

STOGURSEY NEWS



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February 2020

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Editorial

Welcome to our February News. It is lovely to read about all the supportive activities that take place within our community. Firstly, a happy 5th birthday to 'Stage Coach' who provide transport through volunteer driving for those of us who need it, be it shopping, appointments or meeting up with others. Thanks to all those who take part.

Our annual Wassail is also featured. This is a traditional ceremony at this time of year and is part of our rural life. You may want to take part next year!

There are also many more contemporary opportunities for entertainment. The 'Soap Factory' cinema being just one of them. Look out for the publicity posters around the village towards the end of each month.

It is good to read about the work our school children are doing to increase their awareness of the effects of global warming. Sadly, they will be the ones most affected . . .

On a happier note we are pleased to see the focus on seed swaps, gardens and gardening in our magazine. You might want to open your garden later in the year! Details to be found in the Arts Trust article.

Finally we wish you a pleasant – and somewhat drier Spring.

Editorial Team

Stogursey-Online.uk

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

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Stogursey News

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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 10.30 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	Yoga-Pilates (contact: Cally 07387 287 860) Stogursey Surgery (Cannington Health Centre) Bingo Evening Apple Blossom Sangha (contact: Ralph 732690)	Church Rooms Church Rooms Victory Hall Shurton	9.30 am - 10.30 am from 3.00 pm 7.30 - 9.30 pm 7.30 pm
Friday	Stogursey Surgery (Quantock Health Centre) Coffee Shop EdF Monthly Drop-In Line Dancing	St Audries Centre Church Rooms Details - Parish Info page Youth Club	from 11.00 am 10.00 am - 12 noon venue specific 7.30 - 9.30 pm
Saturday Sunday	Football - Men (for details, contact Steve Dixon 01278 733850) Football - Boys	September - April September - April	2.00 - 3.00 pm

DIARY 2020

February

5 th February	Forget-me-not café	Church Rooms	10.30 am - 12 noon
12 th February	Stogirzles (WI) - 'The Local Food Bank'	St Audries Centre	7.30 pm
19 th February	Forget-me-not café	Church Rooms	10.30 am - 12 noon
27 th February	Mobile Library visit	as on Parish Info page	as on Parish Info page
27 th February	Soap Factory Cinema: 'Judy'	Church Rooms	Doors Open 7.00 pm

March

4 th March	Forget-me-not Café	Church Rooms	10.30 am - 12 noon
7 th March	Vintage Coffee Morning & Seed Swap	Church Rooms	10.30 am - 12.30 pm
12 th March	Parish Council Meeting	Youth Club	7.15 pm
14 th March	Twinning Association AGM & Social	Church Rooms	7.00 pm
18 th March	Forget-me-not Café	Church Rooms	10.30 am - 12 noon
24 th March	Stagecoach AGM	Church Rooms	3.00 pm
26 th March	Mobile Library visit	as on Parish Info page	as on Parish Info page

April

1 st April	Forget-me-not café	Church Rooms	10.30 am - 12 noon
15 th April	Forget-me-not café	Church Rooms	10.30 am - 12 noon
17 th April	Hinkley Point C Drop-In	Babbling Brook, Shurton	12 noon - 1.00 pm
23 rd April	Mobile Library visit	as on Parish Info page	as on Parish Info page
25 th April	St George's Day Supper	Church Rooms	7.30 pm

SERVICES IN THE QUANTOCK COAST BENEFICE : FEBRUARY 2020

CHURCH	2 nd February Presentation in the Temple	9 th February 3 rd before Lent	16 th February 2 nd before Lent	23 rd February Sunday next before Lent	26 th February ASH WEDNESDAY
EAST QH	9.30am Eucharist Revd Richard Allen	Sunday @3 NM	8.00am Eucharist (BCP) NM	10.00am Benefice Eucharist NM	TBC
FIDDINGTON	9.00am Eucharist PC	9.00am Eucharist NM	9.00am Eucharist (BCP) SC	-	TBC
HOLFORD	6.30pm Evensong NM	9.30am Eucharist (BCP) DB	11.00 Eucharist NM	-	TBC
KILVE	11.00am Eucharist NM	11.00am Family Service SC	9.30am Eucharist DB	-	TBC
STOGURSEY	10.30am Morning Praise DB	10.30am Family Eucharist NM	10.30am Eucharist SC	-	TBC
STRINGSTON	11.00am Family Service SB	-	11.am Eucharist NM	-	TBC
WEST QH	9.30am Eucharist NM	9.30am Eucharist TS	9.30am Family Service NM	-	TBC
Liturgical colour & Readings	WHITE	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	PURPLE
1 st Reading	Malachi 3: 1 – 5	Isaiah 58: 1 - 12	Genesis 1: 1 – 2: 3	Exodus 24: 12 - end	TBC
2 nd Reading	Hebrews 2: 14 – end	1 Cor 2: 1 - end	Romans 8: 18 - 25	2 Peter 1: 16 - end	
Gospel	Luke 2: 22 – 40	Matt 5: 13 - 20	Matt 6: 25 - 34	Matt 17: 1 - 9	

MIDWEEK COMMUNION

Date	Time	Venue	Presiding	Readings
Wed 12 th February	10.00	Stogursey	SC (TBC)	As per officiant

NM = Revd Nicky Morgan
 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

THANK YOU!

