STOGURSEY NEWS



The 'Morris Travellers' performing during the Arts Festival

Tom Soper Photography

December 2019

Deadline for **JANUARY** contributions: **10.00 am Thursday 12th December**

Editorial

Welcome to our December edition with a lovely reminder of some of the many activities that took place during the Arts Festival. As ever in the run up to Christmas there are many social events advertised in this edition that you may want to make a note of.

It is lovely to see our school children making print images of Stogursey in times past. Well done to them all.

We are also reminded of some present day problems with global warming being a feature in the Stogursey Arts Trust piece.

It might be worth remembering to book a 'flu jab if you are in one of the vulnerable categories of our community.

For future reference, you may want to take part in an ancient ritual and come 'A-wassailing' in January. Details within.

Finally, the Quantock Musical Theatre Group invite you to an evening of Christmas entertainment that is sure to warm your heart.

We hope you have a pleasant and warm festive season and a Happy New Year!

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 <u>www.stogursey-online.uk</u>

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:

a) by email:

- * Prepare your contribution as a 'word' document.
- * Attach it to an email.
- * Send it to stogurseynews@hotmail.co.uk

b) by hand:

- * Write or type your contribution.
- * Put it into the 'Stogursey News' box in the Post Office.

A few points to remember:

- Submit your contribution by the deadline date.
- 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 layout.)
- Send your contribution each and every month you would like it published.
- Your illustrations must be copyright free. (Stogursey News will not be liable for costs resulting from prosecution if this condition is ignored.)

We look forward to receiving your contributions. **Thank you**

Distributors

The magazine is distributed to every household in the parish by a team of magnificent volunteers. We are most grateful to our distributors:

Belinda Crowther Catherine Hawkins Deborah Robins Dick Blomfield Heather Hallett Jackie Lucas Jan Ford Jane Cassidy Janet Mitchell

Editorial Team

Annie Rivers Catherine Hawkins Paul Welbourne Steve Stoneham Teresa Miller

Archive Paul Welbourne Joy Burt Linda Brown Liz & Ron Dyer Paul Welbourne Pauline Webber Peter & Barbara Oates Sue Spicer Terry Touchin

Stogursey on-line Gillian Orchard Jenny Ody Jo Cavill

Directory Phil Griggs

Put handwritten or typed contributions in News box in Post Office.

Regular	Events		
Monday	Stogursey Surgery (Quantock Health Centre)	St Audries Centre	from 11.00 am
	Health Walking Group	Steart Marshes car park	2.00pm
	Short Mat Bowls	Victory Hall	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Tuesday	Tai Chi	Victory Hall	10.30 am - 11.30 am
	Health Walking Group	Quantock Medical Centre	10.30 am
	Bingo Afternoon	St Audries Centre	2.00 pm
	Poetry Reading (monthly - ring Phil 733377)	Church Rooms	7.30 pm
	Quantock Musical Theatre Company	Youth Club	7.30 pm
Wednesday	Singing Group (Nether Stowey)	Stable Loft Church Centre	10.00 am
	Community Employment Advice Hub (fortnightly)	Greyhound Inn	9.30 am - 12.00 noon
	Forget-Me-Not Café (fortnightly)	Church Rooms	10.30 am - 12 noon
	Movement to Music (Age Concern)	Victory Hall	11.30 am - 12.30 pm
	Stogursey Craft Club (1 st Weds) Contact Cathy 734707	Church Rooms	2.00 pm - 5.00 pm
	Tennis Club	Multi-sport Court, V Hall	6.30 pm
	Parish Council Meeting (2 nd Wednesdays during VH rebuild)	Youth Club	7.15 pm
	Stogursey Craft Club (3 rd Wednesdays)	Church Rooms	7.00 - 9.00 pm
	Women's Institute Meeting (2 nd Wednesdays)	St Audries Centre	7.30 pm
Thursday	Stogursey Surgery (Cannington Health Centre)	Church Rooms	from 3.00 pm
	Bingo Evening	Victory Hall	7.30 - 9.30 pm
	Apple Blossom Sangha (contact Ralph 732690)	Shurton	7.30 pm
Friday	Stogursey Surgery (Quantock Health Centre)	St Audries Centre	from 11.00 am
	Coffee Shop	Church Rooms	10.00 am - 12 noon
	EdF Monthly Drop-In	see details below	venue specific
	Messi Club (1st Fridays)	Church Rooms	4.15 - 6.00 pm
	St Andrew's Church Junior Youth Club (contact Nicky Morgan)	Church Rooms	6.00 - 7.30 pm
	Line Dancing NO LINE DANCING IN DECEMBER	Youth Club	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Saturday Sunday	Football - Men Football - Boys.(for details contact Steve Dixon 01278 733850)	September - April September - April	2.00 - 3.00 pm

DIARY 2019

December

Details of all the Christmas Church Services in the Benefice are shown on a separate page

5 th December	Shine Fest	Stogursey School	3.45pm - 4.30pm
6 th December	Shine Fest	Stogursey School	3.45pm - 4.30pm
11 th December	Stogursey Employment Hub	Greyhound Inn	9.30am - 12 noon
11 th December	Forget-me-not Café	Church Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon
11 th December	Christmas Bingo (FOSS)	Stogursey School	Doors Open: 7.00pm
11 th December	Parish Council	Youth Club	7.15pm
13 th December	EDF Drop-In	Babbling Brook, Shurton	12 noon - 1.00pm
13 th December	Christmas Quiz	Church Rooms	7.00pm
14 th December	QMTC: 'Seasonal Songs'	Stogursey School	7.30pm
15 th December	Christmas BINGO (Stogursey AFC)	Stogursey School	Doors Open: 7.00 pm
18 th December	Christmas BINGO (Stogursey Victory Hall)	Youth Club	Doors Open: 7.00pm
19th December	Mobile Library	as schedule	as schedule
19th December	Soap Factory Cinema - Yesterday	Church Rooms	Doors Open: 7.00pm
20 th December	Carols on the Gravel	The Gravel	6.00pm - 7.00pm

