

STOGURSEY NEWS

STOGURSEY ARTS FESTIVAL



SEPTEMBER 23RD - 29TH

full programme for the Festival
inside this magazine

September 2024

Deadline for **OCTOBER 2024** contributions: 10.00am **Sunday 15th September 2024**

EDITORIAL

Welcome to this month's edition of Stogursey News.

The "news" part of the title of our magazine is a fair description of this month's issue. The September magazine is packed with information about this month's events as well as useful articles to point us in the right direction for some new services that will now be available. Here are just some of the items to look out for:

The Arts Festival programme is printed in full. The range and scope of the week's activities are impressive and well worth checking out.

Quantock Health Centre has provided an update on the availability of a new vaccine for a respiratory condition (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) which can be troubling to some groups of the community. There is also a timetable for when it can be administered. The timetable for the administration of the Flu vaccine is included as well.

There is a contribution to explain changes to the Stogursey Lunches provided in the Jubilee Rooms on a Tuesday. It is worth noting that more volunteers would be welcome to join the present team of cooks and helpers.

We hope our readers will enjoy the opportunities to take part in some of the events described in Stogursey News (both new and those already well established) and wish everyone an enjoyable September.

Finally, the editorial team would like you to be aware that the email address for Stogursey News has changed. It is now: **stogurseyparishnews@gmail.com**

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.
- Provide your contact details so that we can get in touch if we need to edit.
(*Stogursey News Team reserves the right to edit contributions for length and for space available.*)
- 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.*)
- Your contribution will be published in our standardised font style and size (*we do not print posters*).
- We look forward to receiving your contributions.

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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

SEPTEMBER 2024

Thursday 5	School starts	Stogursey Primary School	school times
Thursday 5	Mobile library visit	as per schedule	as per schedule
Saturday 7	Village Cream Teas	Coach House, High Street	3.00pm - 5.00pm
Tuesday 10	Parish Council Meeting	Victory Hall	7.00pm
Wednesday 11	Forget-me-not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon
Wednesday 11	Stogursey Strummers (Ukulele session)	Greyhound Inn	7.30 pm - 9.30pm
Sunday 15	Sunday Lunch	Victory Hall	12 noon - 2.00pm
Monday 23	Opening of Photo Exhibition	Jubilee Rooms	7.00pm - 8.30pm
Tuesday 24	Celebratory Festival Lunch	Jubilee Rooms	Doors open 12 noon
Tuesday 24	Opening of Exhibitions and Displays	St Andrew's Church	7.00 - 8.30pm
Tuesday 24	Pop-up Choir	Greyhound Inn	7.45pm
Wednesday 25	Forget-me-not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon
Wednesday 25	TeaCake&Make	Jubilee Rooms	4.00pm - 6.30pm
Wednesday 25	Stogursey Strummers (Ukulele session)	Greyhound Inn	7.30pm - 9.30pm
Thursday 26	Festival Film Night	Jubilee Rooms	Doors open 7.00pm
Friday 27	Musical Events Night	Jubilee Rooms	Doors open 7.30pm
Saturday 28	American-style Waffle Brunch	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon
Saturday 28	Open Mic Night	Greyhound Inn	7.00 - 11.00pm
Sunday 29	Closing Festival Service (bring & share supper)	St Andrew's Church	6.30pm

Please send contributions to: stogurseyparishnews@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER SUNDAY SERVICE ROTA for Quantock Gate Parishes

CHURCH	1 st Sept	8 th Sept	15 th Sept	22 nd Sept	29 th Sept
	Trinity 14	Trinity 15	Trinity 16	Trinity 17	St Michael & All Angels
Cannington St Mary	8.00 & 9.30am Holy Communion	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Rise & Shine All Age Service	8.00 & 9.30am Holy Communion	8.00 & 9.30am Holy Communion 4.00pm HARVEST CELEBRATION at Blackmore Farm Chapel	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am BENEFACTICE CONFIRMATION SERVICE with The Rt Revd Nigel Stock
Combwich St Peter	11.15am Family Service	6.30pm Prayer & Praise	11.15am Holy Communion		
Fiddington St Martin	9.00am Holy Communion	9.00am Holy Communion	9.00am Holy Communion	4.00pm HARVEST FESTIVAL	
Stockland St Mary Magdalene		11.15am Family Service		11.15am HARVEST FESTIVAL	
Stogursey St Andrew	10.30am Holy Communion	10.30am Holy Communion	10.30am Holy Communion	10.30am Rise & Shine All Age Service	6.30pm Arts Festival Service
	Green	Green	Green	Green	White

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
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Coffee Mornings

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

Bellringing

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

Revd Alison Waters, Rector & Revd Jan Church, Associate Priest
 01278 652953 / cannington.benefice@gmail.com

Thank you

Please could I thank everyone who supported the village fete and charity football match. It was great to see so many people enjoying their day. We raised over £1200 for the village hall.