Just to say a big thank you to everyone who sent me Christmas cards this year!

Love, Dulcie x

Thank You

Stogursey Spar & Post Office held a tasting day on Friday 20th December giving everyone a chance to try some of the Spar products and take away a goodie bag with some more samples. We hope you are still using this bag for life. There was also a raffle in aid of 'Marie Curie' where your generosity raised an amazing **£180 on the day!** Thank you all.

We look forward to hosting our next event.

Allen & Debbie

Thank you!

On Sunday 22nd of December saw the final quiz run by Tony & Liz Harris. This popular quiz has been running for 19 years, however Tony and Liz have decided to take a well-earned retirement from it.

I would like to thank them for all their hard work, and would also like to thank Ann Beach who has compiled all the quizzes over this time, and boy were they tough sometimes! Also, thanks to all the landlords and landladies at the Greyhound Inn for allowing us to use the pub over the years.

The quiz was started back in 2000 to help raise money for the Stogursey 'It's a Knockout' event I ran with a great bunch of village folk. Sadly the Knockout ended in 2010 but the quiz continued for another 9 years.

The Knockout events raised around £80,000, with the quiz continuing to raise around £1,000 a year which takes us to an AMAZING £89,000 total that we have been able to donate to local charities!

Thank you to everyone who has supported us over the years, and to all the quiz teams past and present.

With best wishes for 2020.

Allen Loveday

Former Chairman of Stogursey It's a Knockout

Victory Hall Christmas Bingo

I wish to thank all those that attended our Christmas bingo at the Youth Club on such a very wet and windy evening. I would also like to thank those of you who gave prizes and donations for the raffle and the bingo, it was very much appreciated.

We raised £265.00 on the night for the Victory Hall funds. Once again thank for your continued support.

Allan Searle

The Greyhound Pub Quiz - from a Hilltopper

About fourteen years ago, when we moved here,
We went to the pub for a drink.
Our daughter and partner were with us,
So no problem there you might think.

As we opened the door it was busy,
But found there an empty small table.
Then a voice from the dining side boomed,
"It's a quiz, please join if you're able".

All waited just so we could settle
And go to the bar for a beer.
I don't remember our team name then;
Not one we would use year on year!

We were surprised to come a close second,
And Ann was approaching with money
But I'd spotted the winners just giving it back.
To take it would not have been funny!

Thanks to Tony and Liz and their efforts,
Cash was raised then for 'It's a Knockout'.
Quizzers later chose causes at Christmas,
With a draw for the annual handout.

Ann too always stepped up to the plate,
Setting questions and tie breakers new.
Picture quizzes were quite a challenge to us,
- celebs, logos, places, - to name but a few.

It didn't take long to embrace village life,
Some neighbours became our close friends.
They too enjoyed quizzes and visiting pubs,
But we'd have to keep up with the trends.

Some local teams were much younger,
Good with technology, reality TV, the odd soap.
We all had a good general knowledge,
But with popular culture – no hope.

The pub closed a few months after Christmas,
Then eventually re-opened once more.
With landladies new the quiz started again
With Tony and Liz to the fore.

The quiz has endured well over the years,
Especially since Rachel and Gerry,
Took over the pub and welcomed us all,
With some nights quite noisy and merry.

Bad news was announced at the last Christmas quiz,
For Tony confirmed he was quitting.
Old Father Time had urged him to stop.
We then realised what we'd be missing.

We wish Tony and Liz a quieter life,
Truly grateful for their long term commitment.
But could anyone younger help carry it on,
Or come up with ideas – not just bin it?



Stagecoach News

It's hard to believe, but Stagecoach is now 5 years old!

The Stagecoach Team celebrated with a lunch party at The Greyhound with Allan Searle and Yvonne Bulman (former Village Agent) as guests of honour.

It is thanks to their vision and encouragement that this Scheme was started!

Please note that the AGM will be held on **Tuesday 24th March** at 3pm in the Church Rooms.

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.