Diary 2020

8 th January	Forget-me-not Café
8 th January	Stogirzels: Bring & Buy; Beetle Drive
11 th January	Wassail (details within)

Church Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon
St Audries Centre	7.30pm
starting Babbling Brook Inn	2.00pm

	SERVICES IN T	HE QUANTOCK CO	AST BENEFICE : D	ECEMBER 2019	
CHURCH	1 st December Advent Sunday	8 th December Advent 2	15 th December Advent 3	22 nd December Advent 4	29 th December Christmas 1
EAST QH	3.00pm Gift of Toys Service NM	8.00am Eucharist (CW) NM	8.00am Eucharist (BCP) SC	-	-
FIDDINGTON	9.00am Eucharist NM	9.00am Eucharist SC	4.00pm Carol Service NM	-	-
HOLFORD	6.30pm Evensong SC	9.30am Eucharist (BCP) DB	11.00am Family Service NM	-	-
KILVE	11.00am Eucharist DB	11.00am Family Service SC	9.30am Eucharist SC	-	-
STOGURSEY	10.30am Morning Praise For Advent NM	10.30am Family Eucharist TS	10.30am Eucharist DB	6.30pm Benefice Carols by Candlight	-
STRINGSTON	11.00am Family Service SC	11.00am Baptism & Family Service NM	11.00am Eucharist TS	-	10.00am Benefice Eucharist NM
WEST QH	9.30am Eucharist PC	9.30am Eucharist NM	9.30am Family Service SB	10.00am Benefice Eucharist NM	-
Liturgical colour & Readings	PURPLE	PURPLE	PURPLE	PURPLE	WHITE
1 st Reading	Isaiah 2: 1 - 5	Isaiah 11: 1 - 10	Isaiah 35: 1 – 10	lsaiah 7: 10 - 16	lsaiah 63: 7 - 9
2 nd Reading	Romans 13: 11 - end	Romans 15: 4 - 13	James 5: 7 - 10	Romans 1: 1 - 7	Hebs 2: 10 - end
Gospel	Matt 24: 36 - 44	Matt 3: 1 - 12	Matt 11: 2 - 11	Matt 1: 18 - end	Matt 2: 13 - end

MIDWEEK COMMUNION				
Date	Date Time Venue Presiding		Readings	
Wed 11th November10.00amStogurseySC (TBC)		SC (TBC)	As per Officiant	
NM =Revd Nicky MorganAFT =Revd Andrew TathaSC =Revd Stephen CamPC =Revd Preb Pam Cut	m pbell	DB = Revd Dawn E TS = Revd Tony Sr +GC = Right Revd G	nith	Revd Nicky Morgan can be contacted on 01278 732873

Christmas in the Quantock Coast Benefice 2019

Sunday 1st December at 3.00pm A Gift of Toys Service at St Mary East Quantoxhead

(Gifts given will be taken to be given to children in especial need)

Saturday 14th December at 5.00pm

Follow That Star – Where's the Baby! Come and find the baby with us around East Quantoxhead village Starting at the Church in EQH at 5.00pm – followed by the Switching on of the Christmas lights in East Quantoxhead

> Sunday 15th December at 4.00pm Carol Service at St St Martin of Tours, Fiddington

Thursday 19th December at 6.00pm Stogursey Cof E School Carol Service in St Andrews, Stogursey

Friday 20th December at 2.00pm Stogursey CofE School Christingle in St Andrews, Stogursey

Sunday 22nd December 6.30pm Benefice Carol by Candlelight in St Andrew, Stogursey

CHRISTMAS EVE – 24th December

- 3.00pm Crib and Christingle in St Mary's Church, Holford
- 4.00pm Crib and Christingle in St Andrew's Church, Stogursey
- 7.00pm Carols in St Mary's Church, Stringston
- 9.00pm Eucharist for Christmas in St Martin of Tours Church, Fiddington

CHRISTMAS DAY

- _9.00am Eucharist in St Peter, Stolford
- 9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) in St Mary, Holford
- 9.30am Family Eucharist in St Mary, East Quantoxhead (East and West Quantoxhead)
- 10.00am Family Eucharist at St Mary, Kilve
- 10.30am Family Eucharist at St Andrew, Stogursey

Sunday 29th December

10.00am - Benefice Eucharist at Stringston

All are welcome to join in any of the celebrations in any village. Please do come along.

IN MEMORIAM

In Loving Memory of DEREK WILLIAM MILES 18.08.73 – 29.08.19

All the family would like to thank all our relatives and friends for their kindness, sympathy and support during our bereavement.

A special thanks to all at Grandfield & Son and all the bearers at the funeral who carried Derek to his final resting place in Stogursey Cemetery. The bearers were Simon, Hutch, Tony, Adrian, Luke and Liam. A big thank you to Rev. Nicky Morgan and also to Rose Nurton.

Finally, thank you to all who attended the service and the wake and donated so kindly and sent cards.

Mrs Virginia Coate



POPPY APPEAL 2019

I would like to thank all the collectors and volunteers who collected around the parish. Thank you to all who donated to the appeal

including local businesses, and EDF for having collecting boxes at their sites.

I am pleased to say that more than £3500 was raised.

Richard Cuttell, Poppy Appeal Organiser

St Margaret's Hospice Table Top Sale

We would like to thank everyone who came and supported our Table Top Sale in aid of St. Margaret's Hospice. We raised £316 in total.

Susan Dare & Susan Hocking

VICTORY HALL LOTTERY

NOVEMBER 2019 DRAW

1 st Prize	£25.00	Mike Maddison	66
2 nd Prize	£15.00	Sue Knox	71
3 rd Prize	£10.00	Pauline Rhodes	149

Sir Reginald Neville Howse VC

In November's issue we published an article about Sir Reginald Neville Howse VC. If anybody wishes to contact the author, Steve Lee, please note that his correct telephone number is 07551191070. He can also be contacted on <u>stevelee@memorialstovalour.co.uk</u>

Stagecoach News

The Stagecoach Team would like to wish all our passengers a Happy Christmas and very Best Wishes for the New Year.

