

STOGURSEY NEWS



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November 2019

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

Editorial

Welcome to November's bumper issue of Stogursey News. Sad though it can feel that the nights are drawing in, it does mean there will be more time to read all the information within its pages - or will there? So many things are happening this month for all ages.

You are invited to try belly dancing with Stogurzels WI or see the film at the Soap Factory. There is information about opportunities to open up your employment options or to become a volunteer with the Marie Curie Foundation or work with Brymore School.

There are useful tips about preparing for winter from the Village Agent and Age UK and a chance to order oil through the village Oil Buying Scheme.

The article about Sir Reginald Neville Howse born in Stogursey and awarded the VC is fascinating and inspiring, but a final mention must go to the piece about the youngsters who were seen clearing up the rubbish by the Bus Shelter. What a good example they set.

The Team wish all our readers a good month whatever the weather.

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.

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

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- * Write or type your contribution.
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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.
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We look forward to receiving your contributions.

Thank you

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Regular Events

Monday	Stogursey Surgery (Quantock Health Centre) Health Walking Group Short Mat Bowls	St Audries Centre Steart Marshes car park Victory Hall	from 11.00 am 2.00pm 7.30 - 9.30 pm
Tuesday	Tai Chi Health Walking Group Bingo Afternoon Poetry Reading (monthly - ring Phil 733377) Quantock Musical Theatre Company	Victory Hall Quantock Medical Centre St Audries Centre Church Rooms Youth Club	10.30 am - 11.30 am 11.00 am 2.00 pm 7.30 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday	Singing Group (Nether Stowey) Community Employment Advice Hub (fortnightly) Forget-Me-Not Café (fortnightly) Movement to Music (Age Concern) Stogursey Craft Club (1 st Weds) Contact Cathy 734707 Tennis Club Parish Council Meeting (2 nd Wednesdays during VH rebuild) Stogursey Craft Club (3 rd Wednesdays) Women's Institute Meeting (2 nd Wednesdays)	Stable Loft Church Centre Greyhound Inn Church Rooms Victory Hall Church Rooms Multi-sport Court, V Hall Youth Club Church Rooms St Audries Centre	10.00 am 9.30 am - 12.00 noon 10.30 am - 12 noon 11.30 am - 12.30 pm 2.00 pm - 5.00 pm 6.30 pm 7.15 pm 7.00 - 9.00 pm 7.30 pm
Thursday	Stogursey Surgery (Cannington Health Centre) Bingo Evening Apple Blossom Sangha (contact Ralph 732690)	Church Rooms Victory Hall Shurton	from 3.00 pm 7.30 - 9.30 pm 7.30 pm
Friday	Stogursey Surgery (Quantock Health Centre) Coffee Shop EdF Monthly Drop-In Messi Club (1 st Fridays) St Andrew's Church Junior Youth Club (contact Nicky Morgan) Line Dancing	St Audries Centre Church Rooms see details below Church Rooms Church Rooms Youth Club	from 11.00 am 10.00 am - 12 noon venue specific 4.15 - 6.00 pm 6.00 - 7.30 pm 7.30 - 9.30 pm
Saturday Sunday	Football - Men (for details contact Steve Dixon Football - Boys. 01278 733850)	September - April September - April	2.00 - 3.00 pm

If your group used to meet at the Victory Hall, and still meets regularly, please let us know your new venue, and we will amend the details on this page. Thank you, Editorial Team

DIARY 2019

November

6 th November	BINGO - Royal British Legion	Youth Club	Doors open 7.00 pm
11 th November	Creative Writing Workshop	Church Rooms	12 noon - 4.00 pm
13 th November	Stogursey Employment Hub	Greyhound Inn	9.30 am - 12 noon
13 th November	Forget-me-not Café	Church Rooms	10.30 am - 12 noon
13 th November	Stogurzels WI - Turkish Evening	St Audries Centre	7.30 pm
16 th November	Blues & Swing Night with Blue Dimpsey	Holford Village Hall	7.30 pm - 11.00 pm
18 th November	Art Workshop	Church Rooms	12 noon - 4.00 pm
21 st November	Mobile Library	as schedule	as schedule
27 th November	Stogursey Employment Hub	Greyhound Inn	9.30 am - 12 noon
27 th November	Forget-me-not Café	Church Rooms	10.30 am - 12 noon
28 th November	Soap Factory Cinema - <i>Rocket Man</i>	Church Rooms	Doors open 7.00 pm
30 th November	Craft and Coffee Morning	St Peter's Church, Stolford	10.30 - 1.00 pm

December

11 th December	Stogursey Employment Hub	Greyhound Inn	9.30 am - 12 noon
11 th December	Forget-me-not Café	Church Rooms	10.30 am - 12 noon
13 th December	EDF Drop-In	Babbling Brook, Shurton	12 noon - 1.00 pm
13 th December	Christmas Quiz	Church Rooms	7.00 pm
15 th December	Christmas BINGO - Stogursey AFC	Stogursey School	Doors open 7.00 pm
19 th December	Mobile Library	as schedule	as schedule
19 th December	Soap Factory Cinema - <i>Yesterday</i>	Church Rooms	Doors open 7.00 pm