But MOST OF ALL CAN I THANK ALL THE HELPERS - without their time and effort the fete would not have happened. Also for the help the day after.

HERE'S TO NEXT YEAR.

Thank you all again.

Heather and Richard Ranson

Cream Teas in aid of the Victory Hall funds

I wish to thank all those who came to the Cream Teas at 38 Town Close on Saturday 3rd August 2024, and gave delicious cakes, and prizes. The weather was fine with plenty of sunshine helping to make it a successful and a lovely afternoon for a cream tea, and have a chat with friends.

A profit of £181.00 was raised on the day.

A special thanks must go to Janet, Shelly, Sue and Sheila for all their kind help and support, it was very much appreciated.

Denise Oliver

VICTORY HALL LOTTERY WINNERS

July Draw 2024

1 st prize	£25.00	Ron Dyer	No 86
2 nd prize	£15.00	Allan Oliver	No 82
3 rd prize	£10.00	Richard Stone	No 142

Village Cream Tea

Saturday 7th September 2024

3.00-5.00 pm

Coach House, High Street
Stogursey, TA5 1PL

Come along for a relaxing Cream Tea
served in the garden.

Tea includes two scones, jam and cream
and limitless slices of delicious cakes,
cups of tea, coffee and juice for the children.

Adults £7.00; children under-12 £3.50

Raffle!

If it's raining on the day, please ring (01278) 732149 to
check the Tea is still on.

We plan to reschedule to Sunday 8th weather permitting.

Organised by Stogursey Twinning Association

Do you need First Aid or Fire Safety training?

Stogursey Victory Hall will be holding the following
courses this autumn. Donations welcome.

Level 3 First Aid at work (RQF)

Level 2 Fire Safety for Fire Marshall (RQF)

If you are interested, please get in touch.
First come, first served!

Allan 01278 732820 / Jo 07747 495716

Stogursey Victory Hall SUNDAY LUNCH

on **Sunday 15th September**

Served between 12 noon and 2.00pm



Main course £10.00

Two courses £15.00

Bar open at 12 noon

Bookings preferred
please contact Denise Oliver
on 07453 381844 or 01278 733594

CASH ONLY PLEASE

Quantock u3a

invites you to
**RIDING FOR LIFE -
BLOOD BIKES**

a free emergency volunteer service for the NHS

a talk by volunteer rider

John Taylor



2 to 4pm - Monday 23rd September
Holford Village Hall

Donations to the charity welcome
Refreshments will be served

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



STOGURSEY FORGET-ME-NOT CAFÉ

Jubilee Rooms, Castle Street, Stogursey

FORTNIGHTLY ON WEDNESDAYS

10.30am – 12.00 noon

Upcoming Café Dates:

Wednesday 11th September

Wednesday 25th September

Wednesday 9th October

Wednesday 23rd October

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 our group went on a trip with Watchet Forget-me-Not and had a lovely time on the West Somerset Railway, and lunch at Foxes Hotel Minehead.

We raised some funds at Stogursey Fete in July, selling our home-made crafts; all money raised goes towards keeping the Café running.

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



STOGURSEY LUNCHES ANNOUNCEMENT



The volunteer team that provides the delicious **Stogursey Lunches** every Tuesday does not have quite enough volunteers to continue to provide the Lunches quite as often as we have done up to now.

So, with regret, we will NOT be offering a lunch on the first Tuesday of every month, from October 2024.

Stogursey Lunches will continue as normal on the following Tuesdays of each month. We do hope our regular diners will continue to enjoy our meals, and also that new diners will come along to try them.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY

As usual, the **Stogursey Lunches** team will be taking a break on the first two Tuesdays of September, that is the 3rd and 10th of September – on these days there will be no Lunches. We will be back on Tuesday 17th September with another delicious offering (see below!)

On Tuesday 24th September there will be an **Arts Festival Celebratory Lunch**, with even more options than usual! All Very Welcome (numbers are limited, so book promptly to avoid disappointment!)

***WITH MANY THANKS TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS,
VOLUNTEERS AND DINERS!***

September Menus

Tuesday 17 September

(book by Friday 13 Sept - phone 01278 733451)

Steak & kidney pie OR

Roasted butternut squash & sweet chestnut pie,
both served with mashed potatoes and vegetables

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Malvern Apple Pudding

Tuesday 24 September

Stogursey Arts Festival Celebratory Lunch

See 'Lunch & Brunch' for menu and booking details

Solution to Quick Crossword No. 51: August 2024

ACROSS:

1. Descend, 5. Libra, 8. Thumbnail, 9. GMT, 10. Defer, 12. Osseter, 13. Ice Cold in Alex, 15. Exmouth, 17. Veers, 19. ISS, 20. Capacitor, 22. Ounce, 23. Dashcam

DOWN:

1. Doted, 2. Sou, 3. Embargo, 4. Diamond shaped, 5. Lulls, 6. Bagatelle, 7. Asterix, 11. Freemason, 13. Iberico, 14. Novices, 16. Uncle, 18. Sarum, 21. Tic



Stogursey Community Network (SCN)

SEPTEMBER 2024

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

STOGURSEY LUNCHES - Tuesdays

Delicious 2-course meals, cooked and served in the Jubilee Rooms, Stogursey. 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 of the diner's choice.