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE: Stagecoach will close after Monday 23rd December until Thursday 2nd January. We will attempt to cover medical emergencies during this period, dependant on drivers' availability.

We are always in need of Drivers to extend the team.

If you feel able to offer a couple of hours of your time now and then to help your Community, please contact Linda Brown on 01278734794 for details.

FOSS - Friends of Stogursey School

We would like to say a massive thank you to The Greyhound Inn, including Gerry Barter, Rachel Barter, Kelly Larcombe and the rest of the great team who have been raising money for FOSS amounting to an amazing £650.40! Well done to the committed and generous team for their fundraising efforts. We are incredibly grateful to all of you!

Thank you to everyone who attended our Fireworks Spectacular and supported our fundraising. Together we have raised a profit of £737.88. We would like to say a special thanks to our volunteers who helped make this event a success, and to the Parish Council who donated generously towards the cost of the fireworks.

Contact FOSS at : friendsofstogurseyschool@mail.com

Stogirzels

Our fame has spread! Despite the very wintry weather, STOGIRZELS WI enjoyed an exotic entertaining evening this month.

In addition to our in-house Belly Dancing Instructor, we were joined by two visiting, more experienced performers who had battled the elements from as far as Burton and Bridgwater to join in the revelling and were only too pleased to demonstrate different movements.

Thankyou, ladies. We hope to see you at future meetings. We rounded off the evening with topical refreshments of Apple Tea and Turkish Delight.

The December meeting will be our Christmas meal, to be held at The Greyhound, and the New Year will begin with a Beetle Drive and Bring and Buy Sale on Wednesday January 8th.

Why not make it one of your New Year Resolutions to come and try something different?

FORGET-ME-NOT CAFÉ

The Church Rooms, Castle Street, Stogursey from 10.30 -12 noon, every other Wednesday. All are welcome to join us for coffee and homemade cake.

- Wednesday 11th December CHRISTMAS PARTY
- Wednesday 8th January Forget-Me-Not-Café's 1st BIRTHDAY PARTY
- Wednesday 22nd January Coffee, chat and cake
- Wednesday 5th February Coffee, chat and cake

We've had lots of fun this Autumn at the Forget-me-Not Café. We've made lots of new friends of all ages! We'd like to say a big THANK YOU to all our helpers and everyone who supports the Café.

We were invited to tea at Stogursey School where we received a warm welcome from the children and teachers and delicious cakes too. Adults and children alike enjoyed talking about our beautiful village of Stogursey and discovering some of the history we have here. Thank you so much everyone.

In October we had an Art Day; inspired by the Russian artist Kandinsky, some beautiful paintings were produced. Thank you to Charlotte and Jane who encouraged everyone with their paintings.







In November Bob Page joined us again and read us some beautiful poems on the theme of Autumn and Halloween, including poems by Keats, and 'After Apple Picking' by the American poet Robert Frost. Thank you so much Bob, we're looking forward to seeing you at our Christmas Party.

Our very own Rose Chalk read us a wonderful short story and poem she had written – thank you Rose.

It's time to start preparing for the Christmas Festivities! Forget-me-Not Christmas Party is on Wednesday 11th December in the Church Rooms from 10.30.

We have received a very kind donation of Bio-Friendly Christmas crackers from Chris Gaines of Gaines Disposable Supplies at Bishops Lydeard; thank you very much Chris. The crackers are completely recyclable – there is no plastic and they are made from recycled materials.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

BIRTHDAY PARTY

On Wednesday January 8th the Forget-me-Not Café celebrates our 1st birthday – we're having a party from 10.30 in the Church Rooms. All are welcome to join in the fun and festivities.

SHINE FEST

in Stogursey School Thursday 5th December from 3.45pm Friday 6th December 3.45 - 4.30pm -more details on the School pages All welcome

FOSS - Friends of Stogursey School Christmas Bingo

with Tony and Liz **Wednesday 11th December** at Stogursey School Doors open 7:00pm - Eyes down 8.00pm Any donations of prizes will be gratefully received, and can be taken to the school office.

LAST CHANCE TO ENTER THE CHRISTMAS QUIZ!

Deadline **6th December** to join in on Friday 13th December 7.00pm in the Church Rooms. Let Karen Henson know by ringing 01278 732727 or email <u>k.henson@btinternet.com</u>. Teams of up to four. Tickets £5.00 per person (includes cheese and biscuits, mince pies and the chance to win a Christmas hamper!) Bring your own liquid refreshment. *Stogursey Twinning Association*

Stogursey AFC Xmas Bingo

at Stogursey School

Sunday 15th December Doors open 7.00pm Eyes Down 8.00pm Very good prizes including our Three Large Cash Prizes plus usual raffle.

Anyone wishing to give Raffle prizes please contact Colin Palmer on: 733569

Donations from the money raised will go to 'Lydia's Legacy' and 'Willow's Wishes'. I hope we can count on your support Thank you very much

C M Palmer

Stogursey Victory Hall Christmas Bingo

in the Youth Club Wednesday 18th December Doors Open at 7pm Eyes Down at 8pm Lots of good prizes Please come along and support us.

Stogursey CE Primary School invite you to join us for our **Christmas Carol Concert** in St Andrew's Church Thursday 19th December at 6pm. Everybody welcome!





Hi Cinema goers,

Well we are nearing the end of 2019, and what better way to end the year than a visit to the Soap Factory Cinema and the heart-warming and funny film -

Yesterday directed by Danny Boyle.

A struggling musician realises he's the only person on earth who can remember 'The Beatles' after waking up in an alternate timeline where they never existed.

So come and enjoy a relaxing evening with friends at the Soap Factory Cinema, Church Rooms, Castle Street, Stogursey on **Thursday 19th December 2019.** Doors open at 7pm, film starts at 7.30pm.

