 2nd November

7pm at St Mary's Church, Cannington

STOGURSEY & CANNINGTON HARVEST LUNCH - £10 - THREE COURSES.

CANNINGTON VILLAGE HALL. 12.30PM ON 13TH OCTOBER.

ALL VERY WELCOME. TICKETS: 652953 / stogurseypcc@gmail.com

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

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.*

New Email Address

We have a new email address:

stogurseyparishnews@gmail.com

Thank you to those of you who have been sending your contributions to our new email address.

Editorial Team



TRUSTEE VACANCY

A vacancy has arisen on the Board of Trustees for the Stogursey Charities which comprise: The William Paulett Charity (who own and

maintain ten Almshouses in Stogursey) the Maud Stodden Charity and the James Morgan Charity. Trustees are volunteers, therefore unpaid, however out-of-pocket expenses are reimbursed.

Our Trustees are friendly, compassionate and forward-thinking, and commit to attending quarterly Board meetings, lasting no more than ninety minutes, on a Tuesday evening. In return we offer an engaging opportunity to make a positive impact, and a real difference, to local people in need.

Further information and an application form is available from the Steward, Jodie Burghes, by calling 01278 321306 or via email stogurseycharities@gmail.com

Please return completed application forms to the Steward by Friday 1st November 2024

Dear Editors,

The problem of dog fouling on our streets is a recurring subject in the pages of Stogursey News and, sadly, there are still thoughtless owners who seem to have little regard for their responsibilities. But dogs have two ends and, increasingly, the "other" end has become quite as much a nuisance in the village, it seems.

Dogs barking for long periods, whether indoors or out and whether attended or unattended, cause considerable disturbance. Especially is this felt during summer months when we throw wide our windows and like to spend time in our gardens. A dog will bark for any number of reasons, of course, but owners should have a regard, firstly, to control excessive noise for the sake of those around them and, it could be said, to themselves, to avoid accusation of antisocial behaviour.

It must also be considered, by no means least, that a dog barking for a prolonged period, particularly in hot weather, is very likely under stress. Even if an owner has little regard for his, or her, neighbours, there surely ought to be some consideration for the animal.

Name and address supplied

VICTORY HALL LOTTERY WINNERS

August Draw 2024

1st prize	£25.00	Terry Touchin	No. 24
2nd prize	£15.00	Janet Plowright	No. 103
3rd prize	£10.00	Val Perham	No. 122

Stogursey Car Meet & Flower Show 2024

This year's Flower Show and Car Meet proved to be a very successful double event. There were lots of classic cars, tractors and motorcycles on display, and the owners of the various vehicles were willing to talk about the history of their vehicle, with a few stories to go with it. A brilliant day for the motor enthusiast.

The Victory Hall Committee wish to say a big thank you to Brandon for organizing the very successful Car Meet.

Stogursey Flower Show 2024

This year's show proved to be very successful, despite a very cold and wet start to the growing season. Our green-fingered gardeners produced some wonderful vegetables, flowers and plants; the handicraft section was well supported and the homecraft section filled the tables with plenty of delicious cakes, scones, biscuits and home made treats on display; and there were some outstanding exhibits in the children's section.

Thank you to all the exhibitors who put time and energy into producing and bringing their exhibits to the show, and a big thank you to the judges for giving us their time and expertise on the day. I wish to thank the team of volunteers who gave so much of their time in organizing the administration side of the show, such as producing the schedules, entry forms, prize certificates, plus recording the points awarded to the exhibitors - thank you Teresa, Ian, Kate, Caroline and Jane, and thank you Fiona for making the large advertising posters for the show.

Thanks also to Denise and Janet for their hard work serving refreshments during the day, and also to Lisa and Sue for organizing the BBQ, not forgetting Chris on the cake stall and Emma for serving drinks from the bar. Thank you to the Stogursey Strummers who came to the show and entertained us with music and a number of well-known songs, they were brilliant. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Stogursey Parish Council for its kind grant of £400.00 towards the cost of running our annual flower show.

A final thank you must go to all those who kindly gave cakes and raffle prizes, and to everyone who came along to the show helping to make it such a successful day - your continued support is very much appreciated.

Allan Searle on behalf of Stogursey Victory Committee

Thoughts following Stogursey Flower Show

First, let's be clear, Stogursey Flower Show isn't Chelsea or even Taunton Flower Show, but it's all the better for that. It's a Village Show, open to all of us to enter and have our work displayed, as long as we follow the limited number of rules.