AFC's Bingo

Stogursey AFC held its Christmas Bingo on Sunday 16th December at the school. We had a fair turnout on a wet night and still managed to raise a grand total of £436.50. The club will donate to Lydia's Legacy & Willows Wishes as promised on the poster.

We want to say thank you to all who turned up to play and Tony & Liz for a job well done, as usual. Thanks to Lyn and her two children for helping to set up chairs and tables beforehand and all the people who helped to clear up afterwards. Thanks also to all the people who gave raffle prizes and money donations.

C M Palmer

UPDATE ON LYDIA'S LEGACY

The balance from October 14th 2019 = £6445, and since then Spike Tremayne did a 'Dry October' and donated £800. We say a big thank you to Spike and the people who supported him. Also a further £65 was donated from the Greyhound Rollover Ball. The total now stands at £7310.00.

For those of you who might not know, the aim of the charity is to raise funds for specialist monitoring equipment for the 'Rowan Suite' at Musgrove Park Hospital Bereavement Ward.

I want to say a deep heartfelt thanks to all who have helped us get to where we are today.

C M Palmer

VICTORY HALL LOTTERY

DECEMBER 2019 DRAW

1 st Prize	£100.00	Polly Cross	104
2 nd Prize	£50.00	Jan Manley	36
3 rd Prize	£25.00	Angela Davey	42

Stogirzles News

Fun was held at the January meeting when we engaged in a Beetle Drive. For some, it was an introduction to a new activity, but for many it was a 'blast from the past'.

We also held a Bring and Buy Stall: an opportunity to recycle some unwanted items.

The Speaker for our next meeting, to be held on **Wednesday 12th February**, will enlighten us on the workings of the local FOOD BANK. If you would like to find out more about this very valuable service, please feel free to join us as a visitor for the evening.

Stogirzles meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm in St. Audries Centre. New members are always welcome.

HOLFORD GARDENERS' GROUP

Holford and District Village Hall February 18th 7.30pm

'Somerset's Moorland Way'

a talk by Peter Triggs

Members £1.00 Visitors £3.00

A Warm Welcome to all

Contact 01278 741173

AMAZING TIME HAD BY ALL!

On Saturday 11th January over thirty people of all ages gathered outside The Babbling Brook Shurton to join the wonderful 'Big Noise' band and our Master of Ceremonies Ian Elenor to follow the music towards Cy and Mary Bartlett's orchard. After a ceremonial lighting of the huge bonfire the bad spirits were sent packing amidst noise – particular thanks to Giles and his shotgun - plus more music, dancing and rhyme, crowning of the Wassail Queen (aka Amelia), delicious apple cake, lovely soups, mulled cider and apple juice. This was a splendid village occasion thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers. Of note was the second only world performance of dance group, 'The Morris Travellers' accompanied by Linda on melodion – will there be more to follow?

Well Done everyone and thanks for a great afternoon.
Let's hope there's a bumper apple crop this year!

Stogursey Twinning Association



Hi Cinema goers,

Well we are into our 2nd month of 2020 which means the second of our films for this quarter, and by popular demand we have **Judy**.

Judy is a biographical drama film about American singer and actress Judy Garland, played by Renee Zellweger, who arrives in London in the winter of 1968 to perform a series of sold-out concerts.

You won't have to go somewhere over the rainbow to see it, just pop to your local community cinema and follow brown and grey brick road.

So come and enjoy a relaxing evening with friends at The Soap Factory Cinema, Church Rooms, Castle Street, Stogursey on **Thursday 27th February 2020**.

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

Refreshments are available to purchase on arrival and at the interval. Tickets £6 available from the Spar 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

STOGURSEY FORGET-ME-NOT CAFÉ

In 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 and a warm welcome.

Here are our winter & spring dates for 2020:

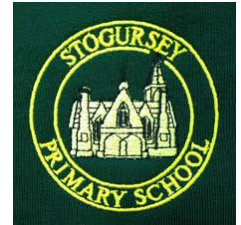
- ◆ Wednesday 5th February – Coffee and cake
- ◆ Wednesday 19th February – Happy Valentines!
- ◆ Wednesday 4th March – Coffee, chat & singing
- ◆ Wednesday 18th March – Coffee & Cake
- ◆ Wednesday 1st April – Easter Fun!
- ◆ Wednesday 15th April – Coffee & Chat

Our Christmas party was a big success! We had a festive time singing Christmas carols, children from Stogursey School joined us. We all joined in the belly dancing with Sue and Nicky. Janet Kroner made us some beautiful table decorations, thank you Janet. Thank you to Jenny and Janet for the handmade brooches. Thank you to everyone who provided gifts and raffle prizes.