Refreshments are available to purchase on arrival and at the interval. We will be including mulled wine and mince pies on our refreshments list this month, so don't miss out! Tickets £6 available from the Post Office or on the door.

And not forgetting about the raffle with a chance to win tickets for the following months' films.

Look forward to seeing you all,

The Soap Factory Team

Carols on the Gravel

Friday 20th December, from 6 to 7pm



Refreshments provided by Friends of Stogursey School

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

NETHER STOWEY VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

will be holding a CHRISTMAS MARKET

at Nether Stowey Village Hall on Saturday 7th December 2019 at 12.00 noon until 4.00pm Admission 50p

A wide variety of crafts to include: Knitwear Jewellery Christmas decorations Wood crafts Greetings cards Chocolate

Tea, coffee, mince pies, mulled wine & other refreshments will be available

Father Christmas will be here Come along and do your Christmas shopping

EAST QUANTOXHEAD VILLAGE MARKET

'Christmas Edition'

Saturday December 14th

East Quantoxhead Village Hall 10am - 12noon Market Café as usual + Tombola

HOLFORD GARDENENERS' GROUP

Holford and District Village Hall December 17th 7.30pm

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL EVENING

Members £1.00 Visitors £3.50 More details tel 01278 741173

THE MACULAR SOCIETY SUPPORT GROUP, DULVERTON

Royce and I wish you all a very HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

There won't be a meeting in December, but we shall resume our meetings with renewed vigour in January 2020 with a talk and demonstration by Julie from Optima to get us safely through the dark evenings and dim winter days.

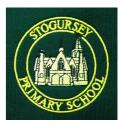
See you in the New Year! With all best wishes.

Marion and Royce



Stogursey CE Primary School

"Let your light shine" Mt5 v16



Thank you to Alfoxton class (children aged from 6 to 8) for this month's School page.



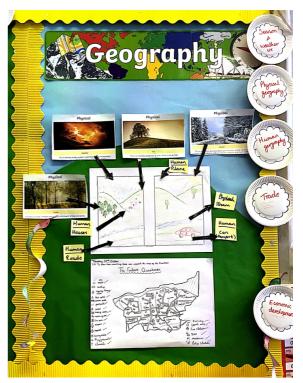
In art, we are making print images of Stogursey. We have been thinking about what Stogursey was like in the past:

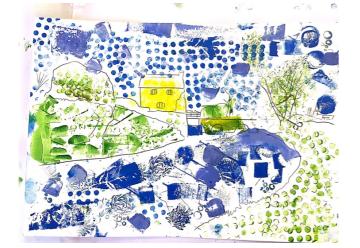
"It was black and white!"

"School was not as fun as it is now, when we learn our times tables we have songs to help us learn them, but in the olden days they would have just said the numbers over and over."

"In the olden days the postboxes were high up so you didn't have to get off your horse to post your letters"

Alfoxton class have been doing some amazing work this Autumn. "We have been learning lots about the area where we live. In geography we have learned all about the Quantocks"







The children have been making pictures of how Stogursey looks now, using stamps and ink.

And they are imagining what it might look like in the future. There will be some fantastic transport like buses that fly and super fast carriages that can go under water.

In English we have been learning about the Manchester Ridgeback who is a dragon. He is the size of a fully grown house cat, is green with a tinge of yellow and has a ridgy tail. But most surprisingly this dragon can play chess.

We have all been thinking about friendship and look at the friends we have made!



We have thought about what we want in a good friend- like being kind, courageous, helpful, taking turns and being loving.

Then there are some more unusual qualities in a good friend, like being good at telling jokes!



'SHINE FEST' LAUNCH: THURSDAY 5th DECEMBER

It has been so lovely to see the high-quality creative work being produced with Alice Maddicott, from Halsway Manor. She has been working with the community on this inspiring project (funded by EDF) and it culminates in the unveiling of the community archive in our school on Thursday 5th December at 3.45pm.

Representatives from EDF will be there as well as members of the community. We will have refreshments and it will be a chance to see the work the children have produced being professionally displayed. This will launch the start of a two-day end of topic celebration called the 'Shine Fest' in which children can let their lights shine through the Arts. We hope to see you there!

December Events

Thurs 5th/ Fri 6th Dec Wednesday 11th Dec Thurs 19th Dec Fri 20th Dec 'Shine Fest' FOSS Christmas Bingo Carol Service in the Church - 6pm Christingle at Church - 2pm

PRE-SCHOOL

Stogursey Pre-School is based at Stogursey C of E Primary School and serves Stogursey and the surrounding villages. Our Pre-School is set up with quality resources, carefully matched to a young child's needs and developmental stages.

We aim to provide a welcoming and caring place, a beautiful stimulating environment for children from 2 years with interested and interesting adults, who are sensitive to the needs of young children.

Please contact school for more details 01278 732389 stogurseyschool@educ.somerset.gov.uk preschool316@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Stogursey Arts Trust

"I do not think making art alone makes it any better than making it with a team of people" Olafur Eliasson

Olafur Eliasson's exhibition, 'In Real Life' concludes at Tate Modern on the 5th of January.

Eliasson is an artist who engages in issues related to climate change. His works are often on such a large scale he has to work in teams to bring them to the attention of his audiences. He recently gathered floating icebergs, pieces of glacial masses that had broken off into the ocean and bought them into cities across the world, still frozen, to enable people to experience the scale and the end of history for these beautiful serene masses of frozen water, formed thousands of years ago.

People who gathered to see the iceberg fragments were able to walk amongst the frozen boulders of ice, interact with them, touch them, feel the coldness, the smoothness of the melting ice and surprisingly listen to the cracking and popping of trapped gas, finally released after thousands of years of being encased in the ice.

The experience, enabled by the artist and his team, was profound: a reminder of the beauty of nature, its transience, and its fragility in the custody of human kind. The 'art' is not the result of creating an image or object that can be placed in a gallery and viewed over centuries to come, it is an immediate experience, designed to make people think, hopefully react and take action. Responsible action. Even if only to engage in conversation and open discussion on what human kind is doing to our beautiful planet.