Advance booking please: Tel: 01278 733451

by 5pm on the preceding Friday.

September's Menus in Stogursey News, outside the Jubilee Rooms & on noticeboard by bus stop.

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.)

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

(leave a clear message please).

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 boxes in our two village shops. 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 in **Stogursey News**. **Mobile Pantry now coming weekly (Tuesdays) to our village.**

How to contact us: stogurseycommunitynetwork@gmail.com / Tel: 01278 732149 (EXCEPT for Medical Transport)

Stogursey Oil-buying Group

The Stogursey Oil Buying Group's next order will be in September. 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 November. If you have any questions about the oil-buying group, I can be contacted on 07552 610692.

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 9th September**

with the following information:-

Stogursey Oil-buying Group

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.....

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**Delivery will be in the 2 week period commencing
10th September**

Points from the Parish Council Meeting

13th August 2024

Vacancy for Parish Clerk

The Parish Clerk is retiring and has given his notice to the Parish Council at its July meeting. An advert has been placed within this issue of Stogursey News, on the noticeboards across the parish, and on the parish website. If the role appeals, why not ask for an application pack which gives full details of the role and an application form to apply which needs to be submitted by 6th September. It is planned that interviews will be held in mid-September, with hopefully a 1st October start date.

Hinkley Point Main Site Forum

The next meeting is to be held at the Victory Hall on 17th October at 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 latest addition to the defibrillators at Stolford, Shurton and Stogursey is a unit now available, 24 hours a day, on the garden wall at Burton Farmhouse. Thanks must go to the Somerset Community Foundation and HPC Community grant for funding the unit. Sarens UK have kindly agreed to hosting the unit for which the Parish Council is very grateful.

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

Do you keep birds outside?

The Government are bringing in the requirement for the keeper of up to 49 poultry or other kept birds to register with the www.gov.uk/guidance/register-as-a-keeper-of-less-than-50-poultry-or-other-captive-birds by 1st October 2024.

You do not need to register psittaciformes or passeriformes (such as budgies, parrots, cockatiels and finches) if they are both: fully housed in a dwelling (your home or another indoor structure) and, kept indoors at all times with no access to outdoor spaces

Date of next meeting

The Parish Council is due to meet on the evening of **Tuesday 10th September**. The meeting will commence at 19:00, in 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

Richard Wand, Clerk to Stogursey Parish Council

STOGURSEY PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY FOR PARISH CLERK

We are looking for a new parish clerk with effect from 1st October 2024. This is a very varied and interesting role; duties will include:

- Preparation for and attending monthly parish council (agendas, papers and production of minutes) and other ad hoc meetings. Meetings are mostly evenings but some may be held during the day.
- Dealing with all correspondence, updating notice boards and the Stogursey Parish website
- Advising the Council on legal and financial matters ensuring the Council is acting within its legal powers and responsibilities
- Acting as Responsible Financial Officer in keeping the Council's financial records and completing the audit process each year (including processing of invoices, PAYE, bank reconciliation and annual accounts)
- Undertaking such other admin duties as the Council may require from time to time

The post holder will be required to work from home; office equipment (laptop computer and printer) will be provided. The time spent by the Clerk on Council business varies throughout the year, but approximates to fourteen hours per week.

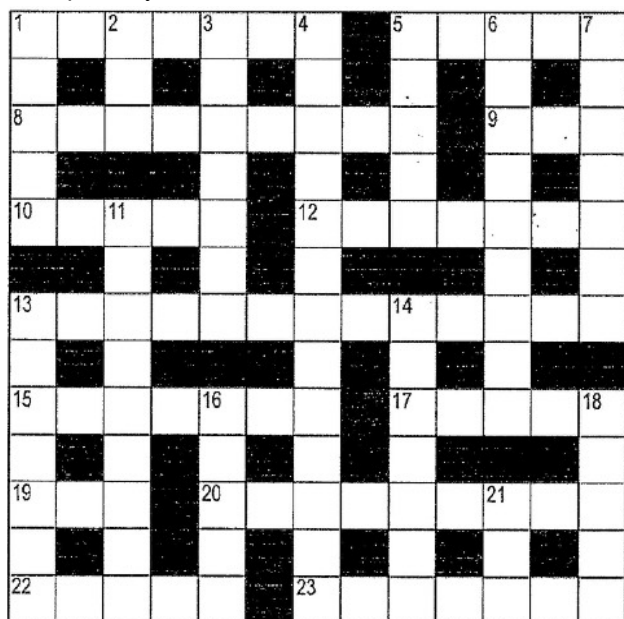
Pay is in accordance with the National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) Scale points depending on experience (pay award pending). The Parish Council contributes to the NEST pension scheme. In addition, allowances towards working from home and travelling costs will be made.

