

STOGURSEY NEWS

To our community
we are thinking of you.



Stay Safe

Love Little Acorns Preschool. X

Illustration by Ivie-May, Braxton, Dawson, Drew and Jack.

February 2021

Editorial

Welcome to our February Edition.

It is good to see the responses to our community supporting each other in these difficult times in all sorts of ways – transport, food, support and just being there for each other!

Stogursey Community Network continues to help many areas, do get in touch with them if you need to. Our village agent has some words of cheer and advice within. The Quantock Medical Centre also has some very important news for us all, and we urge you to read and take on board its requests and advice.

There is some fascinating information about the Church Rooms, both past and present, that you may not be aware of.

The work of the school is to be praised heartily during this time! The Head of School and the staff must be run off their feet preparing lessons for remote learning and making sure education continues. Our thanks go to all the staff!

You may want to contemplate the blank space in the Arts Trust article and think about something you could make or write, and share with us all in these rather isolated times. We could publish your submissions.

Finally, we say a sad farewell to Mike Maddison, a much missed member of our community. Thank you for all you have done.

Editorial Team

Stogursey-Online.uk

This is the parish website. It hosts pages for events, societies, community links and Parish Council news.

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Stogursey News

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- * Attach it to an email.
- * Send it to stogurseynews@hotmail.co.uk

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- * Write or type your contribution.
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A few points to remember:

- Submit your contribution by the deadline date.
- Keep within the 500-word limit.
- Provide your contact details so that we can get in touch if we need to edit.
(*Stogursey News Team reserves the right to edit contributions for length and layout.*)
- Send your contribution each and every month you would like it published.
- Your illustrations must be copyright free.
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We look forward to receiving your contributions.

Thank you

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Thank you . . . Thank you . . .

We would like to thank the Village Community Network for the bag of goodies they delivered to us at Christmas.

Brian & Marlene Blenkinsop



I would like to express my thanks and delight to Stogursey Community Network & Stogursey Parish Council for the bag of Christmas treats that were delivered to the elderly/vulnerable.

I had thought that Santa only went to the children! Obviously he is still alive and well in Stogursey! You certainly made my Christmas that much brighter – well done!

Maureen Wright



We wish to say a very big thank you to Allan, Debbie and children for the way they have worked hard and long hours to keep the Spar Shop open. We are very grateful for this.

Marlene & Brian Blenkinsop



I just want to thank Allan and Debbie at the Post Office and Spar shop.

From the lockdown in March they have been supplying my mum-in-law with a weekly shop and delivering to her door, free of charge. (She is vulnerable and on the shielded list.) This has allowed her to be independent, which is vital to her, it also allows her to interact with another person on the phone and converse when it's delivered.

I know they are doing it for other elderly people in the village too, they are such a kind and thoughtful couple who provide a brilliant service to the community, in such uncertain times.
THANK YOU.

Sheila Harrap

Victory Hall Lottery

DECEMBER WINNERS

1 st Prize	£100.00	Marge England	No 121
2 ND Prize	£50.00	Jo Loveday	No 40
3 rd Prize	£25.00	Eileen Chave	No 190

Tribute to Mike Maddison

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone for their kind messages and their thoughts regarding Mike. He was diagnosed with terminal cancer a year ago and coped well in the beginning but chemotherapy affected him towards the end. He then had a stroke from which he never recovered.

He was certainly well liked in the village and beyond. He was kind, generous, loyal and would help anyone who needed it without being asked.

We came to the village in December 1991. We soon joined the Twinning Association and from there were involved in many activities that the village held. Mike would climb the spiral stairs in St Andrew's Church to wind the clock without fail. He was also involved in the Stogursey Strollers as the sound man and one year played the Genie in Alladin. Mike was editor of the Stogursey News for many years and also Father Christmas to many children (although some knew who he was!) He also cut the grass at the Victory Hall plus the Football Pitch. He was treasurer for the Victory Hall and St Andrew's Fabric Association.

In 2017 Mike was awarded a Highly Commended Certificate in the National Volunteers Week given by West Somerset Council. A well deserved recognition, although he would not say so.

He has left a huge hole in my life and also many of his friends. Think of the good times and remember him with affection.

Thank you

Marion Maddison January 2021

Voluntary Transport for Medical Appointments

While the pandemic continues, the original Stagecoach Driving Scheme is unable to function. However, a few people are able to provide lifts to medical appointments only and we will do our best to get back to you if you leave a message on **07485 350560**.

If any drivers out there feel they could help out from time to time, please get in touch as we are likely to get very busy as appointments for vaccinations increase. Reimbursement for fuel is available. Please ring the SCN number 01278 732149 if you think you might be able join the group of people we email each time a request comes up.