We enjoyed a very happy First Birthday in January with singing from Malcolm, Jan & Linda from the Quantock Musical Theatre Company. They got us all singing in good voice!

We'd like to say a big THANK YOU to all our helpers and supporters for your kindness and generosity. We're looking forward to another year of fun, laughter and good company. New friends are always welcome.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



We're saving our planet!



We have been learning all about climate change and how we can save the planet. We are learning about global warming and what that is doing to Planet Earth.

Triscombe class (Ages 4-6)

Charlotte, Bella and Harley like living on Planet Earth, though Harley would quite like to try out Mars as well. They like the food that is grown on Earth, particularly the fruits that become fruit juice. They have been making their own rainforest and the Arctic. They have thought about the animals who live there and made polar bears.



Triscombe Class's rainforest



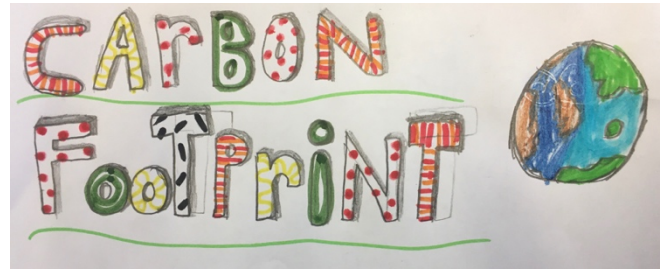
Alfoxton Class (Ages 6—8) Octavia says "We have been learning about climate change and how to help animals survive. We have been thinking about animals in our village, like hedgehogs who are in danger." Isla says, "We can help them, by making sure that they have food and make sure their habitats survive and they have homes." "We need to stop building homes on the land where they live." "If there are loads of people on the planet, where are they all going to live?" asks Ollie.

Climate change isn't helping the planet. It's getting hotter and that is why there are bush fires in Australia - it's very hot, and there hasn't been any rain. "We could visit Australia and give them hoses," says Casey C.

**What's it worth, planet earth?
Tell me what does it mean to you?
What's it worth, planet earth?
Tell me, what are you prepared to do?**

Beacon class (Ages 8-11)

We have been learning about the world's countries and continents, the oceans, and how climate patterns change over time. We've been thinking about different types of animals and how they are classified. We're learning about how the environment can change and how that can pose a danger to living things. We want to know what animals and living things are affected by climate change and why. We want to know how they are adapting to their environment and how their environments are changing and what effect that has.



A carbon footprint measures the amount of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases produced by an object or activity.

We're interested in extreme weather around the world, where it's happening and why. How are the different continents being affected by climate change? We want to know whether there are any patterns emerging and what changes can we see over a period of time.

How do you feel about climate change?

Angry, anxious, mad, disappointed, upset, disgusted, confused, annoyed, sad, worried, petrified, scared, infuriated, terrified, unconfident, heart-broken, disappointed in humanity

What are you scared will happen?

Flooding, forest fires, so hot nothing can survive, hurricanes, plant life dying, black hole, dogs dying in cars, sunburn, tsunamis, earthquakes, volcanoes, tornadoes

So, what can you do?

Drive electric and hybrid cars, find alternatives to plastic, litter picking, stop deforestation, plant trees, campaign. Remember to recycle, reuse and reduce. We can conserve water. We can save electricity by turning things off.

Do you have a couple of hours a week to spare?
Stogursey School is looking for volunteers to read with children at school. Please contact the school office for more information .

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 need 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 the school for more details. Tel: 01278 732389
email: stogurseyschool@educ.somerset.gov.uk or preschool316@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Points from the Parish Council Meeting – 15 January 2020

Stogursey Neighbourhood Plan Meeting

A meeting has been arranged for Thursday 6 February 2020 from 7 – 8pm at Stogursey School. Parishioners are invited to attend to share ideas and discuss whether a Neighbourhood Plan is the way forward for the whole parish, including the hamlets. Residents will be asked

- what is important about living in the parish of Stogursey,
- what you like about the parish or the particular hamlet or village where you live
- what you consider is important to preserve in the parish
- what you would like to see in the future.

VE DAY 75th Anniversary – Friday 8 May 2020

It is proposed to hold an event in the parish to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day on Friday 8 May 2020. This will be another opportunity for our communities to pay 'tribute' to those at home and abroad who gave so much to ensure we all enjoy the freedom we have today. It is proposed to hold a 'Street Party' type event on the afternoon of Friday 8 May 2020 on the Gravel. If you are interested in assisting or have any other ideas for the event please contact the Parish Clerk.