SERVICES IN THE QUANTOCK COAST BENEFICE : NOVEMBER 2019

CHURCH	3 rd November All Saints Sunday	10 th November Remembrance	17 th November Trinity 22	24 th November Next before Advent
EAST QH	9.30am Eucharist PC	Sunday @ 3 Remembrance With NM	8.00am Eucharist (BCP) AFT	-
FIDDINGTON	9.00am Eucharist SC	9.00am Eucharist with Remembrance TS	9.00am Eucharist (BCP) DB	Benefice Eucharist Followed by Bring and Share Lunch AFT/NM
HOLFORD	6.30pm Evensong DB	9.30am Eucharist (CW) with Remembrance SC	11.00am Mattins NM	-
KILVE	11.00am Eucharist AFT	11.00am Family Service With Remembrance DB	9.30am Eucharist SC	-
STOGURSEY	10.30am Morning Praise SC	10.40am Remembrance on Gravel AFT	10.30am Eucharist TS	-
STRINGSTON	11.00am Family Service NM	4.00pm Remembrance SB and others	11.00am Eucharist AFT	-
WEST QH	9.30am Eucharist NM	10.45am Remembrance with RBL NM	9.30am Family Service NM	-
Liturgical colour & Readings	WHITE	RED	RED	RED
1 st Reading	Daniel 7: 1 -3, 15 - 18	Job 19: 23 – 27a	Malachi 4 : 1 – 2a	Jeremiah 23: 1 - 6
2 nd Reading	Ephesians 1: 11 - end	2 Thess 2: 1 -5, 13 - end	2 Thess 3: 6 - 13	Colossians 1: 11 - 20
Gospel	Luke 6: 20 - 31	Luke 20: 27 - 38	Luke 21: 5 - 19	Luke 23: 33 - 43

MIDWEEK COMMUNIONS

Date	Time	Venue	Presiding	Readings
Wed 13 th November	10.00am	Stogursey	AFT	As per Officiant

NM = Revd Nicky Morgan

AFT = Revd Andrew Tatham

SC = Revd Stephen Campbell

PC = Revd Preb Pam Cuff

DB = Revd Dawn Brimson

TS = Revd Tony Smith

+GC = Right Revd George Cassidy

*Revd Nicky Morgan
can be contacted on
01278 732873*

Macmillan coffee morning

on 1st October at St Audries Centre -

We thank everyone who attended on that day to support this charity day of Macmillan
The sum we collected was £360 so a very big thank you to everybody who contributed.

STOGURSEY AFC

We held our annual **Race Night** on Saturday 12th October. It was our lowest turnout of people for one of our Race Nights – but to the faithful few who turned up we say a big Thank You!

On the night we managed to raise £700 to be shared equally between Stogursey Football Club, Lydia's Legacy and Willow's Wishes.

I would like to thank Tony & Liz for doing a great job on a tough night. Thanks also to our sponsors and all of you who had a go on the Totes.

Winners of the Totes £100 Prize:

- 1 Willey Contractor
- 2 W Arend 732515
- 3 Lydia's Legacy
- 4 Andreas Bridgewater

Thanks once more to everyone AND Lydia's Legacy now stands at £6,455 – you can all be very proud of yourselves!

C M Palmer

STOGURZELS WI

Do you like the new name?

STOGURZELS WI is hoping to become a "New Look" WI; a far cry from the Jam and Jerusalem of years gone by. Over the next three months, we will be taste-testing beverages, belly dancing and celebrating Christmas. To keep your local WI going, younger members are needed so why not come along and join us?

COME AND MAKE IT WHAT YOU WANT IT TO BE!

VICTORY HALL LOTTERY

SEPTEMBER 2019 DRAW

1 st Prize	£25.00	Mike Maddison	6
2 nd Prize	£15.00	Sylvia Slade	180
3 rd Prize	£10.00	John Davey	94

STOGURZELS

WI News

At the October meeting, members tasted and compared a selection of wines, beer and Baileys from a high-class food market and a budget supermarket.

We were surprised to discover that the preferred tastes were overall those from the cheaper supermarket. Members will most likely be purchasing their Christmas drinks from Aldi this year, as the cost was practically half the price of like products from M&S.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 13th November** when we will experience a Turkish Evening, including belly dancing. Why not come along to St. Audries Centre and join us.

A stick of Cornish rock in Somerset

Wow!

What else could you say about the Dew Barf evening, on Saturday 28th September? And what an event to kick off the Arts Festival.

Dew Barf (Cornish for '2 beards') entertained an enthusiastic crowd in Holford Village Hall with rock, country . . . and well, you name it. If you'd closed your eyes, you could have been forgiven for thinking that it was a band of at least 4 musicians, such was these guys' talent. My favourites were a couple of Led Zeppelin covers.

Tremendous thanks to Steve and Lynn for arranging for Dew Barf to come up from Cornwall (and for arranging sponsorship!) Also thanks to Clare, also from the Soap Factory; Sue, the Arts Festival's new licensee, and for everyone else who helped make it such a great night.

