

# **STOGURSEY NEWS**



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## **April 2021**

## Editorial

Isn't it good to feel Spring really arriving with its longer, lighter days? The village is feeling more alive now; the children are again making their daily journeys to and from school and, as you will read, have clearly been enjoying themselves.

Looking ahead to the summer, read about this year's alternative 'Front Garden Flower Show' which has some stimulating and creative suggestions for everyone, whether or not you have a garden. There are lots of ideas to think about, one being whether or not the new 'show' should be competitive or just for fun, providing enjoyment to whoever passes our doors.

But if you are creative and do enjoy a bit of a competition be sure to read the SCN's request on p.5!

Several articles remind us of how hard people work for others in our community, as groups of volunteers or by showing individual acts of kindness. The photo on page 11 is a great example of a local effort revealing the results of a 'short lockdown litter pick' in Stolford, (though what a shame that there is a need for this to be done at all). But sometimes things are dropped by accident. C Hawkes contributes her lovely article thanking fellow walkers who have helped to restore to her two much-valued items.

We hope you enjoy reading this month's Stogursey News, and we send Easter Greetings to all our readers.

The Editorial Team

### Stogursey-Online.uk

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

You can post local upcoming events on the parish website [www.stogursey-online.uk](http://www.stogursey-online.uk)

Stogursey News is posted every month on the website - useful if the delivery of your paper copy is delayed.

### Stogursey News

This is an independent voluntary initiative. It is printed free of charge as a contribution to the community by Hinkley Point B (EdF).

The News offers an extra page monthly for the use of Hinkley Point C (EdF) to keep local residents well-informed.

Deadline for **MAY** contributions:  
**10.00 am Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

### How to contribute to Stogursey News:

#### a) by email:

- \* Prepare your contribution as a 'word' document.
- \* Attach it to an email.
- \* Send it to [stogurseynews@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stogurseynews@hotmail.co.uk)

#### b) by hand:

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

#### A few points to remember:

- Submit your contribution by the deadline date.
- Keep within the 500-word limit.
- Provide your contact details so that we can get in touch if we need to edit.  
*(Stogursey News Team reserves the right to edit contributions for length and layout.)*
- Send your contribution each and every month you would like it published.
- Your illustrations must be copyright free.  
*(Stogursey News will not be liable for costs resulting from prosecution if this condition is ignored.)*

We look forward to receiving your contributions.

**Thank you**

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## Response to Rosemary's Recollections

Dear Rosemary,

Personal memories of life in Stogursey are always of interest to incomers like me, with only 20 years behind me in the village. Your account of your life here as a child was no exception, full of fascinating details from the 1930s and 1940s. I didn't know that American soldiers were stationed nearby. The segregated accommodation of black and white soldiers is a shocking reflection of a prevailing system. Still, the black soldiers join the poet and political activist Wordsworth as notable former residents of Alfoxden.

It was heartwarming to read about your mother welcoming the black soldiers home for tea and cake after singing Gospel hymns at the Congregational Church. I am sure they appreciated the hospitality, such a change from the remoteness of Alfoxden. They won't have forgotten the experience if they had the fortune to survive World War Two. Your family sounds a very special one, of which you are rightly proud.

Thank you for sharing some of your memories with us.

*Jane Taunton*

### FREE COFFEE!

Our Lavazza coffee machine has died, and as a result we have almost 4 boxes (16) of Lavazza Espresso Passionale capsules.

Free to anyone who has a similar or compatible machine.

Please ring 732258

## THE VICTORY HALL AND PLAYING FIELD

The Hall and Playing Field are operated by a Charitable Trust. They are not paid for out of your council taxes. The Trust has to raise £10,000 every year to run the hall and keep the field in good order. The main expenses are gas (for heating), electricity, water, grass cutting and hedge trimming, insurance, cleaning and Performing Rights fees. The main income is from the fees for hiring the hall but this is not enough to pay all the costs.

**The Victory Hall Lottery** is an important source of funds. It is run by Ron Dyer, and this is where we would like your help.

The lottery will restart at the beginning of April and we need some more members. It only costs £1 per month, although we prefer to receive an annual payment of £12.

The draw is done every month, the prizes are:

	1st	2nd	3rd
December	£100	£50	£25
June	£60	£30	£15
Other ten months	£25	£15	£10

If you would like to help keep the hall and field running by joining our lottery, please call Ron on 01278 732688, or fill in the form below and drop it in to Ron at 32 Town Close, Stogursey.

