STOGURSEY NEWS



Stolford Mud Horse - decorated at the Stogumber Festival IE

August 2020

Editorial

Welcome to our August edition.

It is sad to read of another theft from the new Victory Hall site. A lot of effort has gone into making the new build complete on time for us all to enjoy. Given the difficult situation we find ourselves in at the moment it is hard to understand why anyone would think to do such a thing!

Further to the cat problems, it was interesting to hear from national news sources a suggestion that people kept their cats indoors during lockdown . . . somewhat similar to 'nailing jelly to the ceiling!' Our sympathies to the recipients of the mess.

The open-air market sounds inviting assuming there is no further change in the social distancing measures currently in place. It looks like we will need to get used to masked friends and neighbours for the time being. Apparently, you get used to it!

It is good to read how ingenious ideas are being devised to make a return to some of our usual favourite activities including the Arts Festival.

All good wishes go to our school leavers who are almost certain to have a rather different experience of secondary school than the one a lot of us did!

As ever, many offers of support and help are within the magazine and even some dates for your diaries.

Finally, what a wonderful cover photo. Maybe there ought to be a footnote 'wipe carefully after use!'

Keep safe and take care.

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

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How to contribute to Stogursey News:

- a) by email:
- $\ensuremath{\,\times\,}$ Prepare your contribution as a 'word' document.
- * Attach it to an email.
- # Send it to <u>stogurseynews@hotmail.co.uk</u>

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

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REGULAR EVENTS and DIARY

Readers will have noticed that the Regular Events and Diary page has been missing from Stogursey News for several months. However, this month sees the return of our Diary section. We shall re-introduce our Regular Events section, but only after we hear from you that your groups, clubs and regular activities are starting again.

The Editorial Team

SERVICES IN CHURCH IN AUGUST

Since the beginning of May, and the embracing of new technologies, a regular service has been taking place across the churches of the Benefice on Sunday mornings at 10.30am via Zoom. However, we are now able to slowly and cautiously re-open and return to our church buildings. The churchwardens across the benefice have discussed which churches to reopen for public worship and how, based on the guidelines we have been given and the number of active clergy available. Strict procedures will be in place to ensure the safety of all, one of which will be communion by bread only.

So beginning on the August 2nd and thereafter throughout August, TWO services will take place each Sunday, both at 10.30am. These will be held in St Andrews, Stogursey and St Etheldreda's, West Quantoxhead. We are intending that Zoom worship should in some way continue to enable those at home to participate.

	Sunday	Sunday	Sunday	Sunday	Sunday
	2 nd August	9 th August	16 th August	23 rd August	30 th August
	10.30am	10.30am	10.30am	10.30am	10.30am
St Andrew's Church, Stogursey	Eucharist Revd Tony Smith	Eucharist Revd Nicky Morgan	Eucharist Revd Tony Smith	Eucharist Revd Stephen Campbell	Eucharist Revd Nicky Morgan
St Ethelreda's	Eucharist	Eucharist	Eucharist	Eucharist	Eucharist
Church,	Revd Nicky	Revd Stephen	Revd Stephen	Revd Nicky	Revd Stephen
W Quantoxhead	Morgan	Campbell	Campbell	Morgan	Campbell

1. Certain churches in our Benefice are now open for private prayer at limited times.

2. We can hold funerals in the building but with attendance limited to 30.

3. Weddings are now permitted but attendance limited to 30.

4. We can now consider other acts of public worship but numbers will be limited, track and trace requirements should be complied with, singing is not currently permitted and communion will be administered in one kind only (namely bread). More details will be available in the porch before services resume.

DIARY 2020

August

11 th	Parish Council Meeting	zoom	details from Parish Clerk
13 th	Mobile Library visit	scheduled stops	details within
16 th	Stogursey Family Festival	Playing field	to be confirmed
22 nd	Cream Teas (Twinning Association)	1 Wick House, Wick	details within
29 th	Open Air Market (WI - details within)	The Paddock, Priory Barn	11.00 am - 2.00 pm
September			
29 th	Treasure Hunt - Cycling/Walking	Youth Club car park	2.30 pm

VICTORY HALL NEWS

Additional Funding for Victory Hall

The Trustees of the Victory Hall are pleased to announce that they have received a grant of £14,918 from the Landfill Communities Fund of the Viridor Credits Environmental Company. This is to be used towards the purchase of furniture and catering equipment for the new Victory Hall. Whilst we have been very fortunate to receive grants from several companies in order to build our new hall, this grant is extremely welcome as we will need to ensure that the inside of the hall will be as impressive as the outside. This award will go a long way towards achieving this aim.

Following a halt in building of several weeks due to Covid-19, work is now continuing and we are hoping that the building will be complete by the middle to end of September. The Trustees are now considering plans to ensure that the building will be ready for use as soon as possible after the handover of the hall from the contractors. The successful application of the Viridor Credits grant will help make our job easier.

Victory Hall Lottery JUNE 2020 DRAW

1 st Prize	£60.00	Aly Prowse	76
2 nd Prize	£30.00	Chris Ford	34
3 rd Prize	£15.00	Heather Hallet	62

Break-In at the Victory Hall

We regret having to report a break-in which occurred during the night of 8th/9th July at the Victory Hall. Some workmen's tools, protective clothing and personal belongings were stolen. In addition, the thieves stripped out and stole over 100 metres of cabling which, together with the damage caused, is estimated to be worth over £1,000. The police have been informed.