(see photo on Cinema page)

Phil Griggs

Bus Shelter

Just over two weeks ago I encountered 4-5 children of school age, clearing up the rubbish in and around the bus shelter. I praised them and they were very grateful for my encouragement.

I pointed out the litter by the Post Office and one of the boys agreed. "Come on Stogursey." It shames the adults, and despite contacting the Parish Council, it is no better.

I quote from the children when they suggested that the bin ought to be emptied twice a week. It would be a lot better, it certainly presents an eyesore in the middle of the village for visitors and holiday people.

a long-term resident of Stogursey

Sir Reginald Neville Howse VC – Local Hero

For nearly twenty five years now I have been part of a small research team of four who collate information and record memorials to those awarded the Victoria Cross (VC), Britain's highest military gallantry award for actions in the face of the enemy. The aim of the group has always been to create a definitive record of all memorials worldwide in order to ensure that no VC is ever forgotten. The work is currently being added to a memorial website www.memorialstovalour.co.uk

Living in Somerset I have a particular interest in all VCs connected to the county which brings me to the purpose of my article.

Although he spent much of his life in Australia, Sir Neville Reginald Howse VC was born in Stogursey on 26th October 1863. Much of his life is well documented, but I have been unable to find much out about his early life in Somerset. Through this article I was hoping that someone in the area may be able to tell me more about Sir Neville's early life. There are many references to him being born in Stogursey, but none give anything more specific and this is one of many questions I'd hope to find the answer to. Local knowledge tends to be a very useful resource so with this in mind I'd appeal to anyone who may know more to contact me via the email address below or on the telephone number also included.

What is commonly known is that Sir Neville was the son of Alfred and Lucy Howse, Alfred was a surgeon.

Sir Neville attended Fullard's House School, Taunton and went on to study medicine at London Hospital (M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.). Due to declining health he migrated to New South Wales where he registered to practice in December 1889.

In January 1900 he was commissioned into the New South Wales Medical Corps and sailed out to South Africa to help with the Australian Forces during the Second Boer War. During action at Vredefort on 24th July 'he went out under heavy crossfire and picked up a wounded man and carried him to a place of shelter'. For this act he was awarded the Victoria Cross.

His achievements after this point continued to show how remarkable a man he was, his contribution to medical care, particularly in the Armed Forces doubtlessly saved many lives. I do him little credit by not expanding on his life after his VC action but I'm mindful of not taking up too much of your local publication.

In conclusion to my article I would appeal to anyone who may be able to add any information regarding his early days in Stogursey to contact me. My email address is stevelee@memorialstovalour.co.uk or I'm happy to take calls on 0751191070.

I'd also be very keen to look at the possibility of erecting some form of memorial to Sir Neville in the village which I'd hope would be befitting of a very special 'Son of Stogursey'.

Steve Lee

Following the science

Science (and nature) are central to my life because I grew up in a medical family. Together we all spent many days walking the coast or up on the Quantock Hills enjoying the wildlife.

Unlike the rest of my family I didn't follow a medical career, but owing to my keen interest in conservation I got involved in a pioneering APHA -approved badger vaccination programme here in the county. Seven years on and we're still adding new farms to the programme across five counties. Working with the Soil Association & Wildlife Trusts to name a few. All vaccinating is carried out by trained volunteers to keep the costs to an absolute minimum.

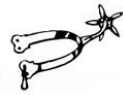
It has been hugely disappointing to read so much misleading information about bovine TB in the press. Poor journalism and the cherry-picking of data to prop up a failing badger cull policy serves no one, particularly when farmers need accurate, up-to-date information to make good business decisions. Bovine TB has always been, predominately, a cattle-to-cattle transmission problem which will only be effectively tackled by improved cattle testing and better biosecurity on farms.

We are now (at the time of writing) in year three of the badger cull in the fields around the village. All respected expert scientists agree that the badger cull policy is failing. We should be following the science – and stop using badgers as a scapegoat.

Louise Matthews

Brymore Academy

Cannington, Somerset TA5 2NB



- Would you like to make a difference and change the lives of young people?
- Do you have the odd hour, here and there, when you could help?
- Would you like to earn money for doing so?

Brymore Academy is looking for readers and scribes to assist our boys in their exams.

Nothing makes more of a difference to students than helping them to succeed in their GCSEs, so that they can go on to flourish in whatever field they choose. We are looking for enthusiastic, committed individuals who are happy to help and enjoy working with young people.

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Samantha Vowles on SVowles1@educ.somerset.gov.uk
telephone 01278 652369 asap,
or visit our website www.bymoreacademy.co.uk for more information and to download an application form.

We look forward to working with you!

Closing date 29th November 2019.

Brymore Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare and safety of children and therefore this post requires a criminal background check via the disclosure procedure.

Art and Writing Workshops

FREE for residents as part of the 'Our Somerset Stories' project

Over the course of this term, children from Stogursey School are working with a writer, an artist and a filmmaker on an exciting project funded by the Hinkley Point C Community Fund and run by Halsway Manor, National Centre for Folk Arts. (Look at the School pages for news of the pupils' work.)