Thank you.

*Chris Ford*  
*on behalf of the Stogursey and District*  
*Victory Hall Committee*

### Victory Hall & Youth Club Lottery

I would like to join the Victory Hall Lottery:

Name: .....

Address: .....

Tel No: .....

Payment: £12 for one year (or £1 per month)

☒ your preferred payment method:

☐ cash

☐ cheque (Cheques should be made out to Stogursey and District Victory Hall Committee)

☐ BACS payment. Sort Code 31-91-20. Account Number 00342022. Reference 'Lottery'

## Flower Show

We had hoped to hold the Flower Show this year in the village hall, but have decided that an indoor event may be too difficult to organise whilst future Covid restrictions are unknown.

However we are thinking about a **Front Garden Flower Festival** in September that will form a trail around the parish for everyone who would like to take part. If, like me, you don't have a front garden then how about hanging baskets, troughs or just a pot on the doorstep. It doesn't need to be restricted to flowers, the display could be fruit or vegetables. There are plenty of varieties that grow in small spaces and containers. We are just hoping for a colourful and joyful display.

We have various ideas, including people putting a small table outside displaying floral arrangements, crafts, produce from the garden and kitchen so that we encompass the spirit of the Flower Show. We could also think about judging displays if people would be interested in a competition. Perhaps the allotment gardeners would be keen to be involved too. We have approached Mike and Tim, Stogursey Arts Festival, to see if, between us, we can make a really special event for the whole area. I know that there are plenty of keen gardeners around, especially since this pandemic has restricted us all to our homes, so I am hoping that there will be lots of people wishing to taking part. We also have many clever crafters, bakers and flower arrangers too.

If you have any ideas that you think could work outdoors for the Flower Show this year please do email them to me [fiona2591@gmail.com](mailto:fiona2591@gmail.com).

Fingers crossed we can see a light at the end of this very long tunnel and a brighter summer is coming.  
Take care all.

*Fiona Johnson, Flower Show Organiser*

## STOGURSEY ALMSHOUSES VACANCY



There is a vacancy for a ground floor one-bedroom flat in St Andrews Road, Stogursey, with a view to occupancy commencing as soon as possible, subject to the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions and being able to arrange interviews etc.

For further information and/or an Application Form, please contact:

Mrs Pauline Kaye  
Steward to the William Paulett Charity  
30 Lime Street  
Stogursey TA5 1QR

Tel: 01278 734550  
Email: [pfkaye@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pfkaye@yahoo.co.uk)

**Completed Application forms to be submitted to  
Mrs Kaye by 5.00 pm Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

## LOST AND FOUND

A few months ago now I lost a little glove while on a dog walk and looked in vain for it for several days (green glove, green grass – no chance!) I was a bit upset at first as my son who I've not seen for over a year gave them to me but eventually I 'let it go'. However I went a slightly different route a week or so later and there was the glove! Some kind walker had put it on a gate post. So here's a THANK YOU for that small act of thoughtfulness. I have done the same with a bobble hat and hope eventually someone claims it (black with a furry bobble).

More recently I lost an earring and thought it might turn up in our garden but lo and behold there it was on the gatepost leading up to the castle a few days later so another kind soul had been at work! THANK YOU to you too!

*My reunited pairs*



I know one should end on a positive note but how I wish some of my fellow dog-walkers were more thoughtful and picked up the mess their dogs leave – yes even from the long grass please – don't forget to always have spare bags with you – and as for those owners who let them out to do it on our pavements – it beggars belief! I think one day we will have to have cameras out for a bit or start to trace the excrement to the dog and then fine the owner.

*C Hawkes*





## Stogursey Community Network (SCN)

April Update

### SCN Support available includes:

#### Lunch Club Meals delivered to your door ~

##### Tuesdays & Thursdays

(Diners pay with a cash donation of their choice)

*You can recommend someone else for this service.*

*With their permission we will contact them to arrange.*

#### Food Bank Deliveries –

the SCN is an official outpost of the Quantock Food Bank.

We can collect and deliver food bags to families and individuals who have been referred by the appropriate Agencies, including our Village Agents.