For an application form/ information pack and/or informal discussion, please contact the Clerk (Richard Wand) on clerk@stogurseyparishcouncil.org.uk or telephone 01278 652534

You should submit your application form (including a CV, outlining reasons why you are applying for this post and your experience) to the Clerk by 6th September 2024. Interviews will be held in mid-September.

Quick Crossword No. 52

compiled by Helen Cuttall



CLUES ACROSS

1. Greek mountain (7)
5. The chirp of a small bird (5)
8. Branch of a river forming a backwater or stagnant pool (9)
9. - - - Geller, Israeli illusionist & magician (3)
10. Twist and turn from side to side (5)
12. Flourishes (7)
13. French dessert made of choux pastry buns (13)
15. A substance used to produce very low temperatures (7)
17. Small Australian cockatoo (5)
19. Fifth sign of the zodiac (3)
20. Coneflower (9)
22. Useful or valuable thing or person (5)
23. Food preserved in vinegar (7)

CLUES DOWN

1. Severe bend in a river channel creating a U shape (5)
2. The Christmas season in Middle English (3)
3. A high plain (7)
4. Fair and generous behaviour or treatment of others (13)
5. Striped cat (5)
6. Ambiguous (9)
7. Port city in North East Italy (7)
11. Of unknown authorship and origin (9)
13. Spiral shaped cavity in the inner ear (7)
14. Relating to or derived from living matter (7)
16. County in South East Wales (5)
18. Store of money or valued objects (5)
21. Creditors Voluntary Liquidation (3)

The winner of our competition Crossword No. 50
was Deborah Woodford.



Meetings 3rd Thursday of each month

7.30pm at Nether Stowey Church Centre

The aim of the club is to offer gardeners, from around the Quantock area, whatever their enthusiasm, a chance to get together with other gardeners in the locality. We enjoy a guest speaker, raffle, garden table, tea, coffee & home-made cake. Members free (annual membership £25), guests £5, to include free tea/coffee & home made cake! All welcome.

Saturday 7th September

Car visit to **Knoll Cottage**, Stogumber TA4 3TN

Thursday 19th September

'Irresistible Garden plants for Butterflies'

A talk by Roy Cheek

Thursday 17th October

'The Rococo Garden at Painswick'

A talk by Dominic Holloway, Garden Director

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>

Hollyhock

by Jan Ford

Do you remember that old joke?

I'm sure you've heard them all!

Answer - 'Not so good in bed

But great up against a wall'.

Like verbascums and evening primrose

They favour not 'against the wall'.

Most crowd at the sides of the pathway

Those hollyhocks proud and tall.

All needing support from strings and canes

Lest they should lean and fall.

New seedlings grow from year to year

Surprise colours too, where they grow tall.

This year's wet garden has not fared well

- The beans quite late, courgettes too small.

What hasn't died has overgrown

Like the hollyhocks defiant and tall.

So whatever the weather delivers,

Through winter, spring, summer to fall,

Next year it's almost a certainty

- There'll be bright hollyhocks tall.

Stogursey Arts Festival 10-year Celebration

MONDAY 23RD TO SUNDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

The Stogursey Arts Festival What's On Guide

Arranged by venue, you can see where, what and when the events are programmed, as well as ticketing information ie, if it is FREE ENTRY and/or a BOOK-IN-ADVANCE PRICED EVENT.

All the 'separate articles' referred to can be found in the pages following this What's On Guide

VENUE: St Andrews Church Stogursey

Free entry - donations welcomed

The annual Festival of Flowers and Exhibitions of Arts, Craft and Sculpture

This year's Festival is dedicated to the memory of George Cassidy. George was passionate about the Arts, and following the legacy of the late Peggy Elenor, who ran the Festival of Art for many years, he was instrumental in helping the team reintroduce a village Arts Festival in Stogursey.

TUESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER:

7.00pm - 8.30pm. The displays and exhibitions will be formally opened at 7pm. During the evening, ambient music will be playing. All welcome.

WEDNESDAY 25TH - SUNDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER:

The church will be open from **10am till 4pm** each day, with extensions to 5pm on most days. (See further details on the notice board at the church).

Throughout the week there will be a combination of **live and recorded music** at various times (details on the notice board at the church).

We hope that those of you who are at work, college or school during the week will be able to visit the displays and exhibitions on Saturday and/or Sunday.