As part of the project, two adult creative workshops will also be offered,

12 noon - 4.00 pm in the Church Rooms, Stogursey:

Monday 11th November - Creative Writing with Alice Maddicott

Monday 18th November - Art with sculptor Lucy Large

In the writing workshop, you will be given the chance to explore a variety of forms from fiction and poetry, to life writing and even text art.

During the art workshop, you will be given the chance to create your own paper story vessel, using text and images to create a sculptural bowl with personal meaning.

Attendance is free and all are welcome – no previous experience necessary.

Places are limited to 15 per workshop.

If you are interested in attending please sign up by emailing creative@halswaymanor.org.uk.

Work created may feed into a celebratory community exhibition at the school during its *Shine Festival* in early December.

Could you be a Marie Curie Helper or Companion?

Marie Curie are looking for dedicated volunteers for their Helper and Companion Services in Somerset.

The Helper Service offers emotional and practical support to people in your area living with a terminal illness. This includes visiting them at home, going out with them, or talking to them over the phone.

The Companion Service is based at Musgrove Park Hospital in Taunton, and offers one-to-one support for patients and their carers in their final days or hours of life.

These volunteers give around three hours each week and provide companionship, comfort and emotional support for people on the hospital wards as well as family and friends who are visiting them.

All services are completely free to the terminally ill person, and full training and travelling expenses are given for all volunteers.

If you are interested please phone 08003047400 or email southwesthelper@mariecurie.org.uk

Stogursey

Forget-me-Not Café

- ◆Weds 30th October – Coffee & homemade cake
- ◆Weds 13th November – Coffee and homemade cake
- ◆Weds 27th November – Preparing for Christmas
- ◆Weds 11th December – CHRISTMAS PARTY
- ◆Weds 8th January – 1st BIRTHDAY PARTY

It's time to start preparing for the Christmas Festivities!

Christmas Party

Wednesday 11th December is our Christmas Party - in the Church Rooms from 10.30am.

We have already received a very kind donation of Bio-Friendly Christmas crackers from Chris Gaines of Gaines Disposable Supplies at Bishops Lydeard.



Birthday Party

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

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTS THE CAFÉ

Stogursey Forget-Me-Not Café is held in the Church Rooms, Castle Street, every other Wednesday from 10.30 – 12.00

All are welcome

Thank you to all our helpers, more are always welcome. Pop in and say hello!

Contact:

: 01278 734818

cuttellhelen@gmail.com

Rose: 01278 733395 -

rosechalk@icloud.com See our photos on INSTAGRAM



Hi Cinema-goers and music lovers,



Firstly, to all those who came to see *The White Crow* and were justifiably disappointed by the hiccups during the second half of the film, both the treasurer and I emailed the organisation responsible

for the film informing them of the problems we incurred. Unfortunately, they do not feel that the fault lay with them and were not prepared to offer any reduction or token goodwill gesture. Having said that, it was an enjoyable evening with some new faces which hopefully means that more people are finding out about a great place to enjoy watching a film in their local community.

Secondly, at the music night at Holford Village Hall, we enjoyed music from the two rock guitarists 'Dew Barf' who kept us entertained all evening. This event in part was to find out if we could arrange an evening of entertainment which would draw in enough people to make this more of a regular event. The feedback was that although the band were excellent guitarists, it was a little on the loud side. This is the kind of feedback we want so we can learn from this when looking at either venue or artists. Our aim is to make the night a memorable one, for the right reasons, for as many people as possible.

Now, to our film for November which includes some brilliant music from the one and only Elton John or is it Reginald Dwight who changes his name to Elton John and collaborates with singer-songwriter Bernie Taupin to become one of the most iconic figures in pop history. Set to his most beloved songs, it's the musical story of Elton John, his breakthrough years in the 1970's, and his transformation from shy piano prodigy to international superstar.

So come and join us at - The Soap Factory Cinema, Church Rooms, Castle St, Stogursey on Thursday 28th November 2019.

Doors open at 7pm, film starts at 7.30pm.

Refreshments available to purchase on arrival and at the interval.

Tickets £6 available at Stogursey Post Office or on the door.

And not forgetting about the raffle with a chance to win tickets for the following month's film. That's all for now folks!

Look forward to seeing you there . . .

The Soap Factory Team





BINGO in aid of the Poppy Appeal

at Stogursey Youth Club
Wednesday 6th November 2019
DOORS OPEN 7.00 pm
EYES DOWN 8.00 pm
Donations of prizes for Bingo and Raffle
would be very much appreciated

PLEASE CONTACT ALLAN SEARLE on 732820

Blue Dimpsey

Eclectic Jazz, Latin & Swing



Holford Village Hall
Saturday 16 November
7.30- 11.00pm
Licenced Bar
Tickets £7 in advance / £10 on door
U18s £3 in advance
Alan Falkingham 01278 741711
all@bluedimpsey.uk

NOVEMBER 30TH 2019

CRAFT AND COFFEE MORNING



St Peters Church Stolford

10.30 am to 1.00 pm
Craft, Cakes and Coffee
to support our little church

Come and see us
Sue Jones
01278 652287

BOOK NOW FOR THE CHRISTMAS QUIZ!