#### Fareshare Food Supplies ~

We have a supply of packaged food from the Fareshare charity to distribute to anyone needing extra help at this time. Get in touch if you, or someone you know, could use a delivery of supermarket-standard food.

- Collecting your **medical prescription** and delivering it to you at home, 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, physiotherapy etc if you are unable to get there any other way. This will be under Covid-safe guidelines in a volunteer's car. **Please see SCN Voluntary Transport information.**

### How to contact us

- **Medical transport only: 07485 350560**
- **All other requests: 01278 732149**  
Or message us via **Facebook: StogurseyCN Facebook.**

*All information is treated in accordance with standard Data Confidentiality Policy.*



Grand Opening of the weekly

### TUESDAY LUNCHES!

In the Stogursey Church Rooms

**22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021**

Doors open 12.00

Lunch served from 12.30

Everyone welcome. Booking essential!

(Payment by donation of your choice)

Look out for further information in future  
Stogursey News editions,  
and on the SCN Facebook page and posters.

## COMPETITION!

### Are you creative and imaginative? We need your ideas!

We need a brand-new logo for our

#### TUESDAY LUNCHES

*(see above)*

Can you design a suitable logo for this new  
community venture?

Prize for the Winner, to be chosen and announced  
for the May edition of Stogursey News

All entries to Stogursey Community Network:

Drop your entry off at either:

The Coach House, High Street, Stogursey;  
or in the

Stogursey News Box in the Post Office  
*(with your name and contact details)*

or send your entry to [sukey.elstob@btinternet.com](mailto:sukey.elstob@btinternet.com)

by the deadline of

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

## Stogursey Arts Trust

### "I believe we are witnessing the beginning of the next chapter in art history, digital art."

*Beeple (Mike Winkelmann):  
Christies Auction House March 2021*

Beeple had just sold the world's first purely digital 'non-fungible-token' (NFT) based artwork for a record \$69,346,250 or £50 million to us in the UK. For those of you who do not have a computer or access to one, this must seem yet another example of 'digital apartheid' and for those who have an interest in the value of art, this may make you ask the question as to 'why would someone pay so much for something that only exists 'inside' a computer?'

'The First 5000 Days', the title of the piece, was started in May 2007, and consists of a composite collection of digital images, generated each day for 5000 days. Regardless of what you may think of the subject matter and visual quality of the work (that's if you can access it!) the concept and definition of the monetary worth of an NFT raises philosophical as well as further questions for the ongoing debate on how we value Art.

So in anticipation of this generating interesting and possibly very animated discussions on the subject, your task this month,

should you accept it (as '*mission possibly impossible*'); is to swat up on what Blockchains, cryptocurrencies, Bitcoins, and Ethereum are all about and send in your answers/understanding in to Stogursey News to share and start the debate.

As we are on the subject of the 'value of art', did you know that there are 60 differentiated criteria, which are used to establish a total of 96 marks in assessing GCSE Art? If you find the criteria difficult to comprehend, there are various on-line videos you can access (sorry again if you don't have a computer), presented by students who have achieved A grades for their artwork. These videos in the main focus on telling you how to present and justify your work to examiners using a number of personally, prescriptive examples. This raises the question: is this really about the presentation of a product or from an examiner's view, evidencing the learning through engaging with the process? As in all judgements on creativity, should these young aspiring artists be focusing on copying examples of presentation or should they be finding their own approach, solving problems of visual communication and expressing their original thought?

In leaving aside the financial value and establishing a critical value, it would be interesting to apply these examining criteria to 'The First

5000 Days' and test the outcome with how people react subjectively. Sadly, and then again, you would need a computer to do this!

On other news; it's exciting to hear that Watchet will be opening its new Art Gallery and workspace on the East Quay this summer. Lockdown Road Map pending, the project team are aiming for the 24<sup>th</sup> of July as a provisional date and we will be reporting on progress and confirmed dates over the next few months. The Lynda Cotton Gallery, also in Watchet, is considering opening a new 'bijou' extension to the existing gallery in Swain Street. The Mayfly Studio in the yard next to the Baptist Church, will potentially house the Hans Schwarz Collection.

There are many in Stogursey who will remember Hans, who worked for over forty years in the studio next to the Well. In 2017 there was a major retrospective exhibition of his work in the Museum of Somerset and with the opening of a new gallery collection, those who have yet to discover his work will have a great opportunity to see it. More info to follow.