AED (Defibrillator) Awareness training

It is anticipated that a second defibrillator will be installed in the Babbling Brook in the coming weeks. A third is due to be installed in St Peter Church Stolford. Free awareness training will be conducted by the South Western Ambulance Service NHS Trust on Thursday 16 April 2020 in the Youth Club at 7pm. The evening will consist of a talk and demonstration; thereafter there will be the opportunity for residents to have a go. All members of the public are invited and encouraged to attend – you never know when you may be called upon to use it.

Dog Fouling

The issue of dog fouling on public roads continues to be of concern. It appears that the additional signs displayed around the parish have had no effect. The Parish Council are looking at installing additional dog bins. Meanwhile attention is drawn to the information on the Somerset West and Taunton Council website.

Dog owners or walkers must, by law, immediately remove their dog's poo from land where people have the right to walk or enjoy. If you can't find a dog waste bin, you must take the bag home and dispose of the waste appropriately.

We know most dog owners are responsible. But some dog owners or walkers do not clean up after their dogs. Dog fouling is one of the problems many people complain about across the country. Dog mess looks horrible, smells and can spread disease. In extreme cases it can cause blindness.

People who don't pick up after their dogs can face a fixed penalty of £50, or prosecution, which can result in a fine up to £1,000. For details see [Dogs \(Fouling of Land\) Act 1996](#).

If residents can provide proof that someone is not picking up after their dog, or wish to report a heavily fouled area or spot a full or damaged dog bin, then tell the District Council by using the 'something else' section of the "general enquiry" online form.

There is no excuse for allowing your dog to foul.

ROAD CLOSED – TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

A Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) is a legal prohibition for through traffic passing and re-passing along the section of the road to which it refers. An issue will arise regarding residential and commercial premises, along with farmers' fields, where drivers do have a legal right to pass the 'Road Closed' sign in order to access their property. This limits the 'hardness' of the closure arrangements that can be applied.

'Hard' closure arrangements (such as water-filled barriers) can cause difficulties and complaints from those requiring legitimate access. There are occasions when legitimate traffic (emergency vehicles, highway maintenance vehicles) will need to pass and repass the road.

It is worth pointing out that due to the fact that a TTRO is in place, traffic passing through a 'Road Closed' sign is acting illegally and the vehicle/drivers' insurance is invalidated.

Somerset Climate Change Survey

In 2019, all five Somerset Councils declared or recognised 'climate emergencies'. They are now working together to produce a joint Climate Emergency Strategy. The strategy will identify ways for Somerset to work towards being carbon neutral by 2030 and adapt to predicted climate change impacts.

This survey is being run on behalf of Somerset Councils in collaboration with Somerset Climate Action Network by independent market research company, Hope-Stone Research. All answers are confidential, and personal details will not be shared with the councils, their employees or any other third parties.

To complement the surveys, a series of drop in events will be held on Saturdays, between 10am and 4pm
(continued on next page)

at the following venues:

- 18 January, Somerset West and Taunton. The Glassbox, Taunton Library, Paul Street, TA1 3XZ.
- 8 February, Sedgemoor District Council. The Sedgemoor Room, Bridgwater House, King Square, Bridgwater, TA6 3AR.
- 15 February, Mendip District Council. The Council Chamber, Mendip District Council Offices, Cannards Grave Road, Shepton Mallet, BA4 5BT.
- 22 February, South Somerset District Council. Vicarage St Methodist Church, Vicarage Street, Yeovil, BA20 1JB.

They are open to residents, businesses, groups and anyone with an interest, the drop-ins will be a chance to discuss the initial thoughts of the five councils set out in a 'framework' document.

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2020 IN THE YOUTH CLUB

The agenda will be displayed on parish notice boards and on the parish website 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 <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/owning-a-watercourse>. The following link provides information on reporting noxious weeds to Somerset County Council. <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/waste-planning-and-land/report-noxious-weeds/>

SOMERSET WEST AND TAUNTON LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

Somerset West and Taunton Strategy Team is currently working on the Issues and Options document for the newly formed Somerset West and Taunton Council (excluding the Exmoor National Park area).

The consultation will take place from **Monday 13th January to Monday 16th March 2020**.

It is also inviting comments on two documents which are needed to support and evidence the Local Plan: the Sustainability Appraisal, and the Habitats Regulations Assessment.

This is the first consultation stage in the Local Plan process. The document looks at the key issues and draft objectives for the Local Plan, particularly around climate change and development needs over the next 20 years. Views from local communities and businesses are important in helping to shape Somerset West and Taunton and we would really appreciate your help in engaging with your areas.