It will soon be Christmas and we are seeing the seasonal changes. Is it any colder, windier, wetter than previous years? As we celebrate through the festive season and engage in conversation with our family and friends, do take a moment to discuss Eliasson's artistic practice. It's a simple message: our glaciers are rapidly disappearing and this will have significant impact on our planet, our home, our lives.

Winter scenes and images of snowmen on your Christmas cards could have a much deeper meaning in times ahead!

The Arts Trust Team look forward to seeing Christmas 'Light Up Stogursey' over the coming weeks. If you want to join in a collective, silent response to climate change, turn your Christmas lights off between 5 and 6pm on Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Have a very happy festive season. If you would like to see more memories from this year's Arts Festival, look on the website <u>www.stogurseyartsfestival.co.uk</u> or Stogursey Arts Festival Facebook.

Key contacts: Tim Kaye on 734550 and Ian Elenor on 733052.

Mike Bradshaw for Stogursey Arts



from Arts Festival panel in St Andrew's Church

Cranes

by Jan Ford

Still harbingers of good fortune In parts of China, I believe. Those wetland birds once native to our shores. To Somerset levels now returned. A successful project by all accounts! Their location secret to deter human predators.

Near to home, cranes openly abound In ever increasing numbers, Their elegant demeanour of the mechanical kind. Beautiful in sunlight, Shining white against darkening skies. Though oft times obscured by channel mist, Sticking up unseen fingers to the world!

But now, a cuckoo in the nest! Much larger and of yellow hue. Big Carl – 'world's biggest' is his boast. Lifting up to 5,000 tons in one fell swoop. Bright red night lights towering, Augmenting Hinkley's 'Son et Lumière'.

From Stogursey Lane a canvas of constantly changing artistry.

From first floor windows a less expansive view. Better perhaps when autumn leaves have gone. Ugly farm containers also hog the scene. Will these, in time, give way to houses new?

Notes from the Quantock Medical Centre

Flu vaccinations

A reminder for patients who are 65 years and over - and any patients who have a medical condition such as Diabetes, Asthma, Liver disease, Kidney Disease, or are currently pregnant - phone us to book an appointment for your annual flu vaccination 732696.

Repeat medications

You can order your repeat medications several ways:

- Calling 733385 Mondays Fridays 9am 10.30am and 3.00pm – 5.00pm.
- Putting your request slips into the drop in box by the main entrance, or
- Using Patient Access Online to order (if you have not got online access, this can be set up for you, pop into the surgery with a Driver's Licence or Passport and complete an online access form.)

Please give us 48 hours (2 working days) before you try to collect your medication, ie, if you request your repeats on a Monday come along on a Wednesday to collect. If you order on a Saturday or Sunday please come back on Wednesday to collect. You can pick up your Medications from Dispensary when open, or from the Reception when Dispensary is closed. The Dispensary needs to close its window between 11.30am – 3.00pm.

ACTIVITIES if you would like to become more social, meet new people, learn a new skill or have a chat and a laugh, come along to our groups:

The Singing Group - gets together on a Wednesday 10 am at the Old Bakery, 9 St Marys Street Nether Stowey (next to the shop); sings songs, does vocal and breathing exercises, sometimes joins other groups for a sing-along and has a cup of tea and chat. All abilities welcome.

The Walking Group - meets on a Tuesday morning at 10.30am at the surgery for a 1.5 hour walk, which are different every week. This is a great way to start walking with others for company, and learn different routes. Pick up a leaflet at the Surgery for the planned routes each month.

The Art Group - meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Nether Stowey Church Centre from 2.00pm – 4.00pm (contribution request £4 for room hire and equipment if needed). Bring along current projects or learn new skills. All abilities welcomed to this friendly group.

The Gardening/ Community Allotment Group - a very informal group, a chance for those who might like to garden with someone else for company, or have a patch to grow and share produce. Contact the Practice to be put in touch with the group.

The Patient Participation Group meets 4 times a year at the Library to discuss any issues related to the Health Service in general and to discuss how the Practice can support and improve its services for patients. This is an open meeting so anyone can come along for discussion and debate. A list of dates will be displayed at the Practice and the library.

Christmas afternoon tea and cakes/ mince pies -

Tuesday 3rd December from 2.00pm at the Nether Stowey Church Centre. Please come and join us and find out more about these different activity groups. We are planning to sing a few Christmas songs, and view some of the amazing art the art group has produced over the year.

Helen Stacey, Practice Manager

Somerset County Council confirms the detailed emergency planning zone for Hinkley Point remains unchanged

On 22nd May 2019 changes to the existing Radiation (Emergency Preparedness and Public Information) Regulations (REPPIR) 2001 came into effect, including the transition of responsibility for determining a Detailed Emergency Planning Zone (DEPZ) from the Office for Nuclear Regulation to Upper Tier Local Authorities – as required by REPPIR 2019.

In accordance with the regulations and Approved Code of Practice, Somerset County Council (SCC) was required to complete a review of the DEPZ for Hinkley Point.

Taking account of local views and representations made during the recent local public engagement exercise in

Stogursey, the authority has taken the decision to maintain all existing arrangements for communities within 3.5km of the site, including:

- stable iodine pre-distribution;
- provision of a public information calendar; and
- maintenance of a telephone warning system.

We would like to thank those who expressed their views and helped inform the future planning arrangements. If you would like to discuss this decision further please contact either Russell Davies or Jacob Forgham at the Civil Contingencies Unit (0300 123 2224) or for more information visit www.somerset.gov.uk/reppir

Many thanks for your engagement and support with this.

Russell Davies, Deputy Civil Contingencies Manager Somerset Local Authorities' Civil Contingencies Unit

Do something amazing this year

For many, the start of a new year brings an opportunity for reflection, fresh starts and change - but could you change a child's story this year?