This is the third break-in and theft from the site. The contractors have done their best to ensure that the site is secure, but it would appear that those who are determined to break the law will find a way to do so. Before the hall is handed over to the Trustees, they will consider how best to ensure the future security of the new hall.

CAT EXCREMENT

I am indebted to Joan Ibbs (July 2020) for raising the issue of cats' excrement in private gardens. I grow vegetables in our garden plot and when not growing veg produce I keep it well turned over, raked and relatively weed free.

You can imagine a few years ago when planting runner beans I allowed my free hand to support myself by placing palm and fingers on the soil. Below the finely raked soil my fingers encountered soft cat excrement squelching between my fingers. Oh! joy of joys! I thought, what inconsiderate cat did this? For years our vegetable plot has become a regular cat toilet, and whilst I haven't taken to drastic measures to dissuade cats from coming into the garden, my mind wanders to the past letters pages of The West Somerset Free Press. Several years ago many cat owners in Minehead complained in the paper that their cat had suddenly and mysteriously died. The consensus of opinion was that the cats had been poisoned with liquid anti-freeze.

The identity of the person or persons responsible was eagerly sought. However, as far as I know with little success. Could it be that the person responsible was a keen Minehead gardener who was disgusted to find, time after time, fetid cat excrement in his or her garden? Equally, the person responsible may have been a keen wild life and bird lover who, in the springtime, was fed up with finding a scattering of immature bird feathers on the lawn. Alas, we will probably never know.

Me, I couldn't possibly comment.

Nial Woodford

Small Faces

On the way to the papershop There's something to see - Those cute little faces, All looking at me. Dozens of them in many a shade. No tub, no basket - Just naturally displayed, In pavement cracks, against the wall Defiantly growing to please one and all. In spite of the heat and incessant may sun, Dave's pansies have thrived, their baskets redone! You don't have to step in the road to give space, Just gaze straight into each bright, tiny face . Looking forward to next year They'll surely have seeded. But this current display Has been just what is needed.

Jan Ford

Stogirzels' Relaunch

After all these weeks of isolation and inactivity, the ladies of Stogursey and District WI (now known as STOGIRZELS) are planning to give people something to look forward to by way of an:

Open Air Market on SATURDAY AUGUST 29[™] 11am-2pm

(weather permitting) in the paddock of Priory Barn, which is situated at the end of Castle Street.

Stogirzels will be selling tasty homemade cakes, and all profits will be sent to Stogursey Larder.

We would love to be joined by anyone who would like a stall to exhibit/sell their crafts or produce.

There will be no charge to the stall holders, as the main aim is to welcome people to the community once more.

> Contact Linda Brown on 01278 734794 to book your spot.

It has been heart-warming to see how the people of Stogursey and surrounding districts have come together to help one another during these weeks of crisis.

We at the WI have taken this enthusiasm to heart and are re-launching our local branch to reach out and offer support to all ladies in our area.

As soon as Government restrictions allow, we will start holding monthly meetings once more on 2nd Wednesday of the month at the new time of 3pm.

All present will be served afternoon tea.

We are also planning to hold different activities, such as Book Club, Lunch Club and Cinema afternoon at times convenient to any interested members.

New members are always welcome, but if you are not sure of 'walking in on your own' or have difficulty getting to meetings, please call:

Pauline Goodall 01278 741300, or Linda Brown 01278 734794, and we will send a friendly face to collect you.

History of the WI

The first Women's Institute was formed in 1897 at Stoney Creek, Ontario, Canada as a branch of the Farmer's Institute. The movement brought women from isolated communities together and offered training in home economics, child care and those aspects of farming that were traditionally done by women, such as poultry keeping and small farm animal husbandry.

The Women's Institute movement in Britain started in 1915. During the First World War it was formed to encourage countrywomen to get involved in growing and preserving food to help to increase the supply of food to the war-torn nation. By the end of 1918, there were 199 WIs and seven county federations. Somerset was one of the seven.

Since then the organisation's aims have broadened and the Women's Institute is now the largest voluntary women's organisation in the UK. The WI celebrated its centenary in 2015 and currently has almost 220,000 members in approximately 6,300 WIs. The WI still plays a unique role in providing women with educational opportunities and the chance to build new skills, to take part in a wide variety of activities and to campaign on issues that matter to them and their communities.

Welcome back to Otterhampton Church

Have you ever wondered what happens when churches are no longer used for worship? With dwindling congregations, about thirty a year are closed. Some are deconsecrated and sold, to be converted into houses or are developed in some other way. (OK - some of them become Wetherspoons!) Yet others have the roofs removed and become 'managed ruins'.

A considerable number, however, are taken over by the Churches Conservation Trust. Our nearest such church is All Saints at Otterhampton. As a volunteer with the charity, I reopened this lovely little church on the 12th July, which had been locked since 'lockdown' began.

Unfortunately, the guide books have had to be put away until the situation eases, but if you are planning a visit

there is plenty of information online.

When I visit these churches in my role as volunteer coordinator, I am always struck by the words written in the Visitors' Books by people who are so pleased that some of these beautiful old buildings remain available for all. Some services are still held, as well as the odd wedding and funeral.

Whether you have a faith or none, these lovely churches are well worth a visit. Please have a look on the Churches Conservation Trust website for details of their managed churches. Most are open during the day, whilst some require a key to be collected from a key-holder nearby.

Phil Griggs

Stogursey Arts Trust

"May your walls know joy: may each room hold laughter and may every window open to great possibility." *Mary Anne Radmacher-Hershey*

Even if we still need to be cautious outside of our homes, we can all take this moment in time to relook at the spaces that have been protecting us over the past months and think how we can use and celebrate them through this year's Stogursey Arts Festival.