The exhibitions and displays include:

- A textile work by Stogursey Artisans, a coastal landscape from Burnham-on-Sea lighthouse through to Minehead harbour. (*See separate article 'Coastlines' from the Artisans.*)
- A festival of flowers and foliage depicting coast to countryside.
- A display of costume sculptures from a recent fashion show entitled, 'The Void' and featuring mythical creatures. This is an exhibition which the Stogursey Arts Trust has on loan from HATCH. (*See the separate article about HATCH.*)
- The Plinth Returns - an empty plinth waiting for a performance or an exhibit. If you would like to take a timed slot on the Plinth during the Festival week, please contact Tim on 01278 734550. The opportunities are endless, but you have to register your idea/s and book a slot in advance.

SUNDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER:

6.30pm - the Closing Festival Service to celebrate all members of the community who make and have made the Festival so special over the past ten years. Following the service there will be a chance to reflect on the events of the week, together with a bring and share supper.

VENUE: Jubilee Rooms, Castle Street

Individual booking information for these events

Every event in the Jubilee Rooms will provide an opportunity to see the Photographic Exhibition

MONDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER:

7.00pm - 8.30pm: The Festival will be formally opened with an 'all-welcome' viewing of the exhibition of the long-awaited **Village Photographic Archive**. This depicts the way our local photographers, the SAPS, see Stogursey now. (*See separate SAPS article.*)

Free entry - donations welcomed.

There will be a cash bar.

TUESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER:

The Stogursey Arts Festival Celebratory Lunch with a special menu. Opens at 12 for a 12.30pm serving. Booking is essential. (*See separate 'Lunch & Brunch' article.*)

Come for lunch and see the exhibition of the Village Photographic Archive.

More events in the Jubilee Rooms on the next page . . .

Events in the Jubilee Rooms continued . . .

WEDNESDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER:

10.30am - 12 noon: the **Forget-me-not Café** will have a special opportunity for its members to enjoy memories of the village as seen through the Village Photographic Archive.

4.00pm - 6.30pm: **TEACAKE&MAKE** run by our ceramics expert and others. A making session in clay. Come along and enjoy a cup of tea (or a soft drink), have some cake and have a go.

Materials and expert guidance will be available with a view to making an item using clay. After your item has dried out, it will be fired at a later date. You will be able to collect it following the firing. This Festival event replaces the Raku at the pub.

We particularly welcome those who have always wanted to try with clay, but never had the chance. Children must be accompanied with a parent, but the activity is not suitable for under-fives. There is a small charge to cover materials of £1, and additional donations are most welcome.

Max group size is 15 so **book with Caroline on 07794 663654 or arrive early to see if there is a place left.**

THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER:

From **7pm** the **Soap Factory** will be screening its annual **Festival Film Night**. We are planning to include some **additional short animated films** made by local artists.

There will be one showing of an eight-minute film just after 7pm, when filmgoers arrive, and we will also show one or two in the intervals as part of the programme. *(See the [Soap Factory Cinema](#) article for details of the feature film and ticket prices.)*

There will be the usual licensed **pay bar** for refreshments and snacks.

Another opportunity to see the **Photographic Exhibition** (SAPS).

FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER:

10.00am - 12 noon: The **Social Café** will be open providing a further opportunity to see the **Photographic Exhibition** (SAPS) and chat over a coffee.

7.30pm - late: **Musical Events Night** - live music from local musicians, singers and bands.

(See separate 'Musical Events Night' article for more details).

Free entry - donations welcomed.

There will be a cash bar.

SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER:

Don't eat too much breakfast and come and dine with us for an **American-style Waffle Brunch**. There will be only one sitting from **10.30am to 12.00 so booking is essential.** *(See separate 'Lunch & Brunch' article for booking details.)*

Come for Brunch and see the **Photographic Exhibition** (SAPS) if you couldn't make it earlier in the week.

VENUE: The Greyhound Inn, Lime Street

Free entry - Drinks at usual prices from the bar

TUESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER:

7.45pm - Pop-Up Choir Why not come and join Colin & Annette as they do a pop-up choir with some familiar hits. This event will be particularly good for those who might struggle with black dots!

WEDNESDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER:

7.30pm - Strummers of Stogursey (Ukulele). A taster evening of songs and strumming with our local troupe. Ukuleles available for anybody who wants to have a go.

SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER:

7.00pm - 11.00pm - Open Mic hosted by Dave & Colin. Arts Week is an ideal time to come and try out what is a thriving Open Mic night at 'your local', drawing in musicians from far and near.

'Light Up Stogursey'

Several villagers have already contacted us about the **'Light Up Stogursey'** project, and we hope that you will join in and have a go at making a **Sea Monster Sculpture** for your garden or front window. You can try other ideas if you wish, but do join in with everyone in supporting the annual 'Lighting Up of Stogursey' - it would be great if we could make BBC Points West News again. It's dead easy, just put your Christmas decorative lights out and have fun making/arranging them in a **creative display**, either in your front garden or window(s) for others to enjoy when you switch them on at dusk.