For over 500 children in Somerset, spending time at home isn't possible right now, which is why we urgently need more foster carers to offer safe, loving homes to our children in care. Foster carers can make a real difference to children's lives. They help them through tough times and give them the support they need to achieve their full potential.

Fostering is not a one size fits all. There are a variety of different avenues within fostering to match the vast and sometimes complex needs of the children in our care, and the lifestyles of our carers; from the dedication of

Notes from your Village Agent

I have compiled some ideas below to get you thinking about ways to keep us all safe, healthy and entertained during this coming month.

Plenty to do in December

Get out and about The darkness and bad weather can be quite isolating and it is easy to stay in and then realise you haven't seen anyone in an age. We have a listing of the local Christmas events on our website <u>https://somersetagents.org/somersetchristmasevents/</u> or call us on 01823 331 222. Perhaps you could take a neighbour with you?

Get out into the light Take a lunch time walk and expose some skin to soak up some daylight. This helps regulate your sleep patterns so you feel less tired in the winter. The NHS suggest that the levels of sunlight at this time of year are too low for us to produce enough vitamin D. <u>https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/how-to-getvitamin-d-from-sunlight/</u>

Free Flu Vaccination Check with your GP to see if you are eligible for a free flu vaccine or buy one from your pharmacy. <u>https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/</u> who-should-have-flu-vaccine/

Watch out for Scams This is the time that fraudsters increase their campaigns. With stress and rushed purchasing, people are less likely to spot a con. <u>https://</u>www.which.co.uk/news/2018/12/12-scams-of-christmas-what-you-need-to-watch-out-for/ Watch out for cheap counterfeit goods which could be potentially dangerous and counterfeit websites which do not have the HTTP// or the lock symbol. Sometimes it is placed on the website and not on the address to catch you out. Some websites are dressed up to look like a big brand so watch out for small differences - .com instead of .co.uk perhaps. Fake

long-term fostering over a period of years, to the flexibility of respite providing care just one weekend a month. In return our carers receive ongoing support and training, a dedicated social worker and a weekly fee and allowance (amounts vary – please speak to our team or visit the website for details).

If you're aged 21 or over and have a spare room, along with the time and patience to support a Somerset child in care, visit <u>fosteringinsomerset.org.uk</u> or call our team on 0800 587 9900 to find out how you could help change a child's story. There is no upper age limit, and things like your gender, sexual preference or marital status are not important – you just need the right qualities and mindset. Alternatively, come along to our next information evening and find out more about fostering over a coffee and cake. Costa Coffee, 8 Townsend Shopping Park, Shepton Mallet on **Tuesday 14th January 2020 from 7-9pm.**

holiday offers are also rife, as are phone calls about your phone or internet being cut off. Phishing is also increased as people are less likely to notice they have opened an incorrect email. Never buy goods from your work computer as you could unwittingly expose your client's personal data to phishers or unsecured web pages and never use public wifi to shop.

The Family Invasion Preparing well for the extended family visit can lower the chances of stress. Pre-plan with the family so everyone knows what to expect. Perhaps reduce present buying by having a "Secret Santa" scheme so everyone gets one present rather than one each from everyone. Sharing the cooking load by getting family to bring dishes can help as can getting them to bring their own duvets. Put away any fragile objects or special toys so younger children don't cause upset and have house rules such as out of bounds teenage rooms to reduce friction. Don't forget to remove any sharp equipment, climbing temptations (including chords on blinds), dangerous liquids and medication from sight and height so you don't spend Christmas Eve at A&E.

Don't be Alone If you are on your own at Christmas, why not join a volunteer group such as the Salvation Army, Crisis, Shelter and Do it. Some charities require training and so may expect more commitment than help only on Christmas day. Within Stogursey Parish there may be a project which needs some help. Perhaps you may have space to entertain a guest who may be on their own at Christmas. If you are alone and unable to volunteer, ask us if there is a Christmas Lunch in your local area that you can attend.

If you are travelling at Christmas, do use the AA driving in winter guide.

Izzy Sylvester

COME A-WASSAILING WITH US!

Wassailing is an ancient tradition that has roots dating back to the 8th century. The word wassail is derived from the Anglo-Saxon 'wes hal' meaning 'be whole', or as we would say today, 'good health'.

Bring something to make a noise with to help ward evil spirits from Shurton Mill Orchard – at the kind invitation of Cy and Mary Bartlett - and let's help attract benevolent insects and birds to the trees in the hope of a good apple harvest next Autumn. There will be hot soup and mulled cider (in exchange for a £ donation!)

On **Saturday 11th January** we'll gather at **The Babbling Brook, Shurton** and walk together to the orchard, departing the pub at 2.00pm. Be prepared for a muddy walk and dress warmly ready to join in the merry making!

Stogursey Twinning Association



Christmas & New Year 2019/2020

Usual collection day	Revised collection day
Friday 27 December	Sunday 29 December
Friday 3 January	Saturday 4 January

Monday 6 January - Usual collections resume

No garden waste collections 24 December - 3 January

Recycling sites - on usual schedule, including open 9am - 4pm Sat-Sun 21-22 Dec, 28-29 Dec and 4-5 Jan All sites close 25-26 Dec & 1 Jan

Christmas Trees: home compost, take to recycling site or council drop-off point or book charity collection. Garden waste subscribers ONLY - undecorated trees under 6ft add to garden waste from 7January. (Last resort: place next to your rubbish bin on usual collection day 6 - 17 January 2020, and send it to costly, wasteful landfill.)

Follow Somersetwaste on Facebook and Twitter. Advice from weather to food waste: <u>www.somersetwaste.gov.uk</u>

Surviving Winter

As we head into winter, many of us face an expensive –

but essential - bill for heating our homes, while many of our neighbours face a stark decision between eating and heating: a shocking one in eight households in Somerset live in fuel poverty. Thanks to the bright idea of one generous pensioner, hundreds of older people in Somerset are being supported to stay warm, safe and well every winter through Somerset Community Foundation's Surviving Winter campaign.