This year we are proposing to run the Festival incorporating 'exhibitions' from your home. It is a simple idea involving an extension of the 'Light Up Stogursey' project, which now in it's fourth year is becoming an annual village event and part of our creative identity.

What we would like you to do this year, is use a streetfacing window (or windows) in your home to create a display that 'lights up' and says something wonderful, curious, crazy, informative, etc: whatever you like, a bit like a painting on display in a gallery, but in this case in the streets of what will be Stogursey's very own 'Outside Art Gallery'. We also thought it would be fun to bring back and incorporate the very successful scarecrows, who may be visitors to this 'Outside Art Gallery' or maybe inside as part of the window display or even being artists themselves decorating the windows.

An outside art gallery means we can all be relatively safe visiting it and if circumstances change and restrictions are re-imposed, then we don't need to cancel the Festival, as we can still view the exhibits when we are outside 'getting our exercise'! The 'Outside Art Gallery' will open for a week from the 26th October to 1st November. It will be nice and dark in the evenings by then, to make the most of our new village tradition of 'Lighting Up Stogursey' and it's close enough to Christmas if you don't want to put your fairy lights back in the loft. If you are planning a bonfire party on the 5th you also have a ready-made scarecrow that you could (if you are not too attached to him or her); recycle during the following week by getting them to step into the role of Guy Fawkes!

We have plenty of time to prepare for this, but in order to get the ball rolling, we have asked members of the Arts Trust team to send in *their* ideas for what they may be attempting to put in *their* windows. Over the next couple of months we will be publishing these ideas by way of example to help get you thinking. If you have something that you would like to do, that you want to share, do send this in as well. If we can get a list of participating household numbers, we could even put together an 'Outside Art Gallery' guide.

As a reminder, keep sending us your_photos of life now following Lockdown, by posting us a message through our Facebook channel or emailing us the attachments at <u>pictures@stogurseyartsfestival.co.uk</u>. Oli King can then make a selection of these to display in our 'Outside Art Gallery' on the high street during the Festival.

Follow us on Stogursey Arts Festival Facebook. Additional information on future events will be posted at <u>www.stogurseyartsfestival.co.uk</u>

Be creative, stay safe, stay alert and start planning your window(s).

Return of the Mobile Library

The first visit to Shurton and Stogursey will be on Thursday 13 August:

Babbling Brook:	12.15 - 12.45
Greyhound Inn:	1.25 - 2.20
Town Close (No 30)	2.25 - 3.00

In order to protect library staff and customers, the Mobile Library service will look very different as it re-launches.

- · You won't be able to browse books on the vehicle
- You can use the 'order and collect' service to request library books in advance - the books will be delivered to you at your normal Mobile Library stop. Order your library books by:
 - contacting Librariesmail@somerset.gov.uk,
 - going to the Somerset Libraries website, or

- phoning 0300 123 2224.

- Your Mobile Library driver will have a supply of order forms for you to complete in readiness for the next mobile Library delivery.
- If easily accessible, the driver may be able to select the books for you from the vehicle.

In time there may be a browsing facility on the vehicle, limited to one customer on the vehicle at any time. This will mean creating a safe distance queuing system.

If you are continuing to 'shield' and not able to leave your home you may like to access the Home Library Service whose volunteers are currently offering a book drop to customers. To access this service, please email Kirsty Jenssen at

kirsty.Jenssen@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk or ring 07920 250834

Stogursey Cemetery – A Request Please

We are fortunate in most of the villages around this part of Somerset to have access to burial space within the village, whether that be a Churchyard, Churchyard extension – as we have at Stogursey (The Cemetery) – or a Council managed cemetery as is the case in Cannington and Nether Stowey.

We are also fortunate in Stogursey in having an individual who cares so very deeply about The Cemetery, and who has made it her life's work to look after this important space on our behalf. Rose Nurton has made many of our jobs much easier by her single-minded care and devotion to ensuring this ground is in good order. She is the person who knows every available niche and where all of our loved ones are laid to rest.

Many of you may be unaware that a churchyard or churchyard extension is subject to different rules and regulations than a municipal cemetery, for instance, which you would find in Bridgwater or Taunton, or at Sedgemoor or Taunton Deane. In these public cemeteries the regulations about the kind of stone to be used, or the inscription or the shape of the memorial is very extensive. You may have almost whatever you like. This is not the case in a churchyard or churchyard extension. Memorials are required to be of a stone that matches the local environment, in our case light grey, and is to be honed, not polished. Marbles of any colour are not permitted and inscriptions are required to be of a religious, or at least traditional and not 'outlandish' nature. There are also certain other specifications, but I will not list them here: you get the gist.

You may also not be aware that artificial flowers, flowers in ordinary vases, photographs, teddy bears, windmills and other forms of remembrance are not permitted in a churchyard. The PCC has taken a very relaxed view of this in recent years. However in these last months it has been observed that the churchyard is beginning to look littered with plastic and other memorials that have 'passed their sell-by date': articles that have been placed in memory and then not removed and which begin to fade and look a mess.