Consultation information is available on the Somerset West and Taunton website and will be available to view at the following inspection points:

Deane House, Taunton
Dulverton Library
North Petherton Community Library
Taunton Library
Williton Library

West Somerset House, Williton
Minehead Library
Porlock Community Library
Watchet Community Library
Wiveliscombe Community Library

Bishops Lydeard Community Library
Nether Stowey Community Library
Priorswood Community Library
Wellington Library

They will also be visiting these venues, where you can find out more and ask questions:

- Williton, West Somerset House – 30 January, 2pm to 7pm
- Taunton, The Orchard Shopping Centre – 6 February, 10am to 3pm
- Minehead, Methodist Church – 10 February, 2pm to 7pm
- Watchet, The Sanctuary – 11 February, 10am to 3pm
- Wiveliscombe, Community Centre – 20 February, 10am to 3pm
- Taunton, Deane House – 26 February, 2pm to 7pm

The Somerset West and Taunton Local Plan will not cover any parishes within Exmoor National Park, however they welcome comments from everyone.

Stogursey Arts Trust

"My garden is my most beautiful masterpiece"

Claude Monet

The painter Claude Monet created his most beautiful masterpiece in the village of Giverny, a few miles North West of Paris. He lived there for over forty years until his death in 1926. The garden evolved over many years of planting and landscaping, including the creation of the famous lily ponds, inspired by Japanese water garden design. The lily ponds and the colourful flowerbeds feature in some of his most memorable and famous paintings.

Monet did not like constrained or over organised planting, but he did arrange plants creatively considering their colours, their structure and how they would look together as they were 'allowed to grow freely'. It was as if he was sketching with the plants instead of coloured crayons, using the plants to compose the subject of his paintings in real life, before committing to depicting his garden creations in oils on canvas.

Proceeds from the sale of his work were ploughed back into sourcing and purchasing all kinds of rare and interesting plants for his garden, and like many of us who like gardening and are fortunate to have a space to plant and grow things, he swapped plants and seeds with his friends.

The garden and house remained in the family after his death, but suffered bomb damage during World War II and was sadly neglected until it was passed onto the Academie des Beaux-Arts in 1966. Gerald van der Kemp was appointed as curator for Giverny and finally, in

1977, the garden underwent restoration. It took ten years of research and reconstruction, but, as much of the garden had been recorded in Monet's paintings, and there were written testimonies and drawings, the garden is probably as close to the original created by Monet after he settled there in 1883.

Experiencing creative spaces can be very inspiring, as it clearly was for Monet all those years ago, but you don't have to go all the way to Paris to see wonderful gardens with fascinating histories. This year the Arts Festival team is creating the opportunity for people living locally, as well as our external visitors, to experience some of the amazing gardens in and around the parish.

We are proposing a mid to late August Festival this year, and we are currently looking for Artists/Gardeners to get involved in presenting their gardens for others to come and enjoy. Unlike Giverny, which has over half a million visitors each year, we are hoping our Garden Festival plan will enable you to enjoy the gardens on your doorstep and experience the atmospheres that our local Artists/Gardeners have created, without the queues and turnstiles, allowing you to wander through and be inspired by the beautiful spaces that they have created.

If you would like to be involved and would like more details, we will be holding an open meeting in March to discuss all the possibilities and share other ideas as they emerge. Look out for details or contact the Arts Trust team.

More information is available at
www.stogurseyartsfestival.co.uk
or Stogursey Arts Festival Facebook.

Mike Bradshaw for Stogursey Arts

Vintage Coffee Morning

and

Seed Swap

Come and enjoy delicious home-made cakes and good coffee, or tea, served in beautiful vintage china!

And let's do as Monet did - bring seeds you've collected from your vegetable and/or flower garden, or seeds left over in packets, to swap for seeds from friends, neighbours and other gardeners.

10.30am - 12.30pm

Saturday 7th March,

Church Rooms, Stogursey

PS As this is the first time we've done a seed swap, we would really welcome help, ideas and tips from experienced seed-swappers. Please call us on 733052.
Ian & Teresa

Putting in the Seed

by Robert Frost

You come to fetch me from my work tonight
When supper's on the table, and we'll see
If I can leave off burying the white
Soft petals fallen from the apple tree
(Soft petals, yes, but not so barren quite,
Mingled with these, smooth bean and wrinkled
pea),
And go along with you ere you lose sight
Of what you came for and become like me,
Slave to a springtime passion for the earth.
How Love burns through the Putting in the Seed
On through the watching for that early birth
When, just as the soil tarnishes with weed,
The sturdy seedling with arched body comes
Shouldering its way and shedding the earth crumbs.

Our next meeting will take place on
Thursday, 27th February as usual at the Exmoor
Medical Centre in Dulverton from 2.00 - 3.30pm.

We shall have the pleasure of welcoming a Somerset
Fire Prevention Officer to give us official advice on how
to keep ourselves safe.

For local lifts please ring Royce or Marion
on 01398 371 450.