The campaign encourages people who don't need their Winter Fuel Payment to donate some or all of it to help local older people who are unable to afford to heat their homes.

Last year, over 500 elderly people living in Somerset were helped through the cold winter months, thanks to generous local donors who donated over £100,000 to Surviving Winter.

Somerset Community Foundation (SCF) are also taking part in **The Big Give**, and **online** donations to the campaign that are made during **the week-long Big Give Christmas Challenge** - midday Tuesday 3 December to midday Tuesday 10 December - will be doubled! So, not only will **your donation be worth twice as much**, but even more older and isolated people across the county will feel warmer and better connected this winter.

I want to Gift Aid my donation of £
and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to Somerset Community Foundation.
I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less income Tax and/or Capital Gains tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.
My Details
Title First name or initial(s)
Surname
Full Home Address
Postcode Date
Please notify the charity if you:
giftaid it - want to cancel this declaration - change your name or home address - no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains
If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional ta relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax

Donate your Winter Fuel Payment so Somerset's elderly don't have to choose between eating and heating

If you would like to donate to Surviving Winter, visit <u>www.somersetcf.org.uk/winter</u> or call 01749 344949.

Points from the Parish Council Meeting – 13 November 2019

Somerset West & Taunton Planning Process

The chair received clarification about the process for deciding planning applications from Sarah Wilsher (Case Manager (Planning)) at SWaT.

The process is the same as that followed by the former Taunton Deane LPA, in that if a contrary view is received from the Parish Council or a representative/neighbour to the officer's recommendation, then the application will go to the Chair of Planning Committee and he will decide whether the application is determined by the Planning Committee or by delegated powers of the officer.

If the Parish Council and four representatives/ neighbours give a contrary view to the officer's recommendation then it automatically is determined by the Planning Committee.

If it is a major scheme which will have widespread impact, then it is likely to be determined by the Planning Committee.

Parish Council Public Forum Guidelines

Parishioners are reminded of the routine for the public forum which precedes the Parish Council meeting (more detailed guidelines can be found on the parish website Stogursey-online)

- The total time allocated for the public forum is 15 minutes,
- Individuals can speak for up to 3-5 minutes,
- The Council will only consider items on the agenda at the meeting to which the agenda relates, but the public forum may be used to make the Council aware of other matters.
- An issue or question raised does not necessarily require a response at that time and there should be no debate or discussion between the Council and the public. The Chairman has the right to say that any question or statement is inappropriate and will not be accepted.

Parish Councillor Contact details

Parishioners are also reminded that Parish Councillors are approachable and if any resident has any questions or issues they wish to raise and are unable to attend the monthly Parish Council meeting, they are able to telephone or email councillors whose contact details are in the Stogursey News and on the parish website Stogursey-online.

VE DAY 75th Anniversary – Friday 8 May 2020

It is proposed to hold an event in the parish to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day on Friday 8 May 2020. Further details will be available in the New Year.

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER 2019 IN THE YOUTH CLUB

The agenda will be displayed on parish notice boards and online 3 days before the meeting. I look forward to hearing from you on any issues you wish to discuss. My phone number is 01278 653824 or you can e-mail me at stogurseypcclerk@gmail.com

Gillian Orchard, Clerk to the Parish Council

Riparian Owners responsibilities

Parishioners who are riparian owners are reminded of their responsibilities. If you are a riparian owner, your responsibilities include the maintenance of the bank and bed of your section of watercourse, in order to avoid any obstruction of flow in the watercourse. Under common law you are the riparian owner of any watercourse within or adjacent to the boundaries of your property. Where a watercourse is sited between two or more property boundaries each owner may be equally responsible. Further details can be found on the Somerset County council website <u>https://www.gov.uk/guidance/owning-awatercourse</u>. The following link provides information on reporting noxious weeds to Somerset County council. <u>https://www.somerset.gov.uk/waste-planning-and-land/</u> report-noxious-weeds/

Quantock Musical Theatre Company

warmly invites you to join us for an evening of seasonal songs.

From traditional and familiar Christmas songs and carols to some less familiar songs with a wintry flavour, guaranteed to put you in the mood for the festive season.

We use our performances to raise money for local village halls and for our chosen charity the Marion Evered Trust which supports the children's ward at Musgrove Hospital.

14 December at 7:30pm, Stogursey Primary School Tickets £6.50



Hinkley Point C update:

As we draw to the end of another year, I'd like to reflect on all that has been achieved over the past 12 months at Hinkley Point C.

Younger generations are feeling the benefits of having the largest construction site in Europe on their doorstep. Our Young HPC team are supporting over 1,000 16-21 year olds, educating and inspiring them as they kick off their careers. Plus, we're over halfway to achieving our ambitious target to create 1,000 apprenticeships on the project.

The HPC Job Service continues to engage local communities, ensuring that residents know about the array of opportunities that the project brings. 43% of the workforce are Somerset residents with many securing jobs via the HPC Job Service team.

This year we hit our biggest milestone to date, on schedule! Known as J0, it involved a continuous 79-hour concrete pour, which broke previous UK records for the longest continuous pour. It even beat the Shard in London. This milestone signalled the completion of the base of the first reactor and the construction of the nuclear buildings above ground began in earnest.

Tunnelling for our cooling tunnels under the Bristol Channel also commenced following safe delivery of the Tunnel Boring Machine. The Shurton Substation platform was handed over to National Grid to begin works. 308 wave return units were installed to form the Sea Wall on the foreshore. Plus, the Jetty is now fully operational, with each shipment of aggregates containing the equivalent of 300 lorry loads.

With local residents and Somerset County Council, we celebrated the opening of the Castles & Coast Way. This new walking trail passes by Stogursey Castle and was developed in response to requests from residents, using HPC funding. On site our ecology team have been working hard, planting 4,000 trees and 37,000 shrubs this year.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your continued support, whether that be welcoming newcomers to the village, or your patience whilst large loads roll past.