It seems to me that there are broadly two kinds of entrant. First, there are the Expert Growers and Makers, exhibiting year after year to a very high standard. Their skills and creativity inspire admiration in the rest of us. The Experts vie for the coveted red cards (1st Place) and the chance to win a Cup or two for the display shelf.

The Show is, as mentioned above, open to all-comers and here I come to the Also Rans. Some of us may quickly join the Experts and we can all dream of being awarded First Place. We might be pleasantly surprised and manage the occasional red, blue (2nd) or yellow (3rd) card. Our marmalade will be promoted or demoted from one year to the next, depending on the quality of the other entries. The judges are kinder than they used to be and avoid writing comments such as 'a Victoria Sponge should be presented on a doily.' Indeed, they appear to avoid any comments, perhaps a nod to the inclusivity of our age. As an Also Ran, who sometimes gets placed, I won't deny a bit of a competitive streak. I recall having beginner's luck the first time I entered. I was delighted when my collection of 5 herbs came in 3rd. But I came back down to earth when I realised later that I had entered 6 herbs, so should have been disqualified.

All those who enter the Flower Show have in common their enthusiasm for keeping this village tradition alive, giving enjoyment to the considerable number of visitors to what is, in essence, a local exhibition with prizes.

It would be heartening to see a rise in the number of entrants. Coming 2nd out of only 2 entries is a bit disappointing and more entries would mean there is even more for visitors to enjoy. So, if you are new to Stogursey or new to entering the Flower Show, even if you have just one potted plant which gives you pleasure, don't be a shrinking violet and do join in next year!

A dedicated Also Ran

Stogursey Flower Show Winners 2024

Iris Searle Challenge Cup for Best Exhibit of Vegetables	Ian Elenor
Paul Tipney Cup for Best collection of 6 vegetables	Ian Elenor
Les Wells Memorial Cup for Best Exhibit of Flowers and Plants	Teresa Miller
Thordown Cup for Best Exhibit in the show	Lisa Dunwood
Knighton Cup for most imaginative entry in the Children's Section	Joshua Milton
Chris Johnson Memorial Challenge Cup Overall best in vegetables section	1 st Ron Balaam 2 nd Ian Elenor 3 rd Lisa Dunwood
Fairfield Challenge Cup Overall best in the Flowers & Plants section	1 st Shirley Balaam 2 nd Tracey Stevens 3 rd Heather Ransom
Victory Hall Challenge Cup Overall best in the Floral Art section	1 st Lisa Dunwood 2 nd Rosemary FitzGerald 3 rd Tracey Stevens
Mary Hume Cup Overall best in the Handicraft section	1 st Tracey Stevens 2 nd Sue Prosser 3 rd Fiona Johnson
Honibere Challenge Cup Overall best in the Homecraft Section	1 st Teresa Miller 2 nd Shirley Balaam 3 rd (equal) Jan Ford & Heather Ransom
Peggy Elenor Cup for a decorated hat (all ages)	Heather Ransom
Junior Cup Overall best in children under-12 section	1 st Joshua Milton 2 nd Isabelle Milton 3 rd Rupert Markham

Rosemary FitzGerald's winning entry in the photography class features on the front cover of this month's Stogursey News.

Celebrating the last ten years of our Arts Festival

"Charities are almost four times more likely to identify funding issues as the most pressing issue facing their organisation than any other issue, year-on-year since 2015."
Small Charities Data reported from the internet

Well we are still here after ten years, but we have had our share of frustrations along with some memorable successes. The main reason for us weathering the storm has been all the help and support 'in kind' we have received from all over the Parish, alongside an enthusiastic team of artists, musicians, performers and volunteers who have made the Festival happen over the years. With a new team taking on the task, we are quietly confident and hope that it will survive for another ten years, but this will be dependant on sustaining our audience interest and raising funds to put on events.

This year's Festival was dedicated to the memory of George Cassidy who steered the early days of the Arts Trust as Chair. He helped the Festival evolve and respond to change over the past ten years and we are now moving into a new phase of development. Tim Kaye has been with us from the outset as our committee Chair, as well as a trustee for Stogursey Arts. He decided at the start of the year that this Arts Festival would be his last. He will be missed, but in handing over to others and some new faces joining us recently, we are ready to engage in continuing the legacy of our founder Peggy Elenor; 'to make our Festival enjoyable, entertaining and to provide food for thought'.