All welcome, including carers!



Notes from your Village Agent

My daughter used to love Thomas the Tank Engine. I was always interested in the fact that Thomas's dream was not to be the fastest or the smartest but to be a really useful engine. Self-esteem plays a huge role in our physical and mental wellbeing and you can give your self-esteem a real boost in 2020 by making a positive difference to other people's lives and in turn, make a positive difference to your own!

Small kindnesses make such a difference to people's lives, whether it is lift sharing or somebody collecting your prescription when you are poorly. Sometimes we just need a quick fix to lighten the load and being a Good Neighbour to people in your community can help forge strong bonds and a feeling of community togetherness – we can help set up a Good Neighbours scheme if you haven't already got one in your area.

Other ways to help your wider community could be participating in parish tidying activities, picking up dropped rubbish and tidying shared spaces such as a sheltered housing scheme, or the path where it gets overgrown. You could start a community group or a tools share scheme if you are lacking the resources. If this sounds like something you'd like to do, CCS Agents can help you find access to grant schemes to start a community group.

If you are house-bound, perhaps you could contribute to a telephone befriending service such as Silver Line 0800 4708090 or Age UK 0800 678 1602.

If you are the one needing a bit of extra support, you are always welcome to pop into one of our Talking Cafés.

This is an opportunity to connect with your community, chat to our Agents and meet other friendly faces for a cuppa. Come to the new Pavillion building on Williton memorial ground. It takes place every Tuesday morning from 10-12. Minehead Talking café is in the Beach Hotel every Monday from 10-1.

Our CCS Agents are spread across Somerset ready to help you get out into the community and provide confidential and practical solutions for people, wherever they are in Somerset, often when others don't, won't or can't. Did you know our growing network of over 50 local experts support nearly 2,000 people in need each year? We support people to be:

- Healthy & well
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- Stay independent & safe
- Be part of a strong & thriving community

Have a look at our new website <https://somersetagents.org> to explain more about what we do or phone me on the details at the bottom.

Think of all the positive things we can achieve if we are all more like Thomas in 2020!

Not sure who to turn to? Village Agents is a charity that works with individuals and social groups to give confidential support and advice. We can enable people to be more independent in their homes, manage personal finances, care for family members and advise on just about anything!

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@somersetcc.org.uk. I do only work part-time so it may take a day or two for me to return your call. Thank you.



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Immy's Update

On Thursday 9th January we presented the latest plans for the refurbishment of Combwich Wharf to Otterhampton Parish Council and local residents. An application for the following works is currently being reviewed by Sedgemoor District Council, from which we expect a decision at the end of January.

2020 will see us enter the main phase of works on the wharf, with construction activity at its peak. Over the coming months, demolition of the Abnormal Loads Quay is planned to take place to reduce its height.

Following this, piling activity is due to begin in late Spring to construct the foundations which the Transfer Slab will sit on. The piling works will be completed using reduced sound methods, therefore limiting the impact of construction on local residents.

Once the piling activities are complete, works would start on construction of the Transfer Slab. This is the area onto which deliveries will be offloaded from the vessel. It forms a large part of the Abnormal Loads Quay.

We're anticipating that the bulk of works will be completed by the end of this year, before deliveries commence in 2021. You can still expect to see activity at the wharf into next year though, as the construction team carry out the final pieces of work, such as landscaping.

For more information, or to get in touch, visit <https://www.edfenergy.com/hpc> or call us on 0333 009 7070.

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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

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EdF Contacts:

Hinkley Point C Drop-Ins

at the Babbling Brook, Shurton, Fridays, 12 noon - 1.00 pm

2020: 31st January; 17th April; 21st August; 11th December

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

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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.

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Babbling Brook 12.20 pm - 12.50 pm

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Greyhound Inn 1.30 pm - 2.00 pm

Town Close (No 30) 2.05 pm - 2.25 pm

Next Visiting Dates: 27 Feb; 26 Mar; 23 April

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.