If you want to share your creative news and responses or indeed if you have any questions about this month's article, do get in touch (call us on 01278734550).

*Mike Bradshaw for Stogursey Arts*



## MACULAR SOCIETY Exmoor Support Group

As the numbers have grown larger on my birthday cards, I have found that the ailments necessitating a visit to to doctor are mainly age-related. It is not surprising then if you live long enough most things will come your way.

Hence about twenty years ago, aged 67, I decided to visit the doctor as I thought I had a minute imperfection in my right eye, which finally ended in the doctor at Minehead saying I had a spot and to come and see him if the door post became wavy. Thus then was my odd and unscientific introduction to macular degeneration. I have been very lucky as it has taken all those years for my dry macular to get to the state where getting a new pair of glasses is a waste of time.

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My wife is a very avid reader (even reads the junk mail) and one day looking in the Exmoor News she noted there was a meeting at the Exmoor Medical Centre for people with macular degeneration, on the following Thursday.

So it was following my policy, better keep the wife happy, that I found myself on the next Thursday making my way to the Medical Centre. Now, looking back over these past few years, I realise what good advice that was. I have learnt so much from our guest speakers and

been made aware that there are a small army of good people working our behalf. On a more practical note, where else can you get a cup of tea and naughty chocolate biscuits and spend a few hours with like-minded souls?

So having converted my brownie points from my wife to chocolate brownie from Marion, why not join us; you have nothing to lose, after all you have lost some of your sight already.

John Sims, Dulverton



Bereavement Support Champion, Andrew Wilcox, has been supporting bereaved people across Somerset for years. Here he shares some reflections and lessons he's learnt along the way:

### Five things I've learnt offering bereavement support

#### Grieving

There are usually good and bad days, most people find the good days gradually outnumber the bad days, aided sometimes with a little help on the way.

#### Silence is golden

You don't have to keep talking and maybe struggling for things to say.

Silence really is golden and gives us a chance to really hear what is being said and particularly the way that it is said.

#### Listening

Really listening allows a 'coming together' even on the phone. The mind can move away from brain thinking and into another dimension where true empathy comes into its own and the magic of healing is facilitated.

#### Your presence is a gift

Don't pretend you are a doctor and can give advice to make any physical problems disappear. The person doesn't expect this and any healing that is required can take place by virtue of your very presence.

#### Plan for the end

During our lives we all share two common events, our birth and our death. Births are planned for and celebrated; deaths should be no different.

*If you or someone you know, is affected by grief or bereavement, and would like to talk to someone, please call the Somerset Bereavement Support Service call 0800 3047 412 (Monday to Saturday, 9am to 5pm)*

*The Somerset Bereavement Support Service can offer a variety of support to adults and children over 12 in Somerset. The service has been commissioned by Public Health at Somerset County Council with support from Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group and Somerset Community Foundation. It is provided in partnership by end-of-life charity Marie Curie and mental health charity Mind in Somerset.*

**Mindline Somerset**  
Emotional support helpline  
Coronavirus



**01823 276 892**

Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

## Solution to Quick Crossword No. 10 - March 2021

### CLUES ACROSS

1. weekend, 5. March, 8. dorsal fin, 9. Dec, 10. Nepal, 12. Bahrain, 13. St Patrick's Day, 15. utensil  
17. radar, 19. Poe, 20. cetaceous, 22. darns, 23. rainbow

### CLUES DOWN

1. widen, 2. err, 3. epaulet, 4. defibrillator, 5. Mynah, 6. red handed, 7. Hackney, 11. puppeteer  
13. slurped, 14. Karachi, 16. Sachs, 18. resow, 21. orb





# Stogursey C of E Primary and Pre-School



**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March was a special day - all the children were welcomed back into school.**

Here are just some of the activities the pupils have engaged in during their first week back.



For our first few days back at school, we have spent lots of time outside doing circle time activities which has given the children the chance to talk about what home learning had been like for them.



The children also had great fun learning all about the BFG and loved making their very own dream jar!



In **Beacon Class**, amongst the learning we have been building relationships through play. Here you can see pupils enjoying a fantastic portrait drawing class with a difference - no looking at the paper until the end!

Many giggles were had by all!

We have also been thinking about getting along.

Pupils constructed some puppets to think about how conflicts can be resolved if they arise.

They are working hard to produce a film to share in the future!