So thank you Tim, and also to all of you who have supported and made Stogursey's Arts Festival a success this year. Thanks to key members of the Arts Trust, who without their dedication to get things right, including their determination to make this a fantastic event, none of this would have happened. To all the stewards who covered the exhibitions across the week, you did a brilliant job and we hope you will join us again next year. Without you we could not have opened the exhibition for so many of the days. Thanks to the Fairfield Trust for providing funded grant aid, to our sponsors, fundraisers and for all the donations gratefully received.

Finally thanks again to all the flower arrangers, performers, musicians, artists, designers, projectionists, photographers, sculptors, artisans, and to you the audience for taking part and attending; we hope you will continue to support the Festival as we go forward into 2025.

The Arts Trust is a charity made up of interested volunteers who fundraise, organise, promote and run the Festival. If you would like to get involved, do contact us.

Mike Bradshaw, Stogursey Arts Trust

Do you want to know how to use any of the defibrillators across the parish?



An awareness session, led by an ambulance officer from the South West Ambulance Service, will be taking place at the Victory Hall on **Wednesday 2nd October** from **19:00**.

The session is for helping parishioners get to grips with the equipment and how to help someone in need of medical assistance.

No pre-booking required.

Please support the session as you never know when you might be called on to help someone in need of such assistance.

STOGURSEY VICTORY HALL
presents

CHEESE AND WINE

on SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER at 7pm

featuring the
BLACKDOWN HILLBILLIES

£10 A TICKET

includes cheese board and a glass of wine
or a drink of cider or a soft drink.

The bar will be open

PLEASE COME ALONG AND JOIN US

STOGURSEY VICTORY HALL

The AGM will be held on

THURSDAY 10TH OCTOBER

at 7pm in the hall.

This is an opportunity to come along and have your say and get involved in the running and fund-raising needed to keep our wonderful hall running.

So please put this date in your diary,
and help with some new ideas.

THANK YOU



SUNDAY ROAST

at Stogursey Victory Hall
on **SUNDAY 13th OCTOBER**

LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM
12 NOON TO 14:00

1 course £10.00 / 2 course £15.00

CASH ONLY PLEASE

Bookings are required - please contact
Denise Oliver 01278 733594

BAR OPEN FROM 12 NOON



Come and join us for the screening of **'Lion'** as the autumnal rain batters our damp and misty windows.

Gather around for a heartwarming tale of family, loss and finding your way home.

Dev Patel delivers a powerful performance as the adult Saroo Brierley. His portrayal of a man searching for his lost past is both heartbreaking and inspiring. The film's journey through time and continents is beautifully crafted, exploring themes of identity, belonging, and the enduring power of family. Patel's nuanced performance, along with the young Sunny Pawar's captivating portrayal of the younger Saroo, make *Lion* a tour de force, a must-watch for anyone seeking a truly moving cinematic experience.

Be there, **Thursday 17th October**, at the Jubilee Rooms, where you will be guaranteed a very warm welcome.

Doors will be open from 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. There will also be a super-duper selection of very reasonably priced refreshments available for you to enjoy. Tickets are at the new price of just £7.50 and are available on the door or from our very friendly Spar shop team in advance.

See you there and then!

The Soap Factory

Stogursey Arts Festival Fundraising Event

Save the Date!

Wine Tasting and Promises Auction

on **Friday 15th November 2024**

in the Jubilee Rooms, Stogursey

at 7.00pm

*More information and how to buy advance tickets
(advance sale only for this event) to follow.*

STOGURSEY FORGET-ME-NOT CAFÉ

Jubilee Rooms, Castle Street, Stogursey

FORTNIGHTLY ON WEDNESDAYS

10.30 – 12.00



Upcoming Autumn and Winter Café Dates:

Wednesday 9th October

Wednesday 23rd October

Wednesday 6th November

Wednesday 20th November

Wednesday 4th December

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

Plans are afoot for a Forget-me-Not outing in November.

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 CAROL CONCERT

with West Somerset Brass Band

FRIDAY 20th DECEMBER

7.00pm for 7.30pm start

Victory Hall, Stogursey

TICKETS £10

Bar on site,
a great time to get festive!