As a consequence, the PCC needs to have a clear-up of all extraneous items in the cemetery. We are giving good notice in order that if you have placed items there you can remove them yourselves. Any items not cleared by the end of October 2020 will be removed by the Rector and PCC. We appreciate you may wish to place wreaths at Christmas, but if you do, please could you also remove. Flowers in specifically designed vases are permitted; and of course people may wish to place plants, but if you do so, please could you remove when they are dead. It is very difficult to remove personal tokens from a grave that have been placed for a purpose. But there comes a point when things are so deteriorated that there is no choice. Please help us by following the regulations – no toys, plastics or photos - and by removing that which is no longer looking its best.

We realise that this is a sensitive area, and that you wish to honour the memory of your loved ones, so please do feel free to contact the Rector, Nicky, at any time on 01278 732873.

Many Thanks

The Rector and PCC of St Andrews, Stogursey

Notes from the Quantock Medical Centre

Thank you for your support over the last months. We will still need to maintain social distancing for the safety of our team and our patients.

I would like to confirm that we are open and still seeing patients, as we always have. We will continue to ask you to talk to a clinician by telephone first, and for the clinician to decide if you need to be seen face-to-face. Always remember to wear a face covering/ mask when attending for your appointment.

Please respond to or attend Cancer Diagnosis / Recall programmes you get invited to participate in (Bowel, Breast, Cervical Smears), these are really important for the early detection of cancers and can save lives. You can collect your medications from the main entrance between 10am - 12 noon and 4pm- 6 pm. Thank you to all those who have kindly been delivering medications to patients who are vulnerable and in self-isolation, this has been an invaluable service.

Please stay away if you have any family members with confirmed cases of the Covid-19, and stay away if you have any symptoms including a new cough, temperature or loss of taste or loss of smell.

To keep up to date with the latest information, to book your tests go on line: <u>www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/</u>

Seasonal Flu Clinics. We are aiming to run these from the Church Centre in Nether Stowey. Dates will be on Saturdays: 19th & 26th September; 17th & 24th October.

We aim to vaccinate patients who are aged 65+, or have a chronic medical condition (Diabetes, COPD, Asthma, Liver, Kidney disease, Immuno suppressed), or are carers.



Stogursey C of E Primary and Pre-School







A BIG hello from Sarah and Lianne. What a busy few weeks we have had at Little Acorns Preschool.

I started my role as supervisor here in June and I am excited to be part of something special. I went to school here many moons ago and it feels like I am back home, we have such a beautiful environment being surrounded by open fields.

Between Lianne and myself we have 25 years early years' experience and are passionate about children's learning and development. Lianne and I have a love of the outdoors and during these challenging times we have spent many hours exploring the outdoor environment with the children. We have watched the honeybees collect pollen when they are busy drinking the nectar on the flowers, we have counted the spots on the ladybirds and have enjoyed watching our sunflowers grow which were kindly donated by Gloria Touchin.

We watch each week as our environment is changing, the corn fields slowly changing from green to gold in colour and the apples, pears and plums getting bigger – we look forward to making apple and blackberry crumble when we return in September. Through the children's curiosity and questions they make sense of the world in which they live. We can never have enough of 'What, Why and How' questions!

'Reading to their infant is one of the greatest gifts parents can give' (Literacy Trust 2020)

Life can be so hectic sometimes; we forget about the simple pleasures in life. Did you know that 55% of all 0–2s are not read to daily! So, let's make a difference...pick up a book and share this with the little one in your life. Reading builds self-esteem, vocabulary, feeds imagination and even improves sleeping patterns of children. Snuggle up and spend time together – YOU can make a big difference to children's love of books.

Our favourite book of the month at preschool is Supertato by Sue Hendra & Paul Linnett – the children love it, watch out for evil pea!



The children absolutely loved this book, they often asked for it for story time and that led to some wonderful discussions about healthy eating, imaginative games of super heroes and a great activity where they all made their own super-hero veg!

If you would like to borrow a book from our library please contact the preschool.

https://literacytrust.org.uk/blog/reading-children-so-powerful-so-simple-and-yet-somisunderstood/



Spaces Available for September

Children from 2 years (funding available for 2 and 3 year olds)

For more information visit the school's webpage or for a prospectus email:

Preschool316@educ.somerset.gov.uk or visit the school's web page

Picnic for the pupils and staff on the last day of the summer term

We said farewell to Miss Atwell, and wished her well at Spaxton School. We also said goodbye to our Year Sixes, and wished them well when they start their new schools in September.



Special Awards



for Grace



and for Emily.

Some of the Year Sixes share their memories of Stogursey School

My favourite memories are playing with my friends, learning new things and also (recently) we have used the field as a `slip and slide' – that was good fun! Emily

I really loved being in year 6. My favourite memory was gaining my house captain badge – it was so nice to have that responsibility.

Grace

My funniest memory was when I walked backwards on the playground but I didn't look where I was going so I fell into a sandbox! Ooops! Tom My funniest memory was when I asked Miss Day, 'Can I have a toilet please?' and she looked at me, drew a toilet on a sticky note and then stuck it on me! I thought it was very funny! Junior

My favourite memory was when we went to Kilve court. Kia and I got stuck in the maze for a long time and it was getting dark – it was so exciting! We found our way out eventually! Matilda I love that I have made new friends since I have been at Stogursey school. I met Tom and we love playing 'Yu-Gi-Oh!' It's nice to have a friend with the same interests.

Josh

I loved walking into Beacon Class for the first time. I remember the fire alarm going off during English and I found it quite exciting to see where we all lined up! I have also made a really good friend since I have been here and we love building nature nests on the field!