## Happy Lunchtimes

Mr Tucker has been delighted with the way children have come back this week and got back into the swing of things, playing happily and learning to socialise once again.

He said, "Today, it was a joy to see Stogursey children all engaged in activities, and it was great to see our Year 6 Sports Leaders leading activities. The children were having such a fun time!"

The school has been focusing on rebuilding and reconnecting friendships since the lockdown as part of the catch-up plan.



### Amelia, Year 6 Sports Leader

Amelia really enjoyed leading her activities this week. She drew a big crowd with her hoops activity. Amelia wants to change the rules and hoop sizes next time so it is good that she is thinking about improving things.

Ruby took part and said, "I liked how Amelia ran the game. It was fair." Summer added, "It made me feel joyful. I can't wait for the next time."



The Year 6 leaders were trained by Mrs Bax from Haygrove School and our thanks go to her for bringing this excellent leadership programme to us.



**We've had a wonderful week back at school.  
The children have really enjoyed seeing each other again.**

## Points from the Parish Council – March 2021

### Planned daytime roadworks

We understand that Shurton Road is to be closed by Wessex Water between the Shurton Lane turning and the new HPC Emergency Exit turning between 19<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> April, with a diversion via Stogursey.

The road works which took place on Church Road/High Street and Tower Hill Stogursey in early March have not been completed. We understand that work will be undertaken on one evening to finalise the installation, but the date is not yet known. Please visit [www.travelsomerset.co.uk](http://www.travelsomerset.co.uk) website where such information is regularly published and updated.

It has been agreed that the Parish Council will be updated ahead of Abnormal Load movements from Combwich Wharf to Hinkley Point, details will be circulated to Councillors and published on Stogursey Online.

### “Fly the Flag for Somerset” - May 11th 2021



You can help to celebrate Somerset on the County's Somerset Day which helps to promote the wonderful county and all it has to offer. The flagpole on the Gravel will fly the Somerset Flag for the weekend, and there are flags and bunting ideas for children to colour and display available from [www.somersetday.com/downloads](http://www.somersetday.com/downloads).

In light of current restrictions it is hoped that families will help the county display a sea of flags to celebrate Somerset.

### Defibrillators

Just a reminder that there are three units across the Parish;

- one located outside the Corner Shop and Stogursey Motors,
- one at the Babbling Brook Inn, Shurton and
- one in the porch of St Peter's Church in Stolford.

They are accessible 24 hours a day, but remember to phone 999 first, before going for the unit. We have not been able to have local training courses to help users understand how they are used, but they all have easy to follow instructions with the unit, anyone can operate it.

There is a useful St John Ambulance video [How to Use a Defibrillator \(AED\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UFvL7wTFzI0) at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=UFvL7wTFzI0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UFvL7wTFzI0)

### Community Bus

We have been told that HPC hope to re-start the Community Bus service in April, subject to restrictions applicable at the time. Watch out for an update on the website, social media and parish noticeboards.

### Somerset Climate Emergency Community Fund

The Parish Council have been informed that neither of its applications for support have been successful, “Repurposing the MUGA for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” and “Growing for Health and Wellbeing”. The latter has been referred on for further consideration by Somerset Community Fund, which has given assistance to the Stogursey Community Network (SCN) over the last year, so we await the outcome of their consideration.

### The next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 13th April 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. My phone number is 01278 652534 or you can e-mail me at [stogurseypcclerk@gmail.com](mailto:stogurseypcclerk@gmail.com)

It is likely that from May Parish Council meetings will return to the Victory Hall.

*Richard Wand*, Clerk to Stogursey Parish Council

### The Symptoms

The death we meet is never late  
And never early.  
The way ahead is never straight,  
It's always curly.

Loveliness is crystal clear  
And yet it's pearly.  
Far away is very near,  
And always curly.

*by Michael Leunig*



## News from the Quantock Medical Centre

As you are aware, we have been working with the Bridgwater Practices providing Covid vaccination clinics at the North Petherton Rugby Club and locally at our own practice when we have been able to get hold of the AstraZeneca vaccine. It has been surprisingly hard work making the thousands of phone calls required to persuade people to come forward to have the vaccine. Our patient population at the practice is approximately 3734. From the start of this year to the time of writing (19<sup>th</sup> Feb) we have been able to vaccinate over 1429 of our patients with their first vaccine which is a great achievement.