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

It should be a busy week with visitors to the village, as the Stogursey Arts Festival is on at the same time as the Open Artist Studios (SAW) and the Somerset and Exmoor Coast Festival.

At each venue we welcome donations in support of the Arts Trust for these events, which have been organised for the benefit of the community and parish.

For more information call us on 01278 734550.

VENUE: St Andrews Church Stogursey

HATCH and the exhibits in St Andrews Church

Hatch is an ever-growing Somerset-based art collective, of visual artists, writers, musicians and performers. Our artists' imaginative, experimental and playful response to the challenges of our time, are guaranteed to both provoke and delight.

'The Last Party In The World', our first fashion show, launched in 2021. We then toured across the southwest, including East Quay and Fanny's Meadow Festival. The show's theme explored the artists' hopes, concerns and identities through fashion, art, music and the spoken word.

Following a similar format, our new fashion show saw our artists become eternal beings stepping back 'THE VOID' abandoned by humankind. Delighted and disturbed by the discarded products we created fashion 'fit for the gods'.

This exhibition in St Andrew's Church is a chance to see these creations up close. From Greek mythology to ancient folklore, it houses a fantastical array of stories, some joyful, some poignant.

The Hatch Collective 2024

Coastline

A textile work made by 20 contributors from Stogursey Artisans (and friends).

Coastline is made up of 40 individually worked squares which together make a large picture of the coastline, from Burnham-on-Sea Lighthouse to Minehead harbour, including many landmarks and local plants and animals.

Some of the squares will be available to buy at the end of the exhibition to remind us of our wonderful landscape and the need to protect it.

It will be on display in Stogursey Church as part of Stogursey Arts Festival:

Tuesday 24th - Sunday 29th September
Launch event Tuesday evening

There will be beautiful flowers in the Church.

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The Tree of Life panels from last year
will also be on show again.

Stogursey Artisans

Stogursey Arts Photographic Society

"I want to show you something I saw on social media yesterday... hmmm, can't seem to find it now."

If this sounds familiar it is because it happens to everyone that ever uses social media. Everything that you see is transient; sooner or later, it gets swamped by the newer content that is constantly arriving. Frankly, "sooner or later" is, at best, a few days or a week.

Yet this is the default medium for sharing images of local events and local life. That record of day-to-day life is fleeting, buried under the sheer volume of content that is published every day.

We wanted a more permanent record of life in our village and the surrounding area and so there will be an exhibition in the Jubilee Rooms, opening as part of the Stogursey Arts Festival.

We know not everyone will get to a chance to see that exhibition so we also decided to launch a website that can act as an archive, featuring both images from SAPS

contributors and vintage photographs that we collect. It can also feature far more images than we can physically print and hang on walls.

The collection will continue to grow over time but the hope is that it will form a lasting place to find photographs of local life and the local area other than yesterday's Facebook post.

By the time this edition of the Stogursey News goes to print, the site will be up and running so just point your web browser at stogurseyphotos.org.uk and have a look.

There is, of course, no substitute for seeing images printed, framed and hung on a wall so, if you can, please come along to the Jubilee Rooms when we open as part of the Stogursey Arts Festival at 7pm on Monday, 23rd of September.

Andy Baker, SAPS for Stogursey Arts Trust

LUNCH & BRUNCH

Booking Information

Stogursey Arts Festival Celebratory Lunch

Tuesday 24th September, in the Jubilee Rooms.

Prior booking **essential**: please either email

stogurseycommunitynetwork@gmail.com or phone

01278 733451 between

17th September and 5pm on Friday 20th September

Menu as follows ~

Somerset chicken with baked potato OR

Onion and artichoke Open Tart OR

Spinach, feta and lemon filo pie;

and salads from the Salad bar with all choices.

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Lemon slice, OR

Somerset apple cake, OR

Rhubarb and custard traybake, OR

a *Trio of desserts*

(Please note we need a minimum of 6 orders for any dish, so you will be asked to give a 1st and 2nd choice.)

Payment is by a cash (or cheque) donation of the diner's choice; pay what you think it is worth!

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American-style Waffle Brunch

Saturday 28th September, in the Jubilee Rooms.

Prior booking **essential**: please either email

stogurseycommunitynetwork@gmail.com or phone

01278 732149 by **5pm on Saturday 21st September**.

Menu as follows ~

Orange juice

Coffee OR Tea

Freshly cooked waffles with Maple syrup,
served with crispy bacon, OR

Freshly cooked waffles with Maple syrup,
served with fresh berries and whipped cream

Cost:

£8.50/Adult, £5.00 for children (under 11)

Family Price (2 adults, 2 children) £22.00



Soap Factory Cinema SEPTEMBER FILM

The wait is over for the Soap Factory's return - as the Indian summer air begins to settle in for a glorious autumnal night, join us for this warm light-hearted comedy 'Poster Boys'.