Izabelle



As we tentatively emerge from full Lockdown, but bearing in mind the need for continued caution and support for others, the **Stogursey Community Support Network** continues to support our community in various ways. This is all completely reliant on our fabulous volunteers, to whom we are always extremely grateful for everything they do, and for the many generous donations and support received. The SCSN currently provides:

- Stogursey Share-a-Meal scheme. Launched in the second week of June, this scheme is an offer by volunteers to provide a cooked meal to a recipient who may be unable to cook for themselves on a regular basis. Meals are one dinner portion cooked at home by the volunteer. This, along with a cooked pudding, is delivered in suitable re-heatable containers to the happy recipient. If you'd like to get involved, as cook or diner, please do get in touch, we'd love to hear from you! We are just about to apply for more funding to extend this scheme further. Watch this space for news on future developments!
- We continue to collect your food donations and take these to the Quantock Foodbank, returning with deliveries for recipients. These have now reduced considerably in number as appropriate support agencies have started working with our Foodbank recipients to help them to access all the support to which they are entitled. We have been told that various support agencies and organisations will soon have a much larger presence in our community, once Lockdown measures are eased. This will be a great help to many.
- Along with the good news that Free School Meal vouchers will continue to be provided to families during the School Holidays this year, there is also the opportunity for families who need a bit of extra food help during this time to receive a Fareshare 'Top Up Bag' weekly during the holiday. We are compiling a list now but if you could do with this help, and you are not receiving it by the time you read this article, do get in touch with us and we will sort it.
- At the time of writing, our volunteers continue to collect and deliver prescription medication from the two local Health Centres at Nether Stowey and Cannington to residents although this is likely to revert to the old system at the end of July. However, if you are unable to collect your own prescription, either from the Health Centres or from the SPAR shop, do get in touch with us and we will deliver it to you.
- Hopefully, all the preschool children in the Stogursey area have now received one of our **Pre-schoolers**' Activity Packs (like the 100 Primary-age Activity Packs we distributed last month). However, if you have, or know, a child aged 2 – 4 who lives in this parish and who has <u>not</u> yet received a Pack, please get in touch. If there are any left, we will deliver ASAP.

STOGURSEY FAMILY FESTIVAL

Last, but definitely not least! We told you last month that we had applied for funding to organise a group activity for children and teens during the summer holiday. We have now heard that our bid has been successful! Therefore, everyone is invited to a socially distanced (in your family/friends 'bubbles') **Stogursey Family Festival** which will take place on the playing field on <u>Sunday 16th August</u>! Look out for further information on Facebook, noticeboards and posters. See you there!

The **SCSN** can be contacted via our Facebook page, <u>www.facebook.com/StogurseyCSN</u>, or by phone: Sukey/Steve: 07485 350560 or 01278 732149

Points from the Parish Council -July 2020

Stogursey Neighbourhood Plan

The Stogursey Neighbourhood Plan Working Group gave an update on their progress to the Parish Council meeting. The group are looking for a volunteer to be Secretary and would welcome any residents from throughout the parish to join a Focus group – this is YOUR Neighbourhood Plan. If you would like to be included, or have any suggestions about what they would like to include in the plan, please contact the Parish Clerk in the first instance. (*See next page.*)

Stogursey Community Support Network

A detailed update on the valuable work undertaken by the SCSN Committee volunteers supporting the most vulnerable in the parish over the recent months was supplied to the Parish Council meeting. They are all to be congratulated on their support for others during this worrying time.

Transport for Stogursey

The Parish Council heard, despite many rumours to the contrary, that EDF plan to recommence their free bus service as soon as the District Councils agree to the safe resumption of service. Concerns have been raised over the impact on capacity as the operator complies with the restrictions Covid-19 causes to the number of seats that can be occupied. We await to hear the actual date the service will restart. The Parish Council also heard from several residents regarding the gap in transport service for our disabled and elderly residents. Any service provider will need to be satisfied that it will be financially rewarding and sustainable. We would have to evidence the level of need and that there is substantial level of support any operator could expect from the residents. As the County Council is responsible for such services, it was suggested that our local County Councillor should be approached for support.

HPC Southern Boundary Works

Work is due to commence on the Emergency Access Road and bridge over Bum Brook at the end of July/early August. This will lead to some traffic restrictions on the Shurton Road by RV4, the gate to the Southern boundary, with a Temporary Road closure notice to be issued by the highways authority. All affected residents should have received a letter direct from HPC outlining the proposed works.

Movement of large vehicles throughout the Parish

The Parish Council are increasingly aware of the movement of large vehicles and trailers through the narrow lanes of the parish. There is particular concern as to the level of damage to verges and for the welfare and safety of all road users, particularly the vulnerable, walkers and cyclists as many large vehicles are driven around the parish. We would ask all drivers to slow down and to take care before a preventable collision occurs.

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE ON TUESDAY 11 AUGUST 2020

The next Parish Council meeting is anticipated to be on the Zoom platform again. Members of the public are invited to attend and should contact the Clerk for details. The agenda will be displayed on the parish website three days before the meeting.

I look forward to hearing from you on any issues you wish to discuss. My phone number is 01278 652534 or you can e-mail me at <u>stogurseypcclerk@gmail.com</u>

Richard Wand, 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-a-watercourse</u>. The following link provides information on reporting noxious weeds to Somerset County council. <u>https://www.somerset.gov.uk/waste-planning-and-land/report-noxious-weeds/</u>



Stogursey Parish Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

There are planning applications for 147 dwellings in Stogursey at the present time. Many of you have objected to the various proposed developments. The Parish Council has decided to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan that gives local people more say in the planning process. However, current applications are not affected by a Neighbourhood Plan. Our Neighbourhood Plan will include the whole parish.