Somerset came top in the country reaching their target of 96.3% of the over 80-year olds vaccinated, and 93.4% of the over 70-year olds vaccinated. Quite an achievement with an amazing team effort across the practices, and the help of some wonderful volunteers.

From a local point of view, I would also like to praise our team members at the practice for their hard work and tireless efforts to contact patients to book these appointments, and for giving up their time to come in and run these clinics, and not forgetting to mention the help from the volunteers manning the car parks helping to keep people safe. Thank you.

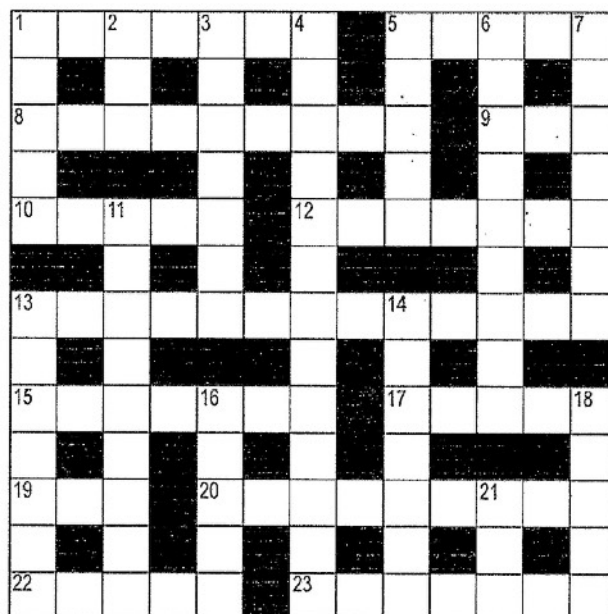
So given the number of phone calls we are having to make, we are trialling a text message system; if you have a modern mobile phone you will receive a text to directly book your appointment. We trialled it for our practice clinic and within 10 minutes, 115 appointments out of 200 were booked in, which was brilliant.

We will of course still contact people on land lines if you do not respond to the text. Please make sure we have your correct details. If you are not sure contact us and we will check. You can email on [quantock.mc@nhs.net](mailto:quantock.mc@nhs.net) with your correct details, or drop us a note into the surgery.

*Helen Stacey, Practice Manager*

## Quick Crossword No. 11

compiled by Helen Cuttall



### CLUES ACROSS

1. An archangel (7)
5. Thin potato snack (5)
8. Antony and ----- (9)
9. Susan (3)
10. Leaves out (5)
12. Elevator operator (7)
13. Doing a swing dance (13)
15. Water sport using a board (7)
17. Capital of Ghana (5)
19. Informal document acknowledging debt (3)
20. Turning the soil (9)
22. Poem of serious reflection (5)
23. The first lunar phase (3,4)

### CLUES DOWN

1. Small lizard (5)
2. Important pollinating insect (3)
3. Deadlock (7)
4. Custer's last stand (6,7)
5. Chiff ----- a spring bird (5)
6. Someone who is unable to sleep (9)
7. Old German penny (7)
11. Intervening period (9)
13. Shrub with fragrant flowers (7)
14. Large city in Scotland (7)
16. Suggest something without directly saying (5)
18. A noble gas (5)
21. In my opinion (3)



A short lockdown litter pick in Stolford from Priors Cottage to Bavview Farm.  
*James Brereton*



## Village Agent News



Spring is in full swing and so is the COVID-19 vaccine roll out! Hopefully by mid-April the 40-50 year old age group will be invited to have their vaccinations.

If you are an unpaid carer you are eligible to be vaccinated along with the person you care for. Here is a handy guide:

<https://somerseccarers.org/news/unpaid-carers-vaccine-group-6/>

Please do register with your Doctor's surgery to let them know you are an unpaid carer if you haven't already done so. Full details on the Somerset roll-out of the vaccine can be found here:

<https://www.somersecccg.nhs.uk/health/local-services/health-services-during-coronavirus/covid-19-vaccinations-in-somerset/>

However, there will be many people still shielding and extremely isolated until restrictions are further eased in the summer. If this is you, have you thought about joining a Befriending Service? CCS has a NEW project called **CHAT TO CONNECT** for Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) People.