It's a quirky Irish road trip that trades flashy explosions for genuine heart. A mis-matched duo, an aging poster boy and his precocious nephew, stumble through a heartwarming adventure. It's a gentle comedy that's more interested in character development than plot twists, offering a refreshing change of pace. While the film's pace is leisurely, its charm is undeniable, making it a pleasant, if unassuming, cinematic journey.

Come and join us on **Thursday 26th September** at the Jubilee Rooms, where you will be guaranteed a very warm welcome. Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.

There will also be a super-doooper selection of very reasonably priced refreshments for you to enjoy. Tickets are priced at £7.50 and are available on the door or from our friendly Spar shop in advance.

See you then!

The Soap Factory

Musical Events Night in the Jubilee Rooms

Friday 27th September, 7.30pm

Come and enjoy some live music:

'West Street Band' will be playing
a selection of jazz numbers.

Pat and Sarah will also be performing a range of
traditional and contemporary songs.

In addition some surprise contributions . . .

FREE entry, donations welcome
Cash bar

News from the Quantock Medical Centre

We were all very pleased to hear that we had come **1st in Somerset** in the National Patient Survey again this year, all thanks to the great team of staff we have working here and thanks to those patients who took the time to complete the survey.

This autumn brings a new vaccine to combat Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) which is an infectious disease of the airways and lungs. Its symptoms are similar to a cold, including cough, sore throat, sneezing and runny or blocked nose. It can make you become wheezy or short of breath and lead to pneumonia or other life-threatening conditions. Every year thousands of older adults need hospital care for the RSV, and some will die. RSV can become more severe in people with medical conditions such as heart and lung disease or a weakened immune system.

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 last for 2 years. RSV vaccine will be available for people over 75 years of age (after 1st of September 2024) and anyone already 75 to 79 years old on 1st September 2024. Some 80 year 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.

As well as the new RSV campaign, we will be busy running our annual Flu Clinics at the practice:

From 1st September

- Pregnant women,
- Children aged 2-3 years (on 31st August 2024)
- Children aged 6 months to under 18 years in a clinical risk group (Diseases of the Heart, Lung, Kidney, Liver, Blood, Asthma, COPD, Diabetes, Kidney, weakened immune system, Stroke, with a BMI of 40 or higher.)

From 3rd October

- Aged 65 years and over
- Aged 18 years to under 65 years in Clinical risk group (Diseases of the Heart, Lung, Kidney, Liver, Blood, Asthma, COPD, Diabetes, Kidney, weakened immune system, Stroke, with a BMI of 40 or higher)
- Care home residents
- Carers
- Immunocompromised patients and close contacts
- Front line social care staff

Please look out for dates or contact the Practice to book an appointment.

As always, we ask that you support your local practice by having your vaccination with us rather than using a Pharmacy; as we have to order our flu vaccine supplies a year in advance and it will be a terrible waste of money to throw these away at the end of the year if not used !

Thanks for your support, Helen Stacey - Practice Manager

New Email Address

We now have a new email address:
stogurseyparishnews@gmail.com

We realise that, in the first few months, this may cause some difficulties, but would ask you to add our new address to your contacts list.

Thank you to those of you who have already started to use our new email address.

Editorial Team

Best Joke at the Edinburgh Fringe 2024

The winner of the award was
Mark Simmons with this joke:

"I was going to sail around the globe in the world's smallest ship but I bottled it."

Seagull

by Jan Ford

An eye-catching flash of white
Across the garden.
A seagull - not unusual.
No scraps today,
So what's the attraction?

On the wall now
Devouring a sizeable portion
of ?
- Greedily, deftly
Ripping off chunks
From its tawny - brown catch.
- All gone in seconds
Hardly time to focus
Did I really see feathers?

Young avian visitors return,
Allay my fears.
But what was it eating?
- It didn't come with chips.

Stogursey News Update

A round up of the latest news from Hinkley Point C

September 2024

Dear Stogursey residents,

Stacy has kindly passed the torch to me and I am very happy to join this wonderful team and share with you the latest news from the project. My family and I moved to Somerset two years ago, from France, to participate in this fabulous project of Hinkley Point C.

Please let me know what content you would like to read in this regular update via the email address at the foot of the page.

I wish you interesting reading and look forward to receiving your suggestions and meeting you.

Mounia Miguil, Stakeholder relation manager

Media kit donation for Stogursey school

Stogursey primary school has received a media kit (camcorder, tripod and activity book) from Lightbulb Teams, a team building programme as part of a collaboration with Hinkley Point C. After visiting the school in July, before the end of term, the team presented the gift to the children. This donation offers ideas and opportunities for students to undertake engaging and meaningful learning experiences.