Remember that if you want to participate in the **CHRISTMAS QUIZ** on Friday 13th December from 7.00pm in the Church Rooms you need to let Karen Henson know by December 1st. Just ring 01278 732727 or email k.henson@btinternet.com. Teams of up to four people are welcome and tickets at £5.00 per person include cheese and biscuits, mince pies and the chance to win a Christmas hamper! Don't forget to bring your own liquid refreshment (glasses available).

Thinking ahead to next year we are pleased to invite you to a **WASSAIL** on **Saturday 11th January** - or more precisely to come wassailing with us in a local apple orchard! The purpose of wassailing is to awake the cider apple trees and to scare away evil spirits to ensure a good harvest of fruit in the Autumn. More details to follow in next month's Stogursey News but put the date in your diary now!

Stogursey Twinning Association

STOGURSEY AFC NEWS LETTER

We will be holding our
Christmas Bingo
at Stogursey School on Sunday December 15th.

Doors open at 7.00pm, Eyes Down at 8.00.

This will be a Mega-Bingo with big House Prizes and a BIG Raffle.
House Seven Full House Prize will now be up to a fantastic £70.

I hope as many of you as possible can come along to support the event!
You have to take part in it to win it!
Many thanks

CM Palmer



Work in progress - from the Art Festival's mural in the church



Thank you to our year 5s for sharing what they have been learning this term.

Amelia, Connie, Roman, Jaycee, Kaycee, Oakley, Abi and Matilda



The Quantock Hills



We went to Ramscombe on the Quantocks. In the morning we did art with the things we could find. We worked with Alice, a poet and writer; Owen, who is a ranger and Claire, a writer and story teller.

We did some art with the things we found on the hills, like sticks, twigs and leaves. Owen stuck a big stick in the ground. It was really relaxing listening to the birds tweeting and the trees swooshing.

In the afternoon we walked on the hills and listened to Claire's local stories. She told us The Gurt Worm, The Emerald Dragon, The Black Dog and The Oak Tree.

Connie and Abi

In English we have been learning about the 'Rime of the Ancient Mariner' by Samuel Coleridge who lived in Nether Stowey and walked in the Quantock Hills. We made a model text using a short version of it, and learnt some of it by heart.

"It was an ancient mariner, he stoppeth one of three, with thy long grey beard and glittering eyes" He tells a wedding guest his story which leaves the listener a "sadder and wiser man"

Then we have been using pictures to learn the poem; we have drawn a picture of an albatross with oil paints and poster paints.

Matilda and Amelia



Our class have been enjoying swimming lessons at Quantock Lodge. When we first went swimming, we were nervous. We have tried our hardest and now we have moved up groups.

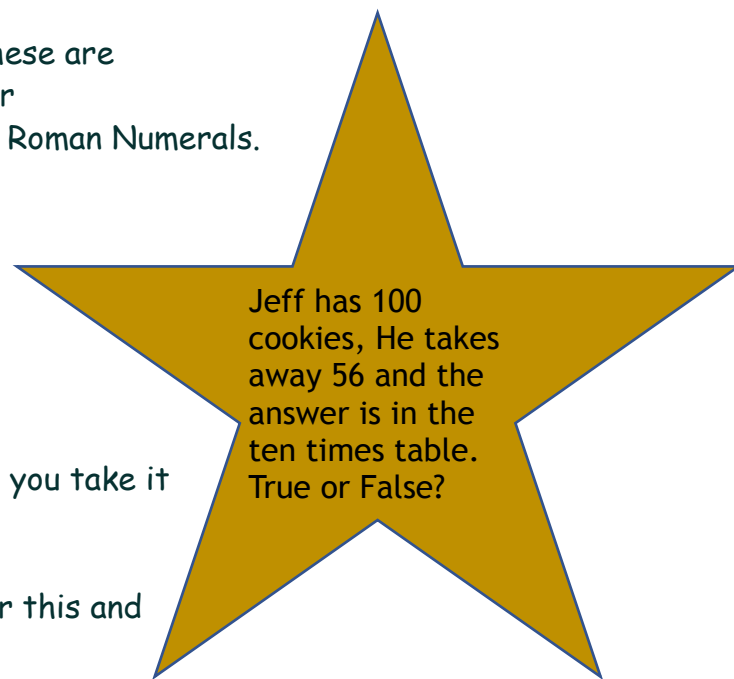
"I started in group two and then a week later I was in group three. I was scared and felt sick with worry at first, because I couldn't touch the bottom of the pool! But I was happy and proud to be in group three," says Jaycee.

The teacher has taught us to do backstroke without holding on to the wall. You have to do six kicks on your front and then turn over and do six kicks on your back. "It's terrifying turning over to your back in the deep end and I feel really proud of myself," says Kaycee. Sometimes we jump in and shout out our favourite colour or our favourite thing!" We feel that now we can do a whole length.

Right let's move on at swimming!
Swimming is really fun and we're going to keep trying to get better!
Jaycee and Kaycee

In maths, we have been learning about integers. These are whole numbers and aren't allowed to be fractions or decimals. Best of all, we have been learning about Roman Numerals.
I is one,
V is five,
X is ten,
L is fifty,
C is one hundred,
D is five hundred and
M is one thousand.
If the smaller number is before the larger number you take it away and if it's after you add it on.