Caroline Hawkes SCN Volunteer

BUS UPDATE IN LOCKDOWN

Slinky Bus continues to operate as usual. The EDF Community Bus has been temporarily withdrawn.

Victory Hall Lottery - Temporary Suspension

Due to the Coronavirus lockdown the Trustees have decided to suspend the Victory Hall Lottery. We hope to restart in April. The subscriptions already paid by some members will be carried forward. If you have any queries about this or any other matter relating to The Victory Hall you can contact me on 0755 261 0692 or by email at stogurseyford@gmail.com

Chris Ford

Stogursey Twinning Association – STILL HERE!

First of all: THANK YOU to supporters of our Christmas Cake Draw. The lucky winner was Tony Smith so congratulations to him, and many thanks to Karen Henson for baking and organising the draw. That was the sum total of our fundraising events since our delightful Cream Tea last August but many of our usual events will return as soon as it is safe to do so.

However we are currently working on a **Recipe Book** comprising delicious tried and tested recipes for celebratory occasions from both our French friends in Lonlay L'Abbaye and from members here. There'll be starters, mains and desserts so everything you need when you start entertaining again! Maybe I'd better practise some first . . . Smoked Haddock and Spinach Mornay followed by Orange, Almond and Pecan Tart?

Future Events:

April/May 2021 Trip to Lonlay L'Abbaye to be rearranged

Further details from Caroline Hawkes 01278 733162
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Solution to Quick Crossword No. 8

January 2021

CLUES ACROSS

1. Trotsky, 5. moons, 8. narcissus, 9. pea, 10. yacht, 12. madison, 13. tongue twister, 15. Gandalf, 17. Epsom, 19. air, 20. allotment, 22. Times, 23. seaweed

CLUES DOWN

1. tangy, 2. oar, 3. Shih Tzu, 4. Yosemite Falls, 5. mused, 6. opposites, 7. scanner, 11. conundrum, 13. Taggart, 14. inertia, 16. Adams, 18. muted, 21. ewe

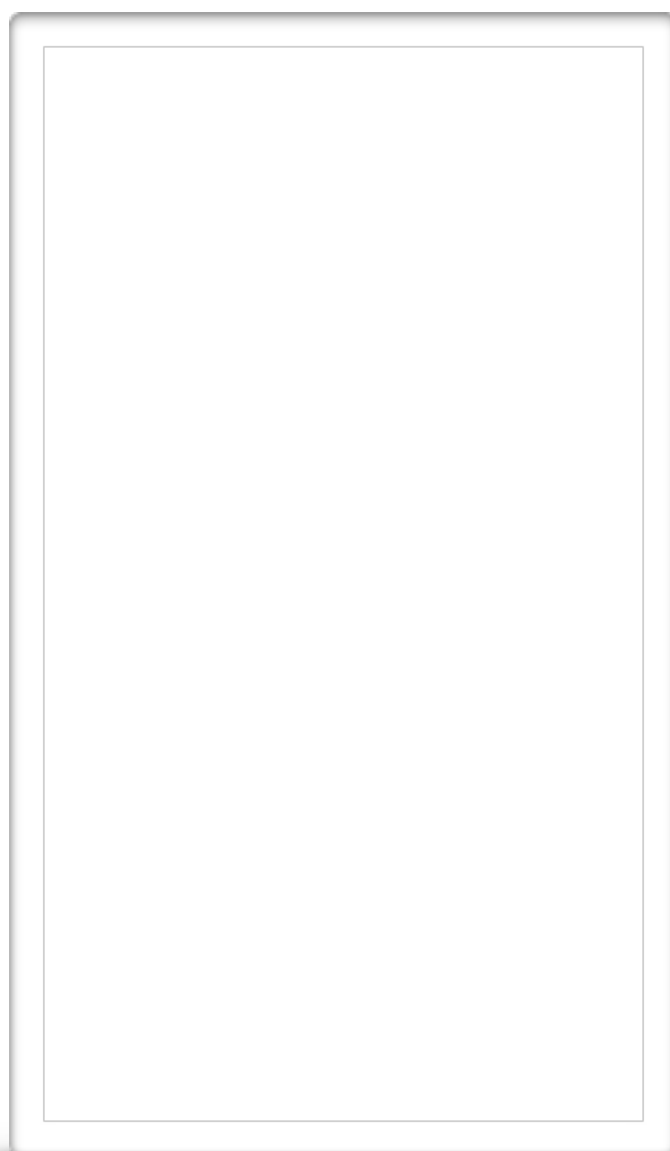
Stogursey Arts Trust

No news is good news

Earliest version attributed to King James 1616

At this moment in time, there is so much news and typographical noise, another page about creativity would seem insensitive given everything that is happening and the consequences of the current pandemic.