Contact:

Wendy 01278 741236

Amy - 07837 891120

TICKETS ON SALE FROM NOVEMBER 2024



Stogursey Lunches OCTOBER MENU

Tuesday 1 October

NO LUNCH TODAY

Tuesday 8 October

(book by Fri 4 October - phone 01278 733451)

Savoury fish crumble OR
Haricot bean crumble
both with vegetables and potatoes

Apple upside-down tart

Tuesday 15 October

(book by Fri 11 October - phone 01278 733451)

Cheesy Chicken and Butternut Pasta Bake, OR
Cheesy Butternut Pasta Bake

Apple Crumble with custard

Tuesday 22 October

(book by Fri 18 October - phone 01278 733451)

Spaghetti Bolognese, garlic bread, OR
Italian Vegetable Soup (Minestrone) with bread roll

Tiramisu - Italian coffee flavoured sponge
and cream dessert

Tuesday 29 October

(book by Fri 25 October - phone 01278 733451)

Fish Pie, served with vegetables, OR
Eggs Mornay, served with vegetables

Peach Cobbler

Stogursey Community Network (SCN)

OCTOBER 2024



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

How to contact us:

stogurseycommunitynetwork@gmail.com,

Tel: 01278 732149

[EXCEPT for Medical Transport]

STOGURSEY LUNCHES - Tuesdays

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, lovingly prepared by our Food Hygiene Level 2-certified volunteers. All ages very welcome! Why not book a table for you and your friends? A vegetarian option is always available, and we can cater for special diets / preferences on request when booking.

Payment is by anonymous cash donation.

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

MEDICAL TRANSPORT

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 is by cash donation of your choice, cheques also accepted.

Please note that 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 only: 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 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 **Stogursey News**. Mobile Pantry now coming weekly (Tuesdays) to our village.



Stogursey C of E Primary and Pre-School



Headteacher: Mr G Tucker

Tel: 01278 732389

email: stogurseyschool@educ.somerset.gov.uk

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

Welcome Back to the New School Year!

Welcome to the new Reception children. Their enthusiasm, confidence and effort have truly been a joy to witness, and I'm sure we are in for a fantastic year ahead. We welcome Mrs Becky Cummins to the school as a Teaching Assistant in Triscombe class. Mrs Cummins was working in our pre-school and has now moved up into the school.

Beacon

What a wonderful start Beacon class have had to the new academic year! I have been so impressed with how they started and with their dedication and their attitude to learning.

We've hit the ground running and the children have been engaged with class quizzes across the curriculum and they have certainly stepped up and met my high expectations.

I am looking forward to the rest of this term where we will be diving into coastlines and high quality texts to support writing skills; looking at discrimination and how to be inclusive and at Sikhism. In Maths, we will be looking at models and structures and how to apply mathematical concepts within them as well as practising arithmetic.

The children and the staff have made me feel so welcome here in Stogursey and I am very excited for the year ahead.

Welcome back to all in Alfoxton Class!

We are excited to begin the new school year and ready to learn new things!

In English, we have started our unit of work based on the story of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table. This graphic, child-friendly model was chosen from the CLPE-recommended high-quality texts for children. On Monday, we were busy acting out scenes from the story.

We started our Maths learning journey by revisiting doubles to ten and adding three integers. We enjoy working with manipulatives to make abstract Maths concepts real.

As the Stogursey Arts festival is coming up soon, we have been busy making papier mâché Angler Fish which we will add lights to so that they glow - we can't wait to share them in the local exhibition and then take them home to decorate our bedrooms! You can enjoy the photos of us making our papier mâché models. Next, we are going to paint them!



Triscombe

Welcome back to school Triscombe class! We hope you all have had a lovely summer spending time with family and friends and went on endless adventures.

It's been a busy week in Triscombe. Reception have started their Phonics and Mastering Number sessions. Years 1 and 2 had a fun dance PE lesson where we choreographed a dance routine with 3 moves.

We discussed the weather and what seasonal changes we can see around the school and village. We will be on the lookout for more of those changes that show us that Summer (the most favoured season) is well and truly over.

Preschool

We have had a lovely week at Preschool, settling in existing children and welcoming new!

We have been relearning our routines this week and have made the most of the sunny afternoons, by going out for walks around the village. We have walked to the castle, the well, the park and visited the shop to buy some resources for preschool.

The children have all settled well and we are looking forward to starting our topic for this half term which is 'Where we live'.