We love doing the star challenge. If you can answer this and explain why you come to the answer you are a star.
Roman and Oakley



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
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Stogursey Arts Trust

“Remember to celebrate milestones as you prepare for the road ahead”

Nelson Mandela

This was a Festival in response to change, an expression of ‘Our Right to a View’ and in facing this challenge we laid down some markers for this journey, but also established others to guide us in the future.

Here are some of the milestones worthy of our celebration this year:

- We demonstrated how the Arts can be a catalyst for change
- Many new faces were seen to take part
- A new format was introduced with open-mic night
- There were many more creative responses from across the community
- Stogursey’s Morris Minors debuted and were spotted by ‘Britain has lost talent’
- We celebrated the anniversary of a year of films by the Soap Factory Cinema
- Feedback from the Exhibition of Ark (2018), running in parallel in the Arts Centre Gallery Bridgwater, had brilliant reviews
- Preparing for this year’s festival sowed the seeds for sharing and establishing collective expectations for the future of our village and parish
- It was a festival which promoted thinking and wider participation

... and as we take a rest and pause before the road ahead:

Thank you to all of you who put so much into making Stogursey Arts Festival happen this year and for your contributions in achieving its success.

If you would like to see some of the memories being created during this year’s Festival, look on the website www.stogurseyartsfestival.co.uk or Stogursey Arts Festival Facebook.

Next year we are going to look at gardens; so let us know your ideas, as we prepare for the road ahead.

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

Mike Bradshaw

Little Boxes in Stogursey

with apologies to Malvina Reynolds, 1962

Little boxes in Stogursey,
Little boxes made of ticky tacky,
Little boxes in Stogursey,
Little boxes all the same.
There's a green one and a pink one
And a blue one and a yellow one,
And they're all made out of ticky tacky
And they all look just the same.

And the people in the houses
Get into their motor cars,
And drive off to join,
The next traffic jam.
And they come back to their boxes,
And spend their time inside,
Watching boxes in the corner,
And they all do just the same.

And the young people try to find a job,
And marry and raise a family
In boxes made of ticky tacky
And they all look just the same.
There's a green one and a pink one
And a blue one and a yellow one,
And they're all made out of ticky tacky
And they all look just the same.

Ian Elenor





Drop in anytime between 12.30 pm and 7 pm for an informal chat - find out about:

- What it's really like to be a Childminder, Teaching Assistant or Midwife - busting the myths
- Training Opportunities
- Qualifications & Apprenticeships
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- Volunteering
- Career Pathways:
 - Getting started
 - Progression Opportunities
- Funding Available

The Beach Hotel, Minehead
Thursday 7th November 2019
12.30pm - 7.00pm

FREE TRANSPORT (contact Beccy Brown)

- Crèche facilities
- Refreshments
- Wide range of exhibitors
- Informal advice & Information

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Stogursey Employment Hub

Fully Funded Learning Opportunities

Missed out at School?
Want to kick start a career?
Want to open up your employment options?

Courses available in:

- * Childcare & Education
- * Business Leadership & Management
- * Health & Well Being
- * Health & Social Care
- * Retail & Hospitality
- * Personal Development & Employability
- * plus many others

If you are interested, or want more information,
or wish to join a course,
call in at the Employment Hub at
the Greyhound Inn, Lime Street
9:30 am – 12:00 noon on every other Wednesday
30th October, 13th November, 27th November,
11th December

MACULAR SOCIETY SUPPORT GROUP:

Our last meeting of 2019 will be on November 28th.
As usual, from 2 pm at the Exmoor Medical Centre in
Dulverton.

We shall have a review of the past year, talk about our
achievements, discuss our plans for the group in 2020
and enjoy a little Christmas spirit.
It would be lovely to see you all there!

For lifts, please ring Marion and Royce on:
01398-371 450.

In "Paupers and Pig Killers: The Diary of William Holland A Somerset Parson 1799-1818"
(Edited by Jack Ayres), William Holland, the vicar of Over Stowey, made the following entry:

1799. Monday November 11 -

'Rain last night too and the morning not very promising. tis surely dreadful weather. Briffet is here to kill the sow. A horrible looking fellow, his very countenance is sufficient to kill anything, a large bulky fellow, a face absolutely furrowed with the small pox (a very uncommon thing in these days of inoculations) two ferret eyes and a little turned up nose with a mouth as wide as a barn door and lips as thick and projecting they look like two rollers of raw beef bolstered up to guard against, as it were, the approach to his nasty ragged rotten teeth. However he is a good pig killer.'

PROPOSAL FOR A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

A change in government policy gives local parishes more of a say in how their towns and villages should be developed. It enables communities to draw up a Neighbourhood Plan and is intended to give them more of a say in the development of their local area.

Each community faces its own unique set of challenges and neighbourhood planning enables a community to play a much stronger role in shaping the areas in which they live and work and in supporting new development proposals.