So in the same spirit of a minute's silence. The space below is blank. An opportunity to take a minute to look at the empty space and imagine your own thoughts, create your own images, hear music in your soul, remember conversations and stories, and conjure up memories of better times.



If you have some 'news' about your own creativity in lockdown or you want to share your responses to this month's article do get in touch (call 01278734550).

Mike Bradshaw for Stogursey Arts

Points from the Parish Council – January 2021



Local Lockdown

It is disappointing that we are once again subject to national restrictions but would encourage everyone to abide by the restrictions and stay safe. As a result, the HPC Community Bus service which had restarted, has again been suspended. We are assured that the Slinky Bus service will continue to serve those who are registered for the service. If you have not yet registered, please do so using the form included in the last Stogursey News or contact the Clerk for a copy.

Somerset Climate Emergency Community Fund

The Parish Council held two additional meetings, between their ordinary monthly meetings, to finalise their applications to the Fund for support. Several projects were put forward for consideration by many parishioners, who were all thanked for their hard work researching and preparing the bids. Following presentations and Q & A sessions two were eventually supported and have been submitted: *Growing for Health and Wellbeing*, and *To make our MUGA a true MUGA and fit for the 21st Century*. We will hopefully hear in the Spring if either or both bids have been successful.

The Gravel

It is pleasing to see that some have started to use the new community notice board rather than local telegraph poles for their posters. The Parish Council has sent letters of thanks to Ron Dyer, Derek Skeats, John Baker and Allan Searle, who along with Cllr Chris Ford did a wonderful job to ensure the Christmas lights and Christmas Tree donated by Greenslades, were erected and continued working over the Festive period.

Mike Maddison

It was with much sadness that the Parish Council marked the recent death of Mike Maddison with a minute's silence at their last meeting recognising his voluntary service to the parish over many years.

Planned daytime roadworks

Tower Hill, High Street and Church Street, Stogursey are to be closed during 0930-1800 daily between 3rd and 9th March according to a Traffic Regulation Order sent to the Parish Council by the Somerset County Highways, to allow for fibre broadband cabling work. The Parish Council is dismayed by the lack of pre-consultation, the implications of a six mile each way diversion to get from one end of the village to the other for parishioners, and is trying to get a more realistic solution of the works put in place by the contractors and the County Highways.

[Stogursey-online](#) will be updated accordingly and the contractors, Barden Network Engineering, can be contacted on 01454 281627.

Dog Fouling

The Parish Council meeting in February will debate the increasing problem of dog fouling, which is preventing regular lengthsman's maintenance around Shurton Ford and growing concerns in Stolford and Stogursey, especially on the recreation grounds of the Victory Hall.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 9th February 2021

The next Parish Council meeting will be on the Zoom platform again. Members of the public are welcome to attend the whole meeting but may only speak and ask questions during the Public Forum on matters listed on the agenda in accordance with the [Parish Council Virtual Policy](#) and [Parish Council Standing Orders](#). Please contact the Clerk for the joining instructions.

The agenda and draft minutes from the previous meeting will be displayed on the parish website www.stogursey-online.uk ahead of the meeting and on all four of the parish noticeboards.

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 stogurseyppcclerk@gmail.com

Richard Wand, Clerk to Stogursey Parish Council





Stogursey Community Network (SCN)

February Update

The SCN continues to provide support in our community, especially during the Covid-19 crisis although we will continue in the future.

New volunteers always welcome.

We can help you with the following:

- **Share-a-Meal Lunch Club** ~ On Tuesdays, we can deliver a delicious home-cooked 2-course meal to your door if you are not easily able to cook for yourself and fancy a change from 'ready-meals'.
- **NEW!** In these sometimes bleak winter months, and especially so in yet another lockdown, we are also offering home-made **Soup & Cake** on Thursdays, same conditions apply as above. (Diners may make a cash donation if they like, but this is not essential at the moment.) *Remember, you can recommend someone for this; with their permission we will contact them to arrange.*
- Requesting support from the local **Food Bank**, or referring someone else for this. We will collect the parcels and deliver them to your door.

- Helping you with advice about benefits you may be entitled to. Ask and we will put you in touch with the right person or agency to help.
- Collecting your prescription and delivering it to you if you are unable to get to the surgery or the Spar/PO to collect it.
- Driving you to a medical appointment, including doctor, dentist, optician if you are unable to get there any other way. This will be under Covid-safe guidelines in a volunteer's car. Please see box below.

