

STOGURSEY NEWS



Planter On The Gravel

August 2021

Editorial

Welcome to the high summer edition of Stogursey News.

This month's cover photo reminds us how glorious summer flowers can be. Thank you to those who tend the boxes on the Gravel. They provide a beautiful welcome to the village.

The magazine strikes an optimistic note as several contributions encourage us to look forward to events planned for next month as well as those taking place in August.

Stogursey Festival plans to open on 10th September with a concert given by The Burnham and Highbridge Brass Band, and all being well, The Soap Factory film club plans to restart on 16th of next month. The Alternative Flower and Craft Show will be running during the Festival too. Definite dates for the diary.

However, the more traditional ways of spending summertime are not forgotten. There is a Cream Tea to enjoy at Stoke House as well as Vintage Coffee and Cake in the Victory Hall, and if you are happier sitting in your garden in the sunshine there is a local murder mystery to read about and a crossword to solve.

However you choose to spend your days, The Editorial Team wish you a happy and refreshing summer.

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

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Stogursey News

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Deadline for **SEPTEMBER** contributions:
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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

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.
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We look forward to receiving your contributions.

Thank you

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Regular Events			
Monday			
Tuesday	Stogursey Lunches (weekly) Parish Council Meeting (second Tuesday of month) Quantock Tennis Club (first Tuesday of month)	Church Rooms Victory Hall Multi-sport court, Victory Hall	Doors Open 12noon 7.15 pm 6.00pm - 10.00pm
Wednesday	Forget-Me-Not Café (alternate Wednesdays)	Church Rooms	10.30 am - 12 noon
Thursday	Mobile Library visit (once every four-weeks) Ukelele Sessions (second Thursday of month)	Shurton & Stogursey Victory Hall	as per schedule 8.00pm - 10.00pm
Friday	Coffee Shop (weekly) Quantock Tennis Club (weekly) (contact: John Nicholson, 732711/ jfnicholson@talktalk.net)	Church Rooms Multi-sport court, Victory Hall	10.30am - 12 noon 10.00am - 12 noon
Saturday			
Sunday	Quantock Tennis Club (weekly)	Multi-sport court, Victory Hall	10.00am - 12 noon

Please contact Stogursey News as and when your groups/organisations start up again, so that we can add the details to the 'Regular Events' section.

DIARY 2021

Date	What	Where	When
4 th August	Forget-me-Not Café	Church Rooms	10.30am - 12.00
7 th August	Vintage Tea & Coffee Morning	Victory Hall	10.00am - 12.00
10 th August	Parish Council Meeting	Victory Hall	7.00pm
12 th August	Ukelele session	Victory Hall	8.00pm
18 th August	Forget-me-Not Café	Church Rooms	10.30am - 12.00
21 st August	Cream Teas	Stoke House, Stogursey	3.00pm - 5.00pm
26 th August	Mobile Library	As per schedule	as per schedule
1 st September	Forget-me-Not Café	Church Rooms	10.30am - 12.00
10 th September	Burnham & Highbridge Band	Victory Hall	7.30pm
11 th September	Alternative Flower & Craft Show	Church Rooms	11.00am - 2.00pm
15 th September	Forget-me-Not Café	Church Rooms	10.30am - 12.00
16 th September	Soap Factory Cinema (tbc)	Church Rooms	tbc
17 th September	Open Mic Night	Church Rooms	tbc
23 rd September	Mobile Library	As per schedule	as per schedule

Lydia's Legacy

Over a period of time Lydia's Legacy Fund has raised a total sum of £9,240 which we presented to 'Love Musgrove – Rowan Suite Fund' on Monday 12th July at Musgrove Maternity Unit. Rowan Suite is a Bereavement Suite where families can comfort each other in private and start to come to terms with their loss.

We would like to say a big THANK YOU to all the people who sponsored and supported our fund raising.

THANK YOU VERY VERY MUCH TO:

Keenthorne Garage	Hillman Fencing
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Greg Miller	Brian Plowright Car Sales
Mrs Brown	Stogursey Football Club

I can't name all of you that helped raise this fantastic sum, but I can THANK YOU all. I have got to say that we would not have raised this amount without all the hard work and generosity of Tony and Liz Harris. Thank you very much to two of the best people I know.

C M Palmer

SUMMER CREAM TEA SAT 21st

We're holding our annual Summer Cream Tea event on Saturday 21st August at the kind invitation of Debbie and Nick Downs at Stoke House, 26 High Street Stogursey TA5 1TA (next to the Spar Shop and Post Office).

All are welcome to enjoy delicious scones, clotted cream, home made jams and cakes all for £6.00 per adult (£2.50 for children 5 to 11 and Under 5s free).