Neighbourhood plans are a planning policy document prepared by local communities. In areas like Stogursey where there is a Parish Council, the Council will take the lead in preparing the plan but it is just as much a community project, and community involvement is encouraged.

A Plan provides the opportunity to set out a positive vision for how the community wants the community to develop over the next ten, fifteen, or twenty years, in ways that meet identified local needs and make sense for local people. They can put in place planning policies that will help deliver that vision or grant planning permission for the development they want to see.

When adopted, Neighbourhood Plans become part of the Development plan. This means they will sit alongside the Local Plan for the area and be the first thing considered in deciding whether or not planning permission should be given for new buildings, or for changes to existing buildings.

Neighbourhood plans are about making sure new homes and businesses can be built where and how local people want them. They are expected to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development. However, they do not automatically grant planning permission, unless they contain a neighbourhood development order or community right to build order. So in most cases, developers will still need to apply for permission.

Early in 2020, residents will be asked what is important to them about living in Stogursey, what it is they like, what is important to preserve, and what residents would like to see in the future. At the same time, volunteers will be invited to get together to share ideas and to form a Steering Group of residents and Parish Councillors to put the plan together.

In the meantime, residents may be interested in the following documents, produced by Ann Rhodes, Strategy Specialist at Somerset West and Taunton District Council, which provide useful information relating to the production of a development plan.

[190912 – Stogursey Neighbourhood Plan or Parish Plan](#)

[170918 – Neighbourhood Plans Legalities](#)

Stogursey Oil-buying Group

The Stogursey Oil Buying Group's next order will be in November. The scheme is open 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 732191.

Chris Ford

Stogursey Oil-buying Group

Please fill in this form and hand it in at the Post Office (not in the Stogursey News box please!)

Name

Address

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Postcode

Email

(to allow future orders by email)

Tel:

Amount of oil required litres

Note. Please specify an amount and not an unknown quantity such as top up.

Special instructions

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**Deadline for leaving the form in the Post Office is
11 am on Tuesday 12th of November
for delivery during the ten day period beginning
18th November.**

Notes from your Village Agent

It's getting colder! Now is a good time to think about your heating and insulation

SMART meter roll out continues. The meters ensure that your bill is correct every month and not estimated. They tell you what your energy usage is enabling you to monitor it. **Free room thermometers** are available which tell you what temperature a room should be and how yours compares. Call 0117 934 1400 or look in local information places such as libraries and CAB. Those on income-based benefits can apply to their electricity or gas supplier for a warmer homes discount. If you find yourself getting into debt, always talk to your utilities company who may be able to support you. For advice and support. Contact Wiser Money 01823 461099 enquiries@wisermoney.org.uk or Christians against Poverty. <https://capuk.org/> 01274 760720

Open fires and wood burners need to be cleaned regularly. The National Fire Protection Association says, "Chimneys, fireplaces, and vents should be inspected at least once a year for soundness, freedom from deposits, and correct clearances". Also check that your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms are working. Consider a home safety check from Devon and Somerset fire service. <https://www.dsfire.gov.uk>. Call Freephone 0800 05 02 999

Age UK are offering free practical advice, for those over 65, about keeping warm and other information including how to insulate well and better manage your heating costs. Call: 01422 252 040 / 01484 535 994. Cavity wall and loft insulation can really help. <https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/utilities/free-cavity-loft-insulation>

Be wary of sharing information with telemarketers and always research their offer independently and don't agree to anything on the phone!

Heating oil costs can be managed by using an oil-buying scheme – see **Stogursey Oil Buying Group** on previous page – or use an online comparison tool such as boiler juice <https://www.boilerjuice.com>

Health Tip Most of us think it is important to drink more in the warmer weather to avoid dehydration, but did you know that the same can apply in wintertime too? Turning on the heat can also lead to dehydration so make sure you are regularly drinking even in the colder weather. This will also help to keep infections such as urine infections at bay. If you have any concerns about your fluid intake then please contact your GP.

Winter tip 1: Drying clothes on a radiator can cause the damp to circulate around the house until it finds a cold patch where it will turn to mould. Try to keep the doors closed and windows open in the room that you use to dry clothes. A bowl of salt can be used to catch the humidity. Hanging wardrobe dehumidifiers can be purchased cheaply from discount stores. See Centre for sustainable energy 0117 934 1400 <https://www.cse.org.uk/advice>

Winter tip 2: If you are normally at home throughout the day, you may consider volunteering or joining local groups so that you are not having to heat the house so much. This could also make your evenings more sociable.

Winter tip 3: Don't forget to check your drains and gutters for the build-up of debris which can cause blockages and splits when the water starts to freeze. Local window cleaners often offer this service if you are unable to check.

Please phone me Izzy Silvester your Village Agent on 07931 018045, leave me your name and number and I will ring you back. Or e mail me on izzy@somersetccc.org.uk. I do only work part-time so it may take a day or two for me to return your call. Thank you



Recycling site hours and permits

All 16 sites are now on winter timetables until April. When open weekdays, sites operate 9am-5pm. Weekend hours remain 9am-4pm on both Saturday and Sunday at all sites all year-round. Van and trailer permit holders should ignore their card's "expiry date"; the permit scheme has proved successful in cutting congestion and costs while maintaining safety and efficiency, and so it is rolling on unchanged.