How to contact us

Numbers to call:

- **07485 350560** (medical transport only)
- **01278 732149** (all other requests)

Or you can message us on our **Facebook** Page; the **StogurseyCN Facebook Page** contains links to useful information on how to access various types of support, and you can contact us via Messenger.

Voluntary Transport for Medical Appointments

(see earlier page for full details of asking for transport, or for volunteering as a driver)

There are a few people who are able to provide lifts to medical appointments only. We will do our best to respond to your request if you leave a message on **07485 350560**.

If any drivers out there feel they could volunteer, please ring the SCN number 01278 732149. Thank you.

Village Agent News



Christmas really brought out the best in everyone - following the challenging year, we had so many donations to our 'Gift of Small Things Christmas Appeal' that we were able to deliver well over 150 bags absolutely STUFFED with presents for those most in need in West Somerset. A HUGE thank you to all those people who arranged drop-off locations in their community and to the many people who donated - it made such a difference!

For Village Agents, the New Year and colder weather always brings challenges to our less fortunate clients who struggle with fuel poverty. Often the choice is between food and heating, which is a heart-breaking position to be in to have to make that choice.

We have many ways to help people in crisis:

1. **The West Somerset Crisis Fund** has proved to be an enormously valuable and valued extra "tool in the bag" for Village Agents to help people facing personal and family crises. At this time of crisis and hardship for many in our communities, this need is greater than ever, and we desperately need donations towards the fund. You can contact me directly - all support no matter how small makes a huge difference to people!

We help when others can't, won't, or don't. Some examples of what these grants have been used for recently are:

- Buying 2 mattress protectors for a carer supporting a loved one with night-time incontinence.
- Supporting a family with funeral costs after their teenage son died.

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Village Agent's News continued

- Buying children's clothes for a family who had recently lost Dad to cancer.
- Buying a washing machine for a carer who is struggling to keep up with washing demands.

2. Donate your winter fuel allowance to the Somerset Community Foundation (SCF) here: <https://www.somersetcf.org.uk/winter>.

3. Join our Community Oil Buying Scheme to ensure that you benefit from the best bulk buying discounts on your heating oil. You can find out more here: <https://ccslovesomerset.org/oil/>. We receive 50% of the annual membership fee, which goes into our Crisis Fund!

TOP TIPS for staying warm and well this winter:

- Use a hot water bottle or electric blanket to keep warm in bed – but do not use both at the same time.
- Have hot drinks often, and have at least 1 hot meal a day – eating helps keep you warm.
- Draw curtains at dusk and keep doors closed to block out draughts.
- Get your heating system checked regularly by a qualified professional.

Contact me Izzy Silvester on 07931 014045 or izzy@somersetccc.org.uk for confidential advice and support. Or visit www.ccslovesomerset.org.uk to find out more, or phone our main office number 01823 331 222

Stogursey Church Rooms Past and Present

Do you remember HG Wells' novel, 'The Time Machine'? Over the centuries, on the very same plot, buildings rose and fell, land had different uses. I have heard people who live in a house which has centuries of history behind it describe themselves as being 'custodians' just for the time being. In villages we are privileged to be a part of that living stream of history, and to have people amongst us whose memory stretches back further than ours.

One such person is Janet Mitchell, who, as a longstanding villager, remembers the days when she used to go to church in what we nowadays call the Church Rooms. The Church Rooms used to be the Non-Conformist Chapel in Stogursey, ie, the alternative to the Church of England. Janet remembers it as being Methodist, though records online suggest that it was Congregationalist, or what later became known as United Reformed. Whatever! The history of non-conformism in the village is too detailed for here, but by 1822 the Congregationalists were doing an early form of House Church as they met in a local cottage, until in 1823 they formed a church and bought an old soap factory to use as their base. After various expansions and setbacks, the church was still active in the 1970s and registered as United Reformed in 1974, but it closed in 1977 following an agreement to unite with the congregation of the parish church. The building became what we know today: a community meeting room.

After the transfer to the Church of England (the Church Rooms are for the use of the local community, managed by St Andrews PCC, but vested in Bath and Wells' Diocesan Board of Finance) St Andrew's PCC delegated the management of the Church Rooms to a PCC sub-committee. As these things happen, members of the committee either passed away, or had other spheres of interest and Bob Page was left to shoulder the responsibility for the Church Rooms on his own.

Since this was not an ideal situation, indeed unfair on Bob, we are now in the process of re-establishing the Sub-Committee of the PCC to manage and develop the Church Rooms for its continuing service to the community of the village.