Points from the Parish Council Meeting 10th September 2024

Hinkley Point Main Site Forum

The next meeting is to be held at the Victory Hall on 17th October, 18:00, and all parishioners are welcome to attend. The forum receives updates and gives the attendees the opportunity to raise questions directly to the representatives present.

Parish Defibrillators

The Parish Council is still seeking assistance from local residents living near to the defibs 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.

Damaged Fingerpost at the junction of Hinkley Point Road/Wick-Stolford junction

The Parish Council is concerned that the fingerpost road sign at the junction to Wick & Stolford from the Hinkley

Point Road has been felled and the direction arms now lie in the ditch. If anyone has any information as to how the sign was damaged could they please contact the Clerk. The Parish Council is exploring options for its repair or replacement.

Date of next meeting

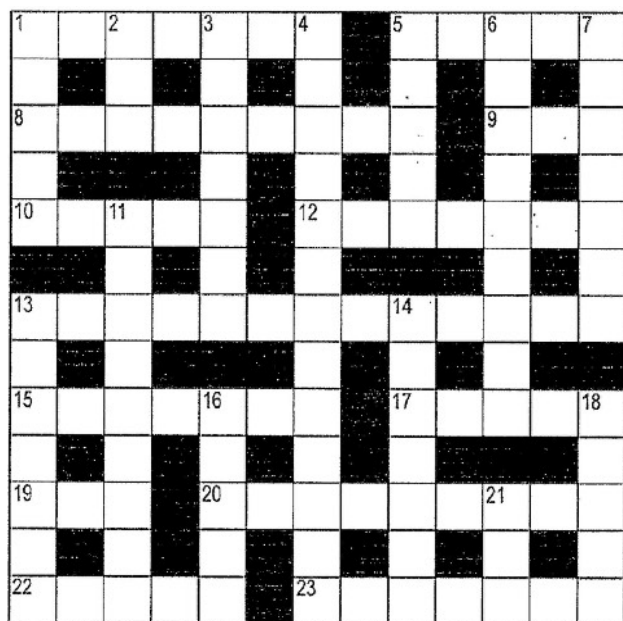
The Parish Council is due to meet on the evening of **Tuesday 8th October**, which will commence at 19:00, at the Victory Hall. All are welcome to attend.

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. My phone number is 01278 652534 or you can e-mail me at clerk@stogurseyparishcouncil.org.uk

Quick Crossword No. 53

compiled by Helen Cuttell



CLUES ACROSS

1. Burnt sugar used to colour & flavour food (7)
5. Long, flat bottomed boat for carrying freight (5)
8. Plant with bark that is used to make bitters (9)
9. Vehicle (3)
10. Name of an otter in a 1927 novel (5)
12. Person who guards entrance (7)
13. Deceitful or dishonest behaviour (7,6)
15. Card game similar to rummy (7)
17. Yoga position (5)
19. People who play music at a club or party (3)
20. Large body of water in Tanzania (9)
22. Former premiership rugby club (5)
23. Russian revolutionary and politician (7)

CLUES DOWN

1. Sing using a few notes repeated many times (5)
2. Provide a boat with sails (3)
3. Misguided act or judgement (7)
4. Hamper that holds dirty clothes to be washed (7,6)
5. Noisy festive celebration (5)
6. Lying down (9)
7. Waywardness (7)
11. New birth (9)
13. Small grey headed crow that nests in tall buildings (7)
14. City in central Florida known for it's theme parks (7)
16. Monica - - - - - former world no.1 tennis player (5)
18. Trembling (5)
21. Animal of the horse family (3)

Hello from the Strummers of Stogursey (SoS)

Hopefully you found time to look in during Arts festival week to see what we do and perhaps to try strumming a Ukulele. If you didn't, don't worry, we will still be very pleased to see you - spare ukes and a helping hand always available - 7.30pm alternate Wednesdays at the Greyhound in Lime Street, next session **Wednesday 9th October**.

Cheese & Wine Evening

Saturday 9th November

8.00pm

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

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More details and ticket pricing in next month's Stogursey News.

Arts Festival-SAPS

"When you see a picture printed in an exhibition, or in a book, you don't see all of the pictures that went into creating that picture"

David Levene

The exhibition in the Jubilee Rooms, from the 'Village Photo Archive' will be on display for several months to give every one a chance to see it when attending other events, lunches, films, social gatherings and community groups. It is our intention to refresh these images, updating with new views of Stogursey, the wider Parish and its landscape and wildlife in order to ensure the archive grows over time as a contemporary and historic record.