From all at Hinkley Point C, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Contact details:

- EDF Energy Visitor Centre: Angel Place Shopping Centre, Bridgwater, TA6 3TQ Open 9am-4pm Mon-Fri and 9am-1pm on Saturday
- Email: Hinkley-enquiries@edf-energy.com
- Free phone: 0333 009 7070

Contacts and Parish Information

Parish Councillors:

Chris Morgan (Chair) 01278 734887 or 07966-697460 cmorgan195@icloud.com

Sue Goss (vice-Chair) Judy Bastick, Rebecca Calvert, Eileen Chave, Chris Ford, Susan E Jones, Steve O'Driscoll, Jenny Ody, Helga Staddon

Clerk: Gillian Orchard 01278 653824

<u>Meetings:</u> monthly date & venue as published 7.15 - 7.30 Public Forum - for parishioners to attend & ask questions,

from 7.30 pm Councillors' meeting - parishioners may attend and listen.

West Somerset & Ward Councillors: Chris Morgan *cllr.c.morgan@somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk*

Site Stakeholders Group Representatives: Sue Goss, Chris Morgan

Somerset County CouncilAll Services0300 123 2224

Parish Neighbourhood Welcome Pack

Burton & Knighton:	Sue Goss	733405
Wick & Stolford:	Susan E Jones	652287
Stogursey & Shurton:	Chris Morgan	734887

EdF Main Site Neighbourhood Forum

Representatives for the Hamlets:

Burton and Knighton Mike Laver m_laver@btinternet.com		732069
Sue Jones suekibjones@yahoo.co.uk		732275
Shurton Peter Farmery peterfarmery@btinternet Richard Cuttell cuttellrichard@gmail.com		732503 734818
<u>Stolford:</u> Susan E Jones <i>suejones2</i> 79@ <i>btinternet</i> .	сот	652287
<u>Wick:</u> Dick Blomfield. <i>richie.blomfield@btinterne</i>	et.com	653302
Parish Council Member: West Som District & Ward Councillor:	Chris F Sue Go	

EdF Contacts:

see "Immy's Update" for 'Drop-In' and Main Site Forum dates and venues

HPC Hotlinefor enquiries or complaints0333 009 7070

Community VenuesVictory Hall & Youth Club - Church Rooms -Allan Searle732820Belinda Crowther St. Peter's Church Stolford -Susan E Jones652287
Community Car Scheme Stogursey Parish Stagecoach. 07908 239 609
Health CentresCannington01278 652335Quantock (Nether Stowey)01278 732696Out-of-hours (for both centres)0845408800
Both Health Centres hold non-appointment surgeries in Stogursey every week. As surgeries sometimes have to be cancelled, it is advisable to phone and check. See diary page for details of days and times.
 Defibrillator is located on the wall between Stogursey Motors and The Corner Shop.
Mobile Library: Route GThe library visits on Thursdays - every 4 weeksShurtonBabbling Brook12.20 pm - 12.50 pmStogurseyGreyhound Inn1.30 pm - 2.00 pmTown Close (No 30)2.05 pm - 2.35 pmNext Visiting Dates:19 DecFor more information, contact Libraries Direct by Telephone 0300 123224, or Email at www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries
POLICENon-Emergencies- Call 101Emergencies - Call 999Community Policing & Speed Watch VolunteersJamie MunroPC 4376 Neighbourhood Beat ManagerWilliton & Watchet (AW052).Mobile: 07889 659436Email: jamie.munro@avonandsomerset.police.ukAnti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and Criminal DamageIf you see any ASB or criminal damage incidents, pleasephone the Police on 101.Give as much information,including names, as you possibly can.These are Policematters, and the Police need our help to stop them.Thenumber of complaints made from an area are noted.Themore complaints received, the more justification to allocatepolice time and manpower to deal with problems.
Complainants' names are not released to the perpetrators.

Complainants' names are not released to the perpetrators.



0

Hinkley Point C look ahead

December 2019



We carefully manage our works at Hinkley Point C, ensuring our construction activity has minimal impact on our neighbours. However, you may still see and hear some aspects of the work. This is a summary of some of our current works:

Location		Description of works
1	Sea Wall	Sea Wall construction is now complete with 308 wave return units installed. Pedestrian ramps have been installed so that at the back end of construction, and when it is safe to do so, the area behind the sea wall will be open for members of the public to walk along.
2	Cooling water pipes (land side)	The inlet water pipe system is now complete. Works are continuing on the outlet pipes with planned completion in 2020.
3	Bunker 1	Construction of Bunker 1 will continue in December. Like the other bunkers on site, it will be used to prefabricate key components in weatherproof conditions. Once the components are complete they will be lifted into place using our large crane, Big Carl.
4	Pump House	Work continues to construct the foundation for the Pump House on Unit 2.
5	Corallina Works	Works to protect the corallina on the foreshore are continuing.
	500 Apprenticeships	At the start of construction we set out an ambitious target to create 1,000 apprenticeships over the course of the project. Last month we hit a major milestone, with over 500 apprentices now working on the project.
	Pluggedin	Read the latest copy of Pluggedin, our Community Magazine, <u>here</u> .
Off Site	Combwich Wharf	The Enabling phase of works is continuing at Combwich Wharf. We would like to thank local residents for your patience whilst we took delivery of main fuel tanks, at the end of October. Find out more information on the delivery <u>here</u> .

For more information:

Visit: www.edfenergy.com/hpc

E-mail us at: hinkley-enquiries@edf-energy.com

Call us on our 24/7 hotline: 0333 009 7070

Visit us at: EDF Energy Visitor Centre, Angel Place Shopping Centre, Bridgwater, TA6 3TQ

Drop In: Friday 13th December at the Babbling Brook, Shurton (1200 – 1300)

Are you looking for a job at Hinkley Point C? Visit <u>www.edfenergy.com/hpcjobs</u> and register for the latest opportunities.