Although COVID restrictions are gradually lifting, we will have to keep a register and so pre-booking (between 3.00 and 4.30pm) and pre-payment is preferred.

Contact Caroline Hawkes on 01278 733162/ mobile 07794663654 or e mail carolinemayhawkes@gmail.com

Let's hope for a lovely sunny afternoon!

Stogursey Twinning Association

VICTORY HALL LOTTERY WINNERS

June 2021 Draw

1 st Prize	£60.00	Carl Gardner	No 41
2 nd Prize	£30.00	Margaret Dunning	No 125
3 rd Prize	£15.00	Ron Dyer	No 131



Hello film goes,

We hope you are all keeping well and looking forward to the lowering of restrictions over the coming weeks. It is still a time of apprehension, and if we are able to open our doors for the Soap Factory Cinema then we will do everything in our power to make you feel safe.

As you may have read in this month's Stogursey News, the Stogursey Festival is to open on Friday 10th September, and as part of that we are delighted to say that with fingers and toes crossed we will open the Soap Factory Cinema on Thursday 16th September as part of a week of fun and festivities. This is a great opportunity to bring our community back together and meet friends and neighbours we haven't seen for a very long time.

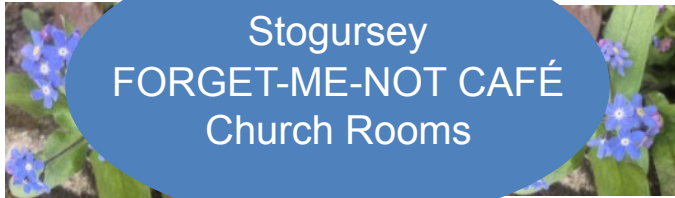
We have been in constant contact with Moviola, our film distributors, over the last few months and have been taking their advice on the next step towards showing our next film. We are waiting to hear from Moviola as to what films are available for the autumn season and if it's possible to go ahead with a screening. Once we have confirmation we can go ahead we will let you know in the next issue of Stogursey News.

If all goes to plan we want our opening night to be one to remember and have a number of ideas to sift through, so watch out for the September issue.

So let's look forward to seeing friends, having a good time, good company and a good film.

Look forward to seeing you all soon,

The Soap Factory team



Stogursey FORGET-ME-NOT CAFÉ Church Rooms

**Stogursey Forget-Me-Not Café is held
in the Church Rooms, Castle Street,
Stogursey TA5 1TB
every other Wednesday from 10.30 – 12.00**

**Helen and Rose are looking forward to welcoming
you for a cuppa and a chat**

SUMMER DATES 2021:

Wednesday AUGUST 4th
Wednesday AUGUST 18th
Wednesday SEPTEMBER 1st
Wednesday SEPTEMBER 15th



Forget-Me-Not cafés provide support, companionship and a warm welcome to those who are recognising issues with their memory, as well as their carers, family and friends. There are a variety of activities such as music, singing, arts and crafts, quizzes, or just a chat over a cuppa and a slice of cake.

Volunteers and Guests can be reassured that everything is being done to stay Covid-secure.

More helpers are always welcome. If you'd like to find out more, just come along and join us for a cuppa and a chat.

Please contact Helen: 01278 734818 –
cuttelhelen@gmail.com



Find us on Facebook and Instagram

HOLFORD FLOWER SHOW

Saturday August 7th 2.00 - 4.15pm

Holford & District Village Hall

EAST QUANTOXHEAD MARKET

RETURNS!

Saturday August 21st 10am -12 noon

EAST QUANTOXHEAD VILLAGE HALL

Brass Band Concert



Victory Hall

10th September at 7.30pm

Live music returns to Stogursey!

The Burnham and Highbridge Brass Band, under the baton of Musical Director Felicity Day, will be giving a concert in the Victory Hall on September 10th to bring some vibrant band music to our village. This dedicated band has been practising hard in groups of 6 since lockdown restrictions began, and are looking forward to resuming full band practices this month. They can't wait to perform once again for a live audience, and are looking forward to a wonderful evening in Stogursey.

If you are a lover of brass bands, have a memory of the film 'Brassed off', or just appreciate good music in a relaxed setting to enjoy with friends and family, then you're in for a great evening. The programme will have something for everyone, with audience participation encouraged! To add to the excitement there will be a raffle, and a bar to lubricate proceedings!

So please come along. Reasonably priced tickets will be available and will also be available at the door.



WINNER OF THE JUNE PRIZE CROSSWORD

The winner of the June Prize Crossword is Sue Jones who has won a delicious lunch for two at Stogursey Lunches.