If you have a computer to access the website, there are many more images to enjoy. There are images uploaded on Stogursey Pulse Facebook page. <https://www.stogurseyphotos.org.uk/>

The exhibition is dedicated to the memory of Bob Crowther, one of our team of local photographers who supported the group from its start, in October 2022.

The project was enabled through grant funding from the Fairfield Trust, who continue to maintain strong support for the Arts in the village. Many thanks are due to Andy Baker who sourced the frames and prints, to Steve Wardle for refurbishing the Gallery System, and to the team at SAPS for their enthusiasm and passion for photography and who helped frame, transport and curate the exhibition.

Do get in touch if you would like to join SAPS.

Christmas Market

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Apples Galore!

2024 seems to be one of those years with an abundance of apples. 1982 was another such apple-rich year, so much so that the Glastonbury WI collected a number of recipes, and printed them in a booklet simply called, 'Apple Recipes'.

Here is one of the recipes from the booklet.

Malvern Pudding

Ingredients:

Base - 1 lb cooking apples; 1 oz butter; 1 oz sugar;
grated rind of 1 lemon.

Sauce - 1 egg; 1 oz butter; 1 oz plain flour; 1 oz sugar;
¾ pint milk.

Topping - 2 oz demerara sugar; ½ teaspoon cinnamon;
½ oz butter.

Method:

Base - Peel, core and slice apples. Place butter in a saucepan and melt. Add apples and sugar. Cover and cook over low heat stirring occasionally until soft and thick. Remove from heat and stir in lemon rind. Spread in 1½ pint ovenproof dish.

Sauce - Melt butter, stir in flour and cook gently. Add milk and bring to boil, stirring, and simmer for 2 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in sugar. Gradually stir in beaten egg. Return to heat and cook for 1 minute stirring. Pour sauce over apple.

Topping - Prepare medium grill. Mix brown sugar and cinnamon together. Sprinkle on top of sauce and dot with butter. Place dish under grill and heat until sugar has caramelised. Serve hot or cold.

Stogursey Twinning Association (STA)

is looking for local families to host French visitors from

Lonlay L'Abbaye over the weekend of

11th – 14th April 2025.



Stogursey Twinning Association is one of the most active twinning associations locally and we welcome members from surrounding villages. Being part of the Twinning Association is a fantastic opportunity to make new friends and develop an understanding of French life with an invitation to make a return visit to Normandy in Spring 2026. Existing members of STA will support you to make this an enjoyable experience. There is no need for hosts to be able to speak French. Children are happy to sleep on floor beds and bunk in together and space need not be an issue.

The twinning weekend starts with a welcome at 7.30pm on 11th April in Stogursey. You will then have an evening meal at your home (or you can meet with other families if that makes life easier) with your visitors. On Saturday your visitors will go on a trip organised by the STA followed by a party for all at the Victory Hall. Sunday will be spent with your French family before they leave from the Victory Hall early on Monday morning. The STA can support you with ideas and events for the Sunday.

Family membership of the STA is just £10 and the cost of children's travel to France is heavily subsidised. For more information please email

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Are you interested in supporting Stogursey School to achieve its aims and ambitions for its pupils?

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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, to their joint advantage and mutual interest. We enjoy a guest speaker, raffle, garden table, tea, coffee & home-made cake. Members free (annual membership £25), guests £5, to include free tea/coffee & home made cake! All welcome.

Coming up:

Thursday 17th October

The Rococo Garden at Painswick:

A talk by Dominic Holloway, Garden Director

Thursday 21st November

Christmas flowers: A demonstration by Myra Cox

*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>

Solution to Quick Crossword No. 52

September 2024

ACROSS:

1.Olympus, 5.Tweet, 8.Billabong, 9.Uri, 10.Weave,
12.Thrives, 13.Croquemouche, 15.Cryogen,
17.Galah, 19.Leo, 20.Echinacea, 22.Asset,
23.Pickled

DOWN:

1.Oxbow, 2.YOL, 3.Plateau, 4.Sportsmanship,
5.Tiger, 6.Equivocal, 7.Trieste, 11.Anonymous,
13.Cochlea, 14.Organic, 16.Gwent, 18.Hoard,
21.CVL



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Stogursey News Update

A round up of the latest news from Hinkley Point C

October 2024

Bridge of smiles on Rwanda trip

'A "life-changing experience" was how Cat Jones described her recent volunteering adventure building a bridge for a remarkable charity.