The Church Rooms is much loved by the village as a compact and convenient place to hold small events. In the past people have contributed their personal touch to the building. The panels depicting the creation, which reside on the sliding doors of the loft space, were lovingly painted by a villager and equally lovingly restored in recent times by Mr Edward Heath. The Arts Festival Trust have been awarded grants to decorate and install up-to-date technological equipment for the benefit of wider users. And the Stogursey Community Network has likewise in recent times received grants to upgrade the kitchen facilities.

Towards the end of his time here as House-4-Duty priest, Revd Andrew Tatham, responding to user concerns about the fabric of the Church Rooms, convened a quarterly meeting of Users of the Church Rooms to listen to issues raised about the building. Andrew has now left and the PCC has taken the decision to re-instate the Church Rooms Management Sub-Committee. This will provide clear direction for the management and development of the Church Rooms as the PCC looks after this historic building for the benefit of all.

A constitution for the Church Rooms Management Sub-Committee is in the process of being drawn up. Membership is the Rector, Revd Nicky Morgan, as Chair; Mr Bob Page (PCC member) as Treasurer; Mrs Ann Steer (Benefice representative) as Secretary; Revd Stephen Campbell (PTO Priest) and Ms Sukey Elstob (co-opted community representative).

January 2021



Stogursey C of E Primary and Pre-School



Recently, Mr Tucker sent out a newsletter to all the parents. Here are some extracts:

"Well here we go again! After the last minute decisions by the government to close schools and only to open for priority groups, we now find ourselves in another lockdown similar to the one in March.

"It has been a huge rush to switch to remote learning but we feel we are getting there. It heartens me to hear positive feedback from parents that their children seem to know what they are doing this time, and this is causing less stress to parents who are also possibly finding themselves working from home!

"My special thanks go to the staff who worked so industriously on Tuesday (5 January) to be ready in the space of a few hours: handing out learning packs, reading books and our new Chrome books.

"Last term gave us a good chance to train the children in remote learning, and now the time has arrived for when we must use it. The children have risen to the occasion magnificently. We are proud of our children and the efforts they are already putting into their work at home.

"I am confident that Stogursey children will continue to grow throughout this difficult time, learning in a different way."

REMOTE LEARNING DURING LOCKDOWN

Most of the school pupils are learning at home, and they are being expected to do, every day, 3 hours of core learning (English, Maths and another subject set by a

teacher) and up to another hour on reading, times tables and Joe Wicks' PE.

Children are accessing a range of online lessons including video lessons prepared by the class teachers. A few pupils are also receiving paper packs delivered to their homes.

Teachers will be phoning up to check in on families regularly, and some children will be getting phone calls from the Teaching Assistants, 2-3 times a week, when they will be asked to do a little reading from their reading book down the phone.

Over time, the school intends to build up its online presence through whole class socials, storytimes and assemblies.

The 20 chromebooks provided by West Somerset Opportunity Area are now with families, and are playing their part in making remote learning a success. The school has another eight on order and understands that the government is making even more available.

NEW OFFICE MANAGER

"Mrs Pear, our new Office Manager, only started her new job with us this term, and had to deal with such a fast-moving situation over the course of her first 48 hours with us. She deserves a special mention and I am sure I can speak on behalf of the whole community in thanking her for the calm way she has been running the admin side of the school and how brilliantly she has been supporting us all in this situation. Welcome to the Stogursey Team!"

REMOTE LEARNING - Class by Class

Triscombe Class Update

by Miss Turner

Triscombe Class have settled into Remote Learning really well over these past couple of weeks. We have all begun to get into a routine and have based our learning on a book a week. So far we have looked at "The Stick Man" by Julia Donaldson, and "The Tiger who came to Tea" by Judith Kerr. We have lots more exciting books to come.

I am so impressed with their perseverance and enthusiasm especially as this is the first time of Remote Learning for our Reception classmates. All of Triscombe Class staff have loved seeing what the children have done at home such as helping out the adults at home, creating art and looking after animals.

Alfoxton Class Update

by Miss May

Since the school closure, parents and children have been working so hard at home and have been engaging extremely well with Google Classroom. Every morning there is an announcement on Google Classroom, that shares with children the plan for the day and the different learning that they will be doing. Every day, children have a Maths and English assignment to complete. They also have another assignment that could either be History, Science, RE, PSHE or Music. After the children complete each assignment they virtually 'hand in' and often upload a photograph of their work, which means that I can see all of their amazing work! There is also lots of opportunity to comment on each assignment and the children are able to communicate with each other.

Last week I began reading the book by David Walliams called 'The World's Worst Children'. Each day I read a chapter of the book and upload the video to the Google Classroom for the children to listen to. So far, the children have been really enthusiastic about the book and it has been lovely to see them enjoy

reading. Charlotte has said, "I can't wait until the next chapter".