Well done Sue and Congratulations!

I hope everyone enjoys the crossword which started during the first lockdown when I'd broken my shoulder! It gave me something to do too.

Best wishes,

Helen



The Alternative Flower and Craft Show

Saturday September 11th

The show is open to all ages, and the categories are:

- * **Front Garden Display**
- * **Hanging Basket or Planted Container** - this can be flowers, vegetables, or These could be filled with a flower arrangement or a display of your home-grown produce or skillfully arranged cupcakes!
- * **Front Door decoration**- made from anything. I listed some ideas last month, but the more imaginative or fun the better.
- * **Decorated Hat** - any theme, but you must wear it and bring it along to the Gravel at 12 noon on the day.

If crafting is your thing then I am hoping that you will either put your creations on display out at the front of your house or in your windows. It would be great to see your sewing, knitting, painting, pottery, baking, wood/metal, paper etc creations brightening up the village.

If you would like your garden or craft to be entered in the "fun" competition and perhaps win a prize then please put your name and address on a card and pop it through my door (7 St Andrews Rd) by September 1st. Also let me know if you are aged under 14, or between 14 to 18 years so that I can find a suitable prize. It is not mandatory to enter the competition.

Activities being planned for the Church Rooms, Saturday 11th September, from 11am to 2pm:

- * **Serving refreshments** - I am looking for volunteers to help serve drinks and cakes from 11am to 2pm. If anyone is available and willing, please can you email me as soon as possible. I am also putting out a plea for donations of cakes or biscuits please for the refreshments. All help and baked goods gratefully received.
- * **A Spinning and Weaving Demonstration** from our local experts Sue, Debbie and Lyn will also be happening in the Church Rooms, 11am to 2pm. If anyone else creative has a craft that they are willing to share I would love to hear from you.
- * **Book Swap stall**- bring a book (or two) which you have finished reading, and take home a different one.
- * **Seed & Plant Swaps** - if you have collected some seeds from your flowers or vegetables, or have a plant to spare; bring them to swap with seeds or plants brought in by other gardeners in our community. Maybe the guardians of the planters on the Gravel will collect some seeds from the fantastic displays and share them at the swap.

I am hoping that this will be a real community fun event for all the family, and that your creations will brighten up the village. It will be the start of the Stogursey Arts Festival, so please see Mike's article for more details.

Happy gardening, crafting and baking,
Fiona sfiona2591@gmail.com



Macular Society Support Group, Dulverton

We had a wonderful first meeting on our patio (which is luckily big enough for social distancing), and we were overjoyed to speak to each other again face to face.

In July (Thursday, 22nd at 2.30 pm), we are getting bolder, daring to meet up for a cream tea in Winsford. Teresa, the owner of the Tea Room, has been so kind and understanding to accommodate us all. We couldn't do this without the generosity of the very kind people who give lifts; so, a big THANK YOU to them!

And finally, we are excited to announce that the pub lunch in Chittlehamholt is on: (note the change of day!) **Wednesday, the 25th August.** My gratitude goes to Jan Ross, who will organise the Community Coach to take us there and back. I shall ring all members a little closer to the time as to where in Dulverton and when we shall meet to board the coach.

The best thing about being 'un-locked' is undoubtedly that we are allowed company again!

Marion and Royce. Tel: 01398 371 450



Stogursey Church Rooms

COSTS OF HIRE

A contribution is requested from all users of the Church Rooms. This helps towards the running costs of the Church Rooms and the improvement of this facility, the total cost of which is substantial. These contributions have been designed to be affordable to all, and to encourage Not For Profit community groups especially.

Contribution to costs,

applicable to first three hours of use only

Graddon Room without kitchen £3/hour

Graddon Room with kitchen £5/hour

Whole building (Guild Room & Graddon room) without kitchen £7/hour

Whole building (Guild Room & Graddon room) with kitchen £10/hour

Contribution to costs, applicable to whole/half days

Whole day (e.g. no more than 8 hours) £40

Half day/evening (e.g. no more than 4 hours) £25

Contribution to costs for Groups providing a non-profit making service to the community

£5/session (unlimited over one day)

To hire the Church Rooms, please contact us on scrbookings7@gmail.com.

All users will be asked to sign a User Agreement prior to using the facilities.

If you do not have access to email, phone 07565 149966 and leave a message.

Please ensure that you leave a contact number.
Thank you.