Changes to other charges

Charges for bin delivery costs are being removed from April 2020. The few materials at recycling centres that are charged for - rubble, soil, tyres, gas bottles and vehicle parts – will rise by inflation (2.48%). Charges for the bulky waste collection service will increase to cover the costs of an improved service.

Tackling delayed collections

Efforts are being stepped up to reduce delayed collections, despite the inevitable problems of a recycling fleet now close to replacement. A new maintenance contract is in place to cut breakdowns, and a staffing push is on in the face of the national and local shortage of HGV drivers.

Immy's Update:

Fly parking in Stogursey continues to be a focus for the Hinkley Point C project. I hope that you have seen our fly parking controllers around the village. They are there to check if vehicles are on the Hinkley Point C database, and if so investigate whether the owner lives in the area (and are allowed to park near their home) or could be fly parking.

If you think there is fly parking activity in your area, let us know the vehicle registration number, name of the street and date/time you saw the vehicle and we will look into it.

You can get in touch through one of the following ways:

- 1) Phone the Hinkley Point C helpline on 0333 009 7070
- 2) Submit an online enquiry form via the following link: <https://contactus.hpcenquiries.com/>
- 3) Email us on hinkley-enquiries@nnb-edfenergy.com
- 4) Stop by our visitor centre in the Angel Place Shopping Centre, Bridgwater, TA6 3TQ. They are open from 9am-4pm Monday to Friday and 9am-1pm on Saturday.
- 5) Write to us at: Hinkley Point Visitor Centre, Angel Place Shopping Centre, Bridgwater, TA6 3TQ

You can also sign up to attend a free local residents tour of site on Thursday 28th November at 2.30pm. For more information, and to confirm your spaces, please contact us via the above with the following details for each visitor: Name & Surname; Date of Birth; Nationality; Country of Origin and contact email address.

Don't forget you can follow us on our Social Media channels too!



Twitter: edfehinkleyc



Youtube: Hinkley Point C



Instagram: hinkleypointc

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[edfenergy.com](https://www.edfenergy.com)

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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

Meetings: 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 Council

All Services 0300 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

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Parish Council Member: Chris Ford

West Som District & Ward Councillor: Sue Goss

EdF Contacts:

see "Immy's Update"

HPC Hotline

for enquiries or complaints 0333 009 7070

Community Venues

Victory Hall & Youth Club - Allan Searle 732820

Church Rooms - Belinda Crowther 734695

St. Peter's Church Stolford - Susan E Jones 652287

Community Car Scheme

Stogursey Parish Stagecoach. 07908 239 609

Health Centres

Cannington 01278 652335

Quantock (Nether Stowey) 01278 732696

Out-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 H

The library visits on Thursdays - **every 4 weeks**

Shurton

Babbling Brook 12.20 pm - 12.50 pm

Stogursey

Greyhound Inn 1.30 pm - 2.00 pm

Town Close (No 30) 2.05 pm - 2.35 pm

Next Visiting Dates: 21 Nov, 19 Dec

For more information, contact Libraries Direct by
Telephone 0300 123224, or
Email at www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries

POLICE

Non-Emergencies- Call 101 Emergencies - Call 999

Community Policing & Speed Watch Volunteers

Jamie Munro PC 4376 Neighbourhood Beat Manager
Williton & Watchet (AW052). Mobile: 07889 659436

Email: jamie.munro@avonandsomerset.police.uk

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and Criminal Damage

If you see any ASB or criminal damage incidents, please **phone the Police on 101**. Give as much information, including names, as you possibly can. These are Police matters, and the Police need our help to stop them. The number of complaints made from an area are noted. The more complaints received, the more justification to allocate police time and manpower to deal with problems.

Complainants' names are not released to the perpetrators.



Hinkley Point C Look ahead

November 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	Tunnelling	Tunnelling works will continue in November, with good progress being made so far. Balfour Beatty is using its factory in Avonmouth to create the 38,000 segments which will make up the rings being installed. Each TBM will be able to excavate up to 11.4 tonnes of rock per minute once fully operational.
2	Corallina Works	Works have commenced to continue protecting the seaweed (corallina) which lives on the foreshore. Concrete bags will be installed to replace the temporary bunds that have been in place for the past 3 years. The resulting structures will not look too dissimilar to what has previously been in place. The new structures will form a robust watering system that will safeguard the corallina that live close to the jetty.
Across Site	Service Tunnels	Work continues to construct the Service Tunnels, which are a complex web of rectangular reinforced concrete structures that cover the entire site.
Across Site	Roads & Networks	The development of the permanent road network on site is progressing well, this includes elements such as electrical works and drainage.
Off Site	Combwich Wharf	Works will continue on the Combwich Motor Boat and Sailing Club access. You can expect to continue to see the private access road being used regularly. The enabling works phase is due to be completed by the end of this year, the main phase of works is due to start in the New Year.

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 www.edfenergy.com/hpcjobs and register for the latest opportunities.