If you are interested in joining the Neighbourhood Planning Working Group and helping to shape the future development of Stogursey and the hamlets within the parish please get in touch.

We are looking for a secretary and for more members to carry the project forward in small working groups.

Contacts:

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MACULAR SOCIETY EXMOOR GROUP, DULVERTON

I am sorry to say that our Macular Society meetings cannot resume for the foreseeable future, but I am glad to report that all the members are reasonably well and coping with the lock-down. We are in close contact every week.

The Macular Society has made several representations to the Government to consider the needs of sight-impaired people when they make their decisions.

Social distancing is rather difficult if you can't see the next person; so is choosing a seat if they have all the same colour; supporting cyclists is laudable, but don't make us share the pavement with them as we can only see cyclists when they are upon us – particularly now that bells have been abolished*; white stripes on the edges of stairs and pavements are so helpful as they prevent us from falling downstairs, as stairs look to us like slides. It's often little things that make all the difference and give us back some feeling of independence. A little tip for those who have friends with Macular Degeneration: when you meet, always mention your name first- you see, we can't see faces (though we might recognise your voice) and it's just so much nicer to know with whom you are having a chat (instead of rummaging in your brain, who that might be).

Not being able to see details is only one of our bugbears. There is another which most sufferers find rather frightening. It is called the Charles Bonnet Syndrome, which we can simply call 'hallucinations'. It is frightening because most MD sufferers are at an age where they suspect that they might be losing their mind. Imagine the relief when we explain that it is a harmless, if annoying, side effect of the disease: the eye with a defect in the Macula in the shape of black holes, sends images to the brain which in turn sends it back weird images.

Let me give you an example: my husband has found me many times talking to my brown Burmese cat when I was in reality talking to his hiking boots; my brain has simply sent back a picture with the shape of the damage in my eye, and to me it looked like my cat.

When one of our now long-established group members arrived for the first time at our meeting, she was rather upset as before leaving the house, she had seen a gardener in her front garden. She had never had a gardener and had no idea why there was this man outside. She gingerly opened her front door, but he had vanished. She seriously feared that she might be going mad. We were so happy to reassure her that it was just a matter of her eyes playing tricks with her brain.

Some other members shared their hallucinations with her and we all ended up laughing heartily. The Charles Bonnet Syndrome is inconvenient, sometimes downright disconcerting, but nothing to worry about. Often, the syndrome disappears by itself or one learns to shrug it off.

We have all been very good in obeying the lock-down rules. Let's hope there won't be a second outbreak, so that we can get back to a more normal life. With best wishes to you all.

As always, we are here to help. Just ring: 01398 371 450 Marion and Royce Lindsey-Noble

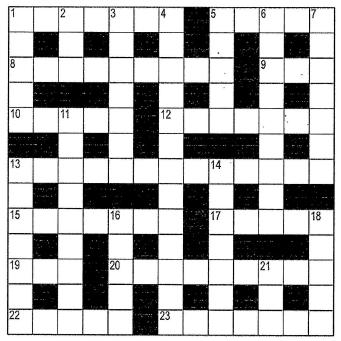
*The compulsory requirement for bicycles to have a bell fitted was ended in 1999. Cyclists in the UK are not obliged to have a bell fitted to their bicycle or to use a bell when they're riding their bikes.

Rule 66 of the Highway Code states: "Let [pedestrians] know you are there when necessary, for example by ringing your bell if you have one. It is recommended that a bell be fitted..."

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QUICK CROSSWORD No. 3

compiled by Helen Cuttell



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. A bird of the crow family (7)
- 5. Reddish brown pigment derived from cuttlefish ink (5)
- 8. Canvas shoes with rubber soles (9)
- 9. Polyvinyl Chloride (3)
- 10. More recent (5)
- 12. One part of a TV series (7)
- 13. A weight class in boxing (13)
- 15. Small bird of the finch family (7)
- 17. Cattle or horse farm in the US (5)
- 19. Sound a pigeon or dove makes (3)
- 20. People who keep bees (9)
- 22. Places where badgers live (5)
- 23. Burton and Shurton (7)

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Island country of East Asia (5)
- 2. Vital force in Chinese culture (3)
- 3. Barren landscapes with very little rain (7)
- 4. He brought potatoes & tobacco to Britain (6,7)
- 5. Japanese dish of raw fish & rice (5)
- 6. Musical instrument that uses pressurised air (4,5)
- 7. Very very old (7)
- 11. Wild herb once used as a first aid remedy (9)
- 13. Capital of Venezuela (7)
- 14. Membrane of the middle ear (7)
- 16. Gemstones mined in Australia (5)
- 18. Dry outer coverings of fruits or seeds (5)
- 21. To bring a civil action against (3)

STOGURSEY TWINNING ASSOCIATION

SAD NEWS

Like many planned holidays and visits this year, not to mention other life-changing events such as weddings, house moves, major operations etc, it was sad but inevitable that we couldn't go ahead with our bi-annual trip to the beautiful Normandy village of Lonlay L'Abbaye, our twin village.

GOOD NEWS!

The good news is that we're planning to go NEXT year so make a note of the dates now! Thursday evening April 29th to Monday night May 3rd 2021. Ring or email Sukey for more info: 07808 164958

sukey.elstob@btinternet.com

YUMMY CREAM TEAS - BOOK NOW!