Casey M

I loved the week miss may. I workd hrd.

JAN 18, 2021 08:57AM **Ella**

I have really enjoyed doing English and R.E and being at home with mummy.

I have really enjoyed listening to the worst children stories and also have loved the music lessons love singing we also have been doing lots of baking and walking at home xx

JAN 18, 2021 08:57AM **Maddison**

I've enjoyed writing about the magic paint brush and drawing the pictures. I've also liked listening to the rst chapters of the worst children stories.

From a snapshot of Padlet; a place where pupils can share their reflections about the week.

The children have been particularly enjoying our music lessons where they have been learning about pulse. Each week the children have watched the lesson and then completed any activities that often involve some singing. They have learnt the Hot Cross Bun song and some children have even recorded themselves singing, which is great to see.

Beacon Class Update

by Miss Day

This term children and adults have adapted to a new style of teaching and learning. Everyone has embraced the new challenges which remote learning throws out and done so with a positive attitude! Well done everyone!

Our new platform, the Google Classroom, is a brilliant way to provide lessons and provide feedback to each pupil as well as communicating with parents. It has proved far more effective than the previous paper packs – as well as more fun! This week, Beacon Class members are invited to share their pets on the weekly assembly after we met Miss Rose's dog, Mabel; and Miss Day's guinea pigs, Marley and Charlie! How exciting!

Google Classroom is proving an an exciting way to access learning and support one another (even though we all have had a lot of

learning to do about how it works). Let's share and celebrate some of the learning which has taken place so far.

Congratulations to Mason for achieving Remote Learning Certificate this week!



Two pupils from Stogursey Primary School enjoying remote learning at home.

News from the Quantock Medical Centre

Apologies for the seriousness of this article but it has to be said.

We as a practice (at the time of writing this) have not been given the go ahead to provide the Covid Vaccine from our Surgery. We are, however, working closely with all the Bridgwater practices to provide vaccinations from a central location for all our patients. We are following strict Government guidelines in terms of priority groups for vaccinations.

You will be contacted directly by the practice, by telephone, when it is your turn to have a vaccination, so please answer your phone if it rings.

Please:

- *DO NOT phone us to complain that you have not been called yet, or to ask when you will be able to book an appointment - we do not have the answers. You will be taking up the valuable time of the staff and taking up the telephone lines for patients who need medical help from the surgery.
- *DO NOT think that by having a chat with your GP you will progressed higher up the list - the call system is very strict.
- *DO NOT just turn up at the surgery or the local hospital:
 - to enquire about COVID vaccinations (there are no specific dates for vaccination clinics, they will be at short notice as and when the vaccine can be delivered)
 - to see if we are open (we are still open), or
 - for a friendly chat. We are trying to follow Covid Level 4 Lock down rules.

Covid Level 4 Lock down rules stipulate that **you should only come to the surgery** if you have an appointment or if you are collecting medication.

To book an appointment you need to call or email the Surgery - please be patient with us we are all doing our best.

DO NOT turn up at a covid vaccination location without a legitimate appointment - you will NOT be vaccinated and you will cause delays for elderly, frail patients who have a real appointment.

Helen Stacey
Quantock.mc@nhs.net

MACULAR SOCIETY EXMOOR GROUP, DULVERTON

By now, we are well into the New Year and hopefully a few steps closer to vaccination and the end of this dreadful period in all our lives.

For many years my friend, Helen McIntosh, has run a most lovely charity: THE MID DEVON MESSENGER. It is a weekly compilation of news collected from Mid Devon and Somerset newspapers and some well-needed entertainment. It is totally free to receive the pouches with recordings on memory sticks (a techie will provide members with a listening device free of charge, too). Most of us who have lost our macular eyesight miss not being able to read newspapers, and look forward eagerly to the Mid Devon Messenger arriving regularly on our doorstep.

If you are interested in joining, or you simply want to know more about it, give Helen a call on 01884 562 639.

Unfortunately, we are not allowed to resume our meetings just yet as we are waiting for our vaccinations and the go-ahead from the Macular Society who remains most concerned for our well-being.

So we thought that, in the meantime, you might be interested in meeting some of our members from the Dulverton group.