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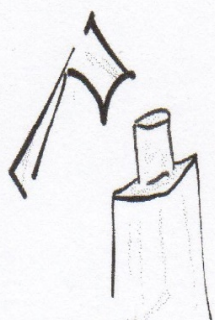
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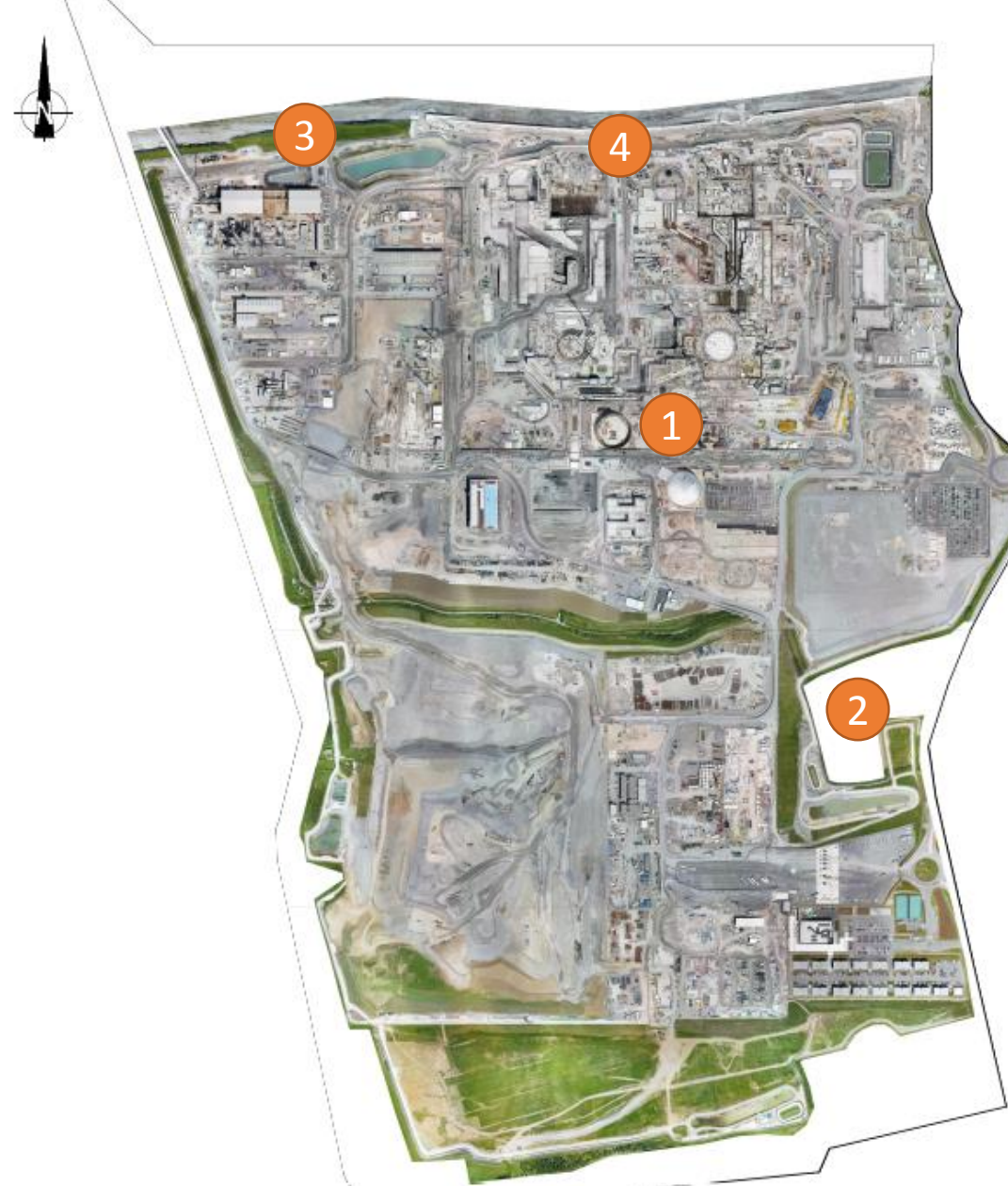
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Hinkley Point C look ahead

February 2020



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	Big Carl	Big Carl has performed it's first big lift at Hinkley Point C. To find out more, and see video footage of the lift, visit our website here .
2	Landscaping	Hedge laying activities will be undertaken between the northern and southern roundabout.
3	Corallina Works	Works continue to protect the seaweed (corallina) which live on the foreshore.
4	Decoupling Wall	A short stretch of the decoupling wall will be demolished to allow for a new access road and working area. These developments will support both the Heat Sink and Tunnelling works.
Off Site	Combwich Wharf	<p>2020 will see us enter the main phase of works on the wharf, with construction activity at its peak. Over the coming months, demolition of the Abnormal Loads Quay is planned to take place to reduce its height. Construction of the transport contractor offices also continues.</p> <p>Following a presentation to Otterhampton Parish Council, further information on the works can be found under the FAQ section of our website here.</p>

In other news...

We welcome our new chaplain, who is going to be based on site full time, to the team. Ewen Huffman will work alongside the occupational health team, 230+ mental health buddies and campus based chaplains to be someone workers can talk to in confidence.

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Join us at the next Hinkley Point C Recruitment Event on Thursday 6th February. Keep an eye out on the [website](#) for further information.
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