The Balfour Beatty Supervisor was one of a team of Balfour Beatty and Mott MacDonald volunteers who travelled to rural Rwanda in partnership with Bridges to Prosperity.

Cat adopted similar procedures used at Hinkley Pont C to construct a 58m trail bridge (pictured right) in the rural community of Rebero.

The team raised an incredible £30,000 to fund things like tools and PPE. Cat said: "The highlights were engaging with the local community of more than 4,000 people, building the bridge and visiting a primary school to donate school supplies and games to the children.

"It was incredible to use our construction skills and see first-hand the positive impact the bridge will have on the community."



Flamanville 3 switched on



Flamanville 3 - Hinkley Point C's sister station located in France - has been switched on.

Teams started a controlled nuclear reaction for the first time - known as "first criticality". This is an important milestone in the start-up of a nuclear power station. Power will be gradually ramped up over the coming months.

Later in the year, the the station will be connected to the national grid for the first time, and will then generate electricity. Over 1,500 safety criteria need to be met during the startup.

Upcoming Roadworks - C182

Somerset Council will be carrying out resurfacing work on the C182 with preliminary work beginning soon. You may see temporary traffic management and traffic lights on the road. The full schedule and plan for the main phase of road works will be provided by Somerset Council which will likely involve overnight weeknight road closures. Throughout all the phases of the works emergency vehicle access will be maintained.

Plugged In Magazine is out

The summer edition of the community magazine is available on our website.

You can also subscribe to receive a printed copy at home by scanning the QR code.



Retraction - Community emergency station

In our previous issue, we incorrectly stated that The Sarens Group installed a defibrillator - which was actually organised and funded by Stogursey Parish Council. The Sarens group very kindly agreed to allow this device to be installed on their premises for use in an emergency.

Project Update

A round up of the latest news from Hinkley Point C

October 2024

Alternative Saltmarsh Locations considered by Hinkley Point C

Hinkley Point C is now investigating new locations for the creation of saltmarsh, as an alternative to the proposed site at Pawlett Hams near Bridgwater in Somerset. This follows a public consultation held earlier this year where hundreds of people shared their views on the proposal.

Hinkley Point C is obliged to make environmental improvements like saltmarsh to compensate for the very small impact the power station will have on fish numbers when operational. Measures also include the improvement of weirs in tributary rivers to help migrating fish reach their breeding grounds.

Creating saltmarsh is a proven way to increase and protect biodiversity. It will help fish by providing breeding grounds and provide food and shelter for birds and animals. Saltmarsh also filters and cleans water, prevents floods and locks away carbon in one of our most effective weapons in the fight against climate change.



Reactor Pressure Vessel Installation



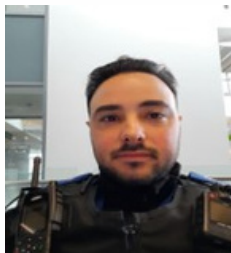
In the autumn, the Reactor Pressure Vessel - the heart of the power station - will be installed into the Unit 1 Reactor Building. Five paths must be completed before the installation of the Reactor Pressure Vessel.

The first big step was achieved last month when the teams lifted a "heavy floor" into position. This finished off the adjacent Fuel Building up to the + 19.m level.

The next step is to get the Polar Crane ready for use. This is the large gantry crane that'll swivel round the circumference of the Reactor Building and manoeuvre heavy components into place during construction, maintenance work and refuelling.

Community Safety - Meet the team

Valdo Andrade, Police Community Support Officer



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Richard Ayre, Chris Ford, Julie Jones, Susan E Jones,
Greg Millar, Scott Nurton, Jenny Ody, Allan Searle

Clerk: Richard Wand 01278 652534/
clerk@stogurseyparishcouncil.org.uk

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

Somerset Council: Watchet & Stogursey Division
Councillors: Hugh Davies, Rosemary Woods

Site Stakeholders Group Representatives:

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Parish Neighbourhood Welcome Pack

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♥ Stogursey - on wall outside Stogursey Motors

♥ Shurton - side entrance of Babbling Brook

♥ Stolford - church of St Peter

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