Here is Joan Barnes from Dulverton:

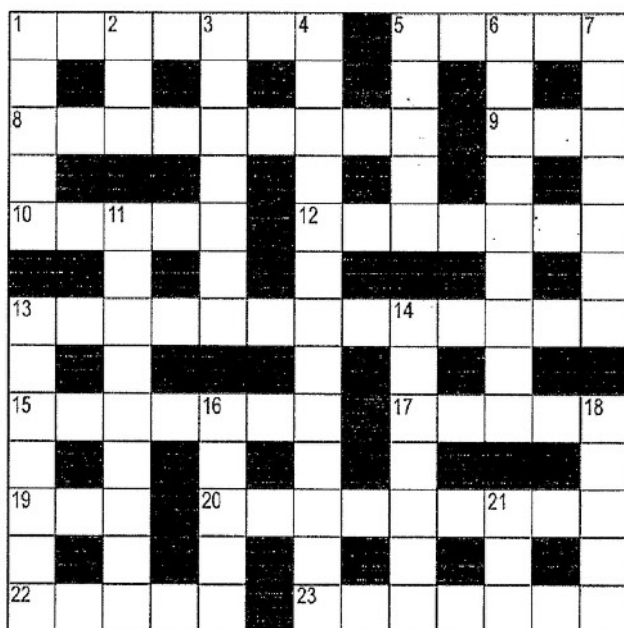
'I always enjoyed our meetings. It was interesting to meet the other members and to learn how they were coping with sight loss. I also liked the speakers Marion booked for talks about new research being done to prevent Age Related Macular Degeneration in the future, and also to hear of new devices available to make our lives easier. We did not get the opportunity to have a day or afternoon out, and the way things are going this would seem unlikely soon, but if we can kill this virus we may be able to return to a little normality and resume our meetings. I look forward to that!'

with best wishes
Marion and Royce Lindsey-Noble
Tel: 01398 371 450



Quick Crossword No.9

compiled by Helen Cuttall



CLUES ACROSS

1. Sad or guilty facial expression (7)
5. A person living outside their native country (5)
8. A wireless technology standard (9)
9. Belonging to us (3)
10. Internet search engine (5)
12. A reading desk in Church (7)
13. Our AONB (8,5)
15. Very old fashioned (7)
17. Coniferous tree with bright green needles (5)
19. A Japanese term used in martial arts (3)
20. A bulb plant with large colourful flowers (9)
22. A narrow channel for drainage (5)
23. Sea cow (7)

CLUES DOWN

1. A small falcon (5)
2. Camp - - - football stadium in Barcelona (3)
3. Large city in Michigan (7)
4. Elvis song (4,4,5)
5. Set of moral principles (5)
6. A mechanical device that rotates to push against air or water (9)
7. Game of - - - - - fantasy drama TV series (7)
11. A total number of people (9)
13. Donald Duck did this (7)
14. A period of time that was happy & peaceful (7)
16. Flooded with water (5)
18. Great speed (5)
21. Set of objects for sale in an auction (3)

Victory Hall Catering

The Takeaway service is open

Fridays 4.30pm - 7.30pm, and Saturdays 12.30pm - 6.30pm

Keep your eyes peeled for our pop-up evenings for homemade take out meals like curries, pies, pasties and pizza.

Please see the Victory Hall Facebook page and the community notice board for updates on our menus and chilled meals service.

Many thanks to our customers for their continued support of the Takeaway and we look forward to serving you.

Karen & Janet

Victory Hall Takeaway Menu

Please phone **07585517722** to order
and to reduce waiting times

*****Weekly Special*****

Updated weekly, please ask for details.

Battered Cod	£5.50	Meal £7.50
Burger	£4.00	Meal £6.00
Cheeseburger	£4.50	Meal £6.50
Battered Chicken Breast Burger (with lettuce, tomato & mayo)	£5.50	Meal £7.50
Victory Special Burger (with cheese, bacon & onion rings)	£5.50	Meal £7.50
Battered Chicken Breast Chunks	£4.00	Meal £6.00
Vegetarian Nuggets (v)	£4.00	Meal £6.00
Pork Sausage (each)	£2.00	Meal £6.00
Vegetarian Sausage (each) (v)	£1.50	Meal £5.00

Children's menu

Cod Bites	Meal	£4.50
Mini Burger	Meal	£4.00
Mini Cheese Burger	Meal	£4.50
Chicken Breast Chunks	Meal	£4.00
Pork Sausage	Meal	£3.50
Vegetarian Nuggets. (v)	Meal	£4.00
Vegetarian Sausage (v)	Meal	£3.50

Meals are served with hand cut chips with either baked beans, garden peas or coleslaw.

Extras

Chips	£3.00
Cheesy Chips (v)	£4.00
Baked Beans, Garden Peas, Coleslaw	£1.00
Curry Sauce	£1.00
Onion Rings	£1.00

**Allergen details available on request
(v) - Suitable for vegetarians**

Immy's Update

Covid

I know that the movement of workers to and from our region has been an area of concern for some in the community. That is why in the lead up to Christmas we took expert advice on the best way to prepare for workers returning after their breaks.