Our first fundraising event since the pandemic is at the kind invitation of Dick and Zita Blomfield on Saturday 22nd August from 3.00 to 5.00pm. They are hosting our annual Cream Tea in their lovely extensive gardens at 1 Wick House, TA5 1TL, so social distancing will be possible. However, this year it will be a strictly prebooked pre-paid event and should we be rained off (or if you can't come at the last minute) we'll have a prepacked cream tea available for collection! Bookings by August 20th, please. It'll be £5.00 per person for tea (or coffee or juice), homemade scones, jam and clotted cream plus a generous slice of cake (including gluten-free options.) We'll take bookings from one to eight people at a table and ask you to choose an approximate arrival time to aid distancing (3.00, 3.30, 4.00 or 4.30 pm). Please ring or email Caroline 01278 733162 / 07794663654 carolinemayhawkes@gmail.com. Do try and support us if you can - it'd be lovely to see you in this safe space.

TREASURE HUNT – BICYCLE OR FOOT

Time to get fitter and enjoy our beautiful surroundings on Sunday September 20th at 2.30pm. Assemble at the Youth Club car park in Stogursey to join in the fun! More

Solution to Quick Crossword No 2 (July 2020)

Clues Across: 1. apricot, 5. birch, 8. pea souper, 9. USB.

10, emoji, 12. Satchmo, 13. action replays, 15. leg room, 17. rotas, 19. Nan, 20. catamaran, 22. Aller, 23. saddler

Clues Down: 2. rea, 3. chorizo, 4. Tapestry moths, 5. beret, 6. roughcast, 7. hobnobs, 11. octagonal, 13. Atlanta, 14. pyramid, 16. Oscar, 18. sonar, 21. RBL.

or

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CCS Agents Parish News



Talking Cafes:

Many people have missed going to their local Talking Café run by CCS Agents – there were 21 venues at the last count before lockdown! We are delighted to be back with our Talking Cafes – virtually anyway – streaming live weekdays at 11am on our Facebook channel – <u>www.facebook.com/</u> <u>talkingcafesomerset/live</u>. You can catch up on previous sessions or join in on the lives each day, asking any questions you have in the comments and interacting with us agents again! We'd love to 'see' you there online and help in any way we can – don't forget the question you ask and have answered during the live session may help many other people in the same boat who are watching!

Loneliness:

We all feel lonely from time to time. Feelings of loneliness are personal, so everyone's experience of loneliness will be different. One common description of loneliness is the feeling we get when our need for rewarding social contact and relationships is not met. But loneliness is not always the same as being alone. You may choose to be alone and live happily without much contact with other people, while others may find this a lonely experience. Or you may have lots of social contact, or be in a relationship or part of a family, and still feel lonely – especially if you don't feel understood or cared for by the people around you (see our information on the causes of loneliness https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/tipsfor-everyday-living/loneliness/about-loneliness/ #WhatCausesLoneliness). Lockdown has amplified this for many people, as groups and regular social activities have ceased, but there is always support and help at hand. We can arrange regular Talk & Support calls for you for free, just to

have someone to chat to, arrange befriending services and link you to Good Neighbours schemes where they are set up – our Agents are very skilled in helping people overcome loneliness and reduce isolation.

Care during Hot Weather

Warm weather is something many people look forward to every year, but it's worth remembering that sunny spells can pose health risks for some people. Before the hot weather arrives, it is a really good time to think about what you can do to protect yourself and your family and friends from heat. For some people, such as older people, those with underlying health conditions and those with young children, the summer heat can bring real health risks. That's why we're urging everyone to keep an eye on those you know who may be at risk this summer. If you're able, ask if your friends, family or neighbours need any support.

The top ways for staying safe when the heat arrives are to:

- Drink plenty of fluids and avoid excess alcohol. Make sure you keep water with you at all times, especially if you are out and about: hydration is essential.
- Close curtains on rooms that face the sun to keep indoor spaces cooler, and remember that it may be cooler outdoors than indoors.
- Try to keep out of the sun between 11am to 3pm
- Walk in the shade, apply sunscreen and wear a hat.
- Wear light, loose fitting cotton clothes.
- If you feel unwell, seek medical help by calling 111.

Out on Bikes:

During lockdown, many people have taken the opportunity to get their family out on the bikes to enjoy the quiet sunny lanes. It's a timely reminder not just for cyclists to be caraware, but for drivers to 'Think Bike' and really slow down on country lanes. This time of year navigating winding, narrow lanes, your view may be obstructed by overgrown hedgerows. Avon and Somerset Police have excellent advice for cyclists here, from being safe on the road, to keeping your bike safe:

https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/crime-preventionadvice/staying-safe-on-the-road/staying-safe-on-your-bike/. RoSPA provides further advice for motorcyclists on their website here: http://orlo.uk/TQLKZ

izzy@somersetrcc.org.uk 07931 018045

CCS Village, Community & Carers Agents are in your communities across Somerset. They help to bridge the gap between isolated, excluded, vulnerable and lonely individuals and statutory and/or voluntary organisations which offer specific solutions to identified needs. We can offer advice and support to find local groups and activities available in your community and help you with any queries you may have or situations that you need advice and support with. Please visit <u>www.ccslovesomerset.org.uk</u> and

www.somersetcarers.org or call me to find out who can advise you.



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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

<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. Read Parish Council notes within for details of video-meeting for August's meeting.