Do you want to meet new people in a similar position to you, with shared interests? We know it's good to talk and share experiences. We can connect you with another person who is on the CEV list to keep your spirits up – you are not alone. Complete the short online registration form, and we will match you with another person with similar interests and hobbies.

You may need some technical support in order to connect with someone so we are also offering one-to-one virtual support with phones, tablets, and laptops, downloading apps, and using Zoom or Whatsapp.

We have people ready to help you get online and talk to others! Go to: <https://ccslovesomerset.org/chat-to-connect/>

There are other similar services in Somerset too –

- **Age UK Somerset's** Friendly Phone Calls service  
Phone: 01823 345613 or email [befriending@ageuksomerset.org.uk](mailto:befriending@ageuksomerset.org.uk), or visit <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/somerset/our-services/befriending-service/>
- **British Red Cross** – Get help with loneliness: <https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-help/get-help-with-loneliness>
- **Mind in Somerset** are launching some 'Somerset Wellbeing Friends' groups which focus on tackling loneliness, improving life skills and promoting coping

strategies. Phone: 01935 474875 <https://www.mindinsomerset.org.uk/somerset-wellbeing-friends/>

- **The Silver Line** Free confidential helpline providing information, friendship and advice to older people  
Phone: 0800 470 8090 <https://www.thesilverline.org.uk/>

### Other ways to connect to people

If you are on Facebook –there are local community pages or Covid support groups. In the Facebook search bar, type the area in which you live, and then select groups to view.

Most organisations have been able to move online, why not check out some online groups:

### Book Clubs

- The Reader <https://www.thereader.org.uk/> 0151 729 2200
- Somerset Libraries Reading Groups: <http://somersecclibraries.co.uk/events/categories/reading-groups/>

**Men's Sheds** - community spaces for men to connect, converse and create. They help reduce loneliness and isolation, but most importantly, they're fun.

<https://menssheds.org.uk/>

**Keeping Active** - There are some great resources in Somerset that you can access online during the current restrictions

- **Somerset Activity & Sports Partnerships** – ideas for all ages and abilities <https://www.sasp.co.uk/be-active-at-home>
- **Sport England** <https://www.sportengland.org/jointhemovement>
- **AGE UK Somerset** have some great suggestions - <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/somerset/activities-and-events/exercise-sessions/>

### Business Networking – Social Enterprise network

<https://ccslovesomerset.org/somerset-social-enterprise/>

**Courses** – Thinking of starting a new career or want to learn something new? Try Somerset Skills & Learning: <https://www.sslcourses.co.uk/>

or Step Up Somerset [www.stepupsomerset.org.uk](http://www.stepupsomerset.org.uk) - Helping you find where you need to be.

2021 feels much more optimistic as things slowly return to normal – why not use these last few weeks of lockdown to explore some hobbies or interests? You never know what new friendships you may find or a new interest that puts a spring in your step!

**For free confidential advice and support phone Izzy Silvester on 07931 018045**

## Contacts and Parish Information

### Parish Councillors:

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

Sue Goss (vice-Chair)

Judy Bastick, Rebecca Calvert, Eileen Chave,  
Chris Ford, Susan E Jones, Steve O'Driscoll,  
Jenny Ody, Helga Staddon

Clerk: 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](mailto: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

### EdF Main Site Neighbourhood Forum

#### Representatives for the Hamlets:

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Sue Jones [suekibjones@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:suekibjones@yahoo.co.uk) 732275

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Parish Council Member: Chris Ford

West Som District & Ward Councillor: Sue Goss

### EdF Contacts:

#### Hinkley Point C Drop-Ins /Main Site Forums

Main Site forums currently being held on-line:  
**24 June; 21 October.** Phone 0333 0097070  
or email: [hinkley-enquiries@edf-energy.com](mailto:hinkley-enquiries@edf-energy.com)

#### 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](https://www.facebook.com/StogurseyCSN)

Phone: 01278 732149.

Medical Transport/voluntary driver: 07485 350560

### Health Centres

Cannington 01278 652335

Quantock (Nether Stowey) 01278 732696

Out-of-hours (for both centres) 111

**The surgeries held in the Church Rooms and St Audries  
Centre in Stogursey are temporarily cancelled.**

### ♥ Defibrillators - 2 in the parish:

♥ - 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:

**postponed until further notice**

For more information, contact Libraries Direct by

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Email at [www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries](http://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](mailto: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.**

Give as much information, including names, as you possibly  
can. The more complaints received, the more justification  
to allocate staff to deal with problems.