“Heavy Bridge” lifted into position



Last month, teams fitted the “Heavy Bridge”, which joins together the Reactor Building and Fuel Building on Unit 1. The steel bridge weighing over 12 tonnes enables transfer of equipment into and out of the Reactor Building and protects the Equipment Hatch.

Its installation completes one of the five paths to the Reactor Pressure Vessel installation.

Community emergency station

The Sarens Group, operator of Big Carl, recently installed a defibrillator on the Burton Farmhouse wall.

This potentially life saving piece of equipment is now operational and accessible to the Stogursey community.

Hats off to the people who helped set up this lifesaving resource!



Project Update

A round up of the latest news from Hinkley Point C

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Digital Badges for Young HPC members

Young HPC members can now earn 'Digital Badges' to highlight their expertise in a number of topics designed to prepare them for the world of work.

Young HPC, is an exclusive skills development programme for 14-21 year olds interested in careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. The programme aims to equip young people from Somerset with the essential skills and knowledge to bridge the gap between school, work and careers at Hinkley Point C.

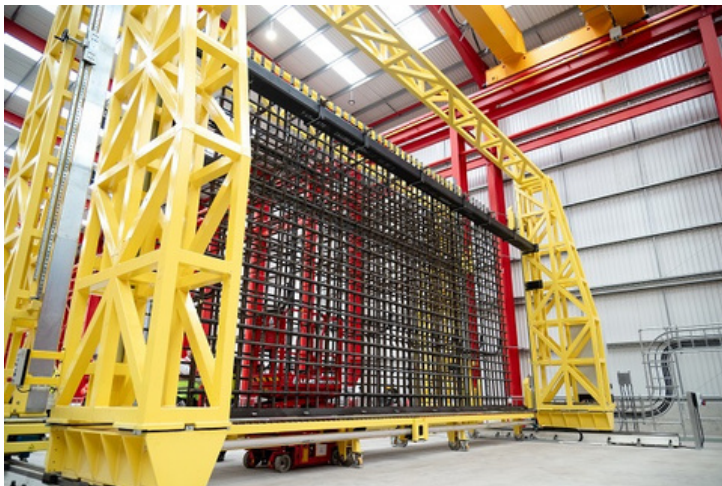
Members are invited to attend exclusive workshops that provide valuable tools and resources to reinforce their learning.

In this new initiative, Digital Badges are collected when activities are completed, showcasing an individual's personal and professional growth.

Digital Badges are designed to be easily sharable and are nationally recognised. They can be added to apprenticeship and job applications to help Young HPC members to demonstrate to prospective employers that they are actively enhancing their knowledge, increasing their skillset, and getting ready for their future career.



Modular construction boosts productivity at Hinkley Point C



A new factory in Avonmouth near Bristol is helping to extend the use of "Modularisation", a construction method whereby large items such as tanks, pools and sections of steel reinforcement are built as complete structures in 'satellite' factories close to the Hinkley Point C construction site.

These structures are then delivered and lifted into position in one go, rather than asking our team members to assemble them piece by piece in situ. It's proving to be of huge benefit, improving quality and increasing productivity.

This method also means we can reduce the amount of manual handling and installation work for our workforce. This results in a safer, healthier and more efficient working environment for everyone

Charity cycle

On the 7th September a cycling team from Hinkley Point will cycle almost 1000 miles in 9 days from Lands end to John O'Groats to raise money for the Lighthouse Club. Charity.

The Lighthouse Club is charity dedicated to the emotional, physical, and financial well-being in of construction and their family.



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Email: admin@homestart-westsomerset.org.uk

Village Agent - Sarah Bennett 07985 680269

sarahb@somersetccc.org.uk - NetherStoweyCare

Health/Medical Centres

Cannington	01278 652 335
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Repeat prescription line	01278 655 464
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Quantock (Nether Stowey)	01278 732 696
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Repeat prescription line	01278 733 385
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Out-of-hours (both Centres)	111
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Defibrillators - 4 in the parish:

♥ Burton - on garden wall of Burton Farmhouse

♥ Stogursey - on wall outside Stogursey Motors

♥ Shurton - side entrance of Babbling Brook

♥ Stolford - church of St Peter.

Mobile Library - Route G

The library van visits on Thursdays - every 4 weeks

Shurton

Babbling Brook Inn	12.05pm - 12.30pm
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Stogursey

Greyhound Inn	1.10pm - 1.40pm
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Town Close (No 30)	1.45pm - 2.10pm
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Next scheduled Visits in 2024

5 September, 3 October

For more information, contact Libraries Direct:

Tel: 0300 123224, or email www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

If you see any ASB or criminal damage incidents happening
in public spaces, **phone the police on 101.**

If you are disturbed by out-of-hours noise problems or ASB
relating to businesses, **phone 01823 351411.**

Please make phone calls at the time of the disturbance. The
more complaints that are received, the more likely it is that
the police will respond.

Complainants' names are not given to the perpetrators.