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

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Wick & Stolford:	Susan E Jones	652287
Stogursey & Shurton:	Chris Morgan	734887

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Burton and Knighton

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Parish Council Member: Chris F West Som District & Ward Councillor: Sue G	

EdF Contacts:

Hinkley Point C Drop-Ins /Main Site Forums

Main Site forums currently being held on-line - see Immy's Update for details

HPC Hotline

for enquiries or complaints

0333 009 7070

Community VenuesVictory Hall & Youth Club - Church Rooms -Allan Searle Belinda Crowther732820 734695St. Peter's Church Stolford -Susan E Jones652287
Stogursey Community Support Network (SCSN) Facebook page: <u>www.facebook.com/StogurseyCSN</u> Phone: 07485 350560 or 01278 732149.
Health CentresCannington01278 652335Quantock (Nether Stowey)01278 732696Out-of-hours (for both centres)111The surgeries held in Stogursey at the Church Rooms and St Audries Centre are temporarily cancelled during the Original 40 negatives
 Covid-19 pandemic. Defibrillator is located on the wall between Stogursey Motors and The Corner Shop.
Mobile Library: Route GThe library visits on Thursdays - every 4 weeksShurtonBabbling Brook12.15 pm - 12.45 pmStogurseyGreyhound Inn1.25 pm - 2.20 pmTown Close (No 30)2.25 pm - 3.00 pmNext Visiting Dates:13 August; 10 September; 8 OctoberFor more information, contact Libraries Direct byTelephone 0300 123224, orEmail at www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries
POLICE Non-Emergencies- Call 101 Emergencies - Call 999 <u>Community Policing & Speed Watch Volunteers</u> Jamie Munro PC 4376 Neighbourhood Beat Manager Williton & Watchet (AW052). Mobile: 07889 659436 Email: <i>jamie.munro@avonandsomerset.police.uk</i> <u>Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and Criminal Damage</u> 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.

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Immy's Update

In the coming months you'll see work ramp up on the Southern Infrastructure Project. This work involves building a new bridge across Bum Brook and an Emergency Access Road which will be used by emergency vehicles to access Hinkley Point C site should the main road (the C182) be unpassable.

An overview video of the works is available here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5GaOedrlc1k

The construction works will continue throughout the rest of the year with landscaping then due to take place in 2021. During the works, the usual footpath through the field of RVP4 will be closed and a diversion will be in place along Ben Hole Lane. Signage will show you the diversion.

The majority of traffic will go through Hinkley Point C site to access the area of works. To link the Emergency Access Road to Shurton Road, a bell mouth will be created. During construction of the bell mouth – or curved entrance - a road closure is needed, but we will minimise the duration of this as much as possible.

We will be sending out monthly updates via email. If you would like to be kept updated on what's going on, please send an email to <u>hinkley-enquiries@edf-energy.com</u> and ask to be added to the Southern Infrastructure Project distribution list.

Thank you for your patience whilst we carry out these works.

Take care,

Immy Hinkley Point C – Community Relations

Do you know about our Main Site Forum meeting?

We invite residents who live in the neighbouring villages to site to attend our Main Site Forum meeting where we provide updates regarding the Hinkley Point C project. The meetings are currently being held online.

For more information, please get in touch using the details below.



Map of the Southern Infrastructure Project

Contact details:

Website: edfenergy.com/hpc

Email: <u>hinkley-enquiries@edf-energy.com</u>

24/7 Telephone Line: 0333 009 7070

Due to present circumstances, the visitor centre in Bridgwater is currently closed.

Building better energy together

Coronavirus Update

We continue to welcome back construction workers to site, in a responsible way ensuring we can achieve social distancing. Team members who are able to work from home are still being encouraged to do so.

New shift patterns have also been introduced to reduce the number of workers on site at any one time. For example, introducing new back shifts which work from late afternoon to early morning.

The process in place to manage team members return to work is thorough, with senior management signing off an individuals need to return before their site pass is re-activated.

Keeping students inspired

Start is a free and comprehensive digital platform, offering young people a single starting point for career guidance. Explore our profile to find out more about the project, our education programmes, different roles on the project and much more.

Site Map

Match the locations in the table on the right hand side to the map.



Hinkley Point C look ahead August 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:

Loca	tion	Description of works
1	Unit 2 – Nuclear Island	In August, Big Carl will be used to lift the second cup liner. It will be lifted from Bunker 5 where it has been constructed to the reactor building on Unit 2.
2	Tunnelling	A Jack up Barge will be working offshore from late July collecting samples of the seabed in the areas into which the heads will be placed. In addition to the Jack up Barge, two support vessels will be used to transfer personnel, deliver supplies and transport the samples back to dry land. Operations will be 24hrs a day with crew and project staff living on the barge.
3	Training centre	One of our main contractors on site, Bylor, has now opened a dedicated training centre. It will be used to ensure workers have the correct training to undertake tasks, such as working at height, and also up-skill the workforce as part of our commitment to people development.
4	Southern Area	Following site set up, construction of the Emergency Access Road will begin. There will be a separate look ahead for the southern area of works. To be added to the distribution for the Southern Area look ahead, please get in touch using the details below.
	Site Operations	Our on site petrol station, known as the "fuel farm" is now operational. As one supplier will now be coordinating all the fuel deliveries, the number of tanker movements on the local road network will reduce.
Off Site	Combwich Wharf	Works will continue on the build of the temporary retaining wall, which will be used as support during the demolition works.

In other news

In 2019, EDF's 8 nuclear power stations generated enough low carbon electricity for 49% of UK homes. Avoiding 17.8m tonnes of CO2 emissions.... Like taking 8.1m cars off UK roads for a year. Find out more <u>here</u>.

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