*Make phone calls at the time of the disturbance.*

*Complainants' names are not released to the perpetrators.*

## Immy's Update – HPC Jobs Service Special

Following conversations with local councillors and residents, I wanted to use my update this month to share the ways in which job seekers can find out about the growing number of job opportunities at Hinkley Point C and how you can find support and guidance to apply for them.

### Aren't all jobs construction based?

Put simply, no! Whilst construction and engineering roles are vital, a wide range of skills are required to keep the site moving. We need bus drivers to get workers around, chefs to keep them fed, facilities staff to keep offices clean... plus planners to schedule the sequence of construction works, a finance team to manage the pennies and communication roles like mine to keep everyone up to date with what's going on.

### How can I find out about job opportunities at Hinkley Point C?

The best way to keep up to date with job opportunities is by:

- Registering on the HPC Jobs Service website - [hpcjobsservice.edfenergy.com](https://hpcjobsservice.edfenergy.com)
- Following the Hinkley Point C (HPC) Jobs Service group on Facebook

### I've found the perfect new job - How can I get support in applying for it?

Sandra, shown right, is a key member of the HPC Jobs Service team who can help you with an application. Whether that's building your CV, answering questions about the role or talking you through the application process. Hopefully soon we'll be able to run our face to face community drop in sessions again, until then, you can get in touch by:

- Email [hinkley-jobs@edf-energy.com](mailto:hinkley-jobs@edf-energy.com)
- Calling 0800 029 4289 to speak to Sandra or a member of the team
- Join one of our live web chats



### I've just left education, where shall I start?

If you are aged between 16-21, we have the perfect initiative to help you find your dream career. Young HPC is designed to give you the guidance and resources to help find out what makes you tick and what careers may interest you. The programme also helps explain all the various routes into employment, for instance the difference between an apprenticeship and an internship.

Whether it's support with a CV, preparing for interviews or understanding what behaviours employers are looking for... Young HPC has an online toolbox to help. Visit [edfenergy.com/younghpc](https://edfenergy.com/younghpc)



### Why is an apprenticeship at Hinkley Point C a good option?

An apprenticeship at Hinkley Point C is the best possible springboard to a successful career. You will be part of a creative, vibrant and supportive environment providing and learning whilst you are earning. Apprentices receive support at our on-site apprentice hub as well as digital access to relevant information and future development.

## Get in touch

**Website:** [edfenergy.com/hpc](https://edfenergy.com/hpc) **Email:** [hinkley-enquiries@edf-energy.com](mailto:hinkley-enquiries@edf-energy.com) **Telephone:** 0333 009 7070



# Hinkley Point C - Monthly Update

## A round up of the latest news from Hinkley Point C.



We've achieved another milestone, with the first low pressure rotor blade being completed in GE Power's factory in Belfort, France. The rotors are unique because the last stage blades are the longest ever made. The rotors form a critical part of the low pressure steam turbines, which will be key components of the power production equipment.

In line with the latest Government Guidelines, we are hoping to be able to re-introduce operation of the Hinkley Point C Community Bus Service in mid-April. Buses used on the service are modified to allow for social distancing and a face covering must be worn by all passengers. Keep an eye out on our website for further information.



The situation on site is following the improving national trend. It is good news that many of our workers and many people in the community are already benefitting from vaccination. The majority of our workforce will have had a first vaccination by the end of April. However, we will not be complacent or simply wait for the virus to go away. The measures we are taking reflect our determination to keep a constant downward pressure on Covid-19.

We will follow Government guidance in planning an end to the lockdown, using a measured step by step process when conditions allow.



The Operational Service Centre is one of our permanent buildings. It will act as the primary office for the staff responsible for managing the operational power station. We've been busy making a start on the building which will be located at the centre of the site, between the two Turbine Halls. So far works have focused on excavations and erecting the first of two tower cranes which will support it's construction.

### Get in touch

**Website:** [edfenergy.com/hpc](https://edfenergy.com/hpc)

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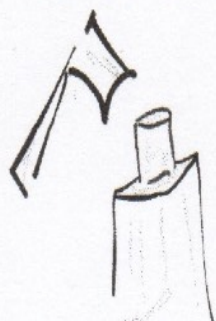
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