As a result, in early January we began completing an extensive testing programme - doubling our capacity for random and targeted testing across the entire workforce. This is identifying people carrying the virus, even if they don't show any symptoms. If they test positive, they will be asked to self-isolate in line with Government guidance. All new starters will continue to be tested at our testing centre at Junction 23.

We also know that personal responsibility and reinforcing the right behaviours is paramount. We are continuing to increase our team of "Covid Champions" who are reinforcing safe behaviours whilst communicating to all employees the importance of Covid safety. Our approach has been commended by Public Health England and our independent regulator, the Office for Nuclear Regulation.

I want to reassure you that we will not drop our guard in the coming months as the national vaccination programme is rolled out. Our extensive measures to prevent infection are proving to be effective and they will continue to be in place for as long as the risk exists.

Managing the future workforce

I also wanted to let you know about our plans to manage our workforce numbers in the future. As the Hinkley Point C Project moves into the next major phase of construction we have reviewed the number of people we will need to safely build the new power station. We now expect that during the busiest years of construction over 8,500 people will be working to complete one of the UK's most important infrastructure projects.

This will create thousands of additional employment opportunities for people locally, in construction, supply and support for the project. New training courses and facilities such as the Hinkley Support Operative Programme, the Welding Centre of Excellence and Electrical Centre of Excellence will be in place to support people of all backgrounds and skill levels into new, long-term careers. As you can imagine, we are also working with the Local Authorities and the community to minimise and mitigate any impacts from the growing workforce.

If you would like to find out more, please get in touch via the details below to register to attend a virtual event where we will share information and give you the opportunity to speak with a member of our team.

Take care,
Immy

Get in touch

Website: edfenergy.com/hpc **Email:** hinkley-enquiries@edf-energy.com **Telephone:** 0333 009 7070

Hinkley Point C - Monthly Update

Big Carl, our heavy lift crane, was kept busy in December completing several large lifts. Plus, we completed the excavation of our first water cooling tunnel. Find out more below.



Big Carl lifted the first of three massive prefabricated steel rings which form the reinforced cylinder around the nuclear reactor, into place on Reactor 1.

The 17m tall ring with a diameter of 47m was lifted out of a bunker where it was constructed in factory conditions – one of the innovations to improve quality on the project.

The core catcher slab, weighing 862 tonnes, was lifted into place on Reactor 1. The core catcher is a safety feature that in an extreme emergency scenario will prevent contamination escaping from the containment building.



The slab is 18m long by 11m wide and is 5m tall. The complete unit weighs in at 862 tonnes which is equivalent to around 8 blue whales!



Mary, our first Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM), has reached the end of her 3.5km journey to complete intake tunnel 1. Attention now turns to the two remaining tunnels for the water cooling system.

Emmeline has started on her 1.8km journey mining the outfall tunnel, and Beatrice, responsible for intake tunnel 2, is set to launch early this year.

Applications are now open for Elevate, our professional development programme for those aged 16-21. This 10 day course is entirely free and run online with Weston College.



Find out more about Young HPC on our website.

Get in touch

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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: Richard Wand 01278 652534

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. **Read Parish Council notes within for
details of how to join the Parish Council's video-meetings.**

West Somerset & Ward Councillors:

Chris Morgan crr.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

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Hinkley Point C Drop-Ins /Main Site Forums

**Main Site forums currently being held on-line - see back
page for details.**

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

Stogursey Community Network (SCN)

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/StogurseyCSN

Phone: 01278 732149.

Medical Transport/voluntary driver: 07485 350560

Health Centres

Cannington 01278 652335

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Out-of-hours (for both centres) 111

**The surgeries held in the Church Rooms and St Audries
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♥ - on the wall outside Stogursey Motors, Stogursey

♥ - side entrance of Babbling Brook Inn, Shurton

Mobile Library: Route G

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

Shurton

Babbling Brook 12.15 pm - 12.45 pm

Stogursey

Greyhound Inn 1.25 pm - 2.20 pm

Town Close (No 30) 2.25 pm - 3.00 pm

Next Visiting Dates in 2021:

11 Feb; 11 Mar; 8 April; 6 May; 3 June

For more information, contact Libraries Direct by

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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)

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

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

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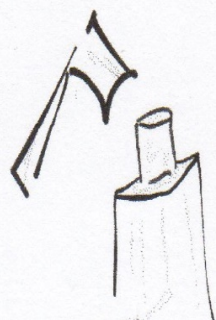
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24th June 2021

21st October 2021

We still plan to hold our Community Drop in sessions, as and when Government guidance allows us to.

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