Solution to Crossword No 14 – JULY 2021

CLUES ACROSS

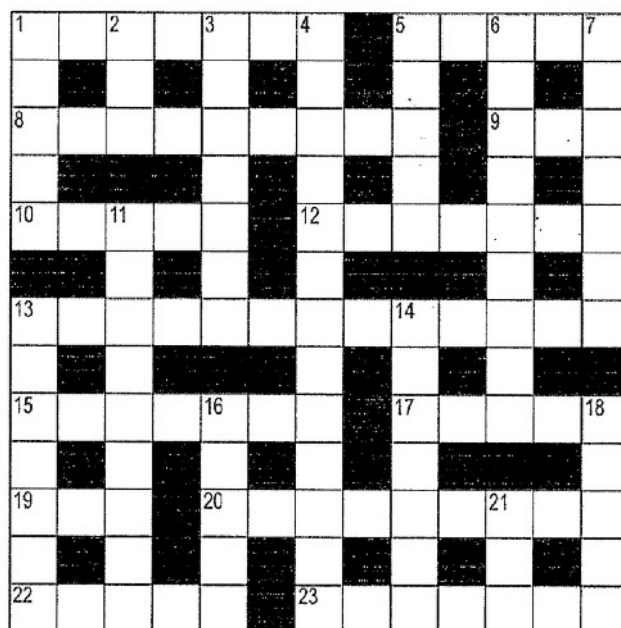
1. Goshawk, 5. Excel, 8. Wyandotte, 9. Ohm, 10. Susie, 12. Hotdogs, 13. Chrysanthemum, 15. Amphora, 17. Giant, 19. IMO, 20. Andalucia, 22. Yokes, 23. Nodding

CLUES DOWN

1. Gowns, 2. Sia, 3. Address, 4. Kitchen Garden, 5. Elect, 6. Crocosmia, 7. Lump sum, 11. Scrapbook, 13. Clarify, 14. Haggled, 16. Opals, 18. Twang, 21. Chi

Quick Crossword No. 15

compiled by Helen Cuttall



CLUES ACROSS

1. Wires through which TV signals are transmitted (5)
5. Series of events that are regularly repeated in the same order (5)
8. Behind the scenes (9)
9. Republic of Ireland (3)
10. From Ancient Egypt (5)
12. Extinct elephant (7)
13. Speaks without moving the lips (12)
15. Brazilian dance (7)
17. Bottomless chasm (5)
19. Make lace by knotting (3)
20. Thin sliced of meat fried in breadcrumbs (9)
22. Concur (5)
23. Old fashioned word for fox (7)

CLUES DOWN

1. Book to keep stamps (5)
2. Mythical bird of prey (3)
3. Person who checks metal to see how pure it is (7)
4. Use this on your car (6,7)
5. Top of the milk (5)
6. This killed the cat (9)
7. Descriptive word or phrase (7)
13. Capital of Malta (7)
14. Make capable (7)
16. Passage between rows of seats (5)
18. Healthy food (5)
21. Indicating groups of animal organisms (3)

"Creativity is intelligence having fun!"

Albert Einstein

"The aim of Art is to represent not the outward appearance of things, but their inward significance."

Aristotle

Sometimes titles can help us identify what something is about at a glance, but they can also create barriers and be rather off-putting.

Take the two quotes above. Over the years we have worked with the title 'Arts' festival but have aimed at promoting 'creativity' and 'having fun'. However, if we look at Aristotle's take on this, although we can appreciate his quote has a deeper message, it may not sound like much 'fun' to some of us?

At the Arts Trust we have come to recognise that the word 'Arts' can be off-putting and seen as only relevant to the artists within our community. We hope this year, teaming up with other groups who represent creativity in different ways will help yet more people, as well as the budding artists, to engage with having fun. You don't have to make or perform anything, but being in the audience or seeing what people have created is just as important. For most events in the Festival, it's an affordable outing on your doorstep and it won't cost you a fortune or anything if you are just passing through. So do note the dates and come and see what people have been doing in and around our parish.

The Festival opens on the evening of **Friday 10th of September** with the Burnham & Highbridge Band in the Victory Hall (see details from Phil Griggs in this edition of Stogursey News [SN]).

Saturday 11th September will be devoted to the Flower Show presentations, which we are hoping will remain on display throughout the week as additional exhibits in the 'Out Side Gallery', complementing the annual 'Lighting Up of Stogursey'.

Thursday 16th September - the Soap Factory Cinema will be able to open again and run a special evening for us (we are currently waiting for confirmation of this).

Friday 17th September - there are plans to rerun the successful Open Mic Night (first started in 2019), in the Church Rooms as a conclusion to this year's Festival events.

As more suggestions are confirmed we will add these to the programme for full publication in the September edition of SN. In the meantime, dig out your Christmas Lights and start thinking how you will decorate your front room windows so they '*look a picture*'! There is no theme just have some fun, you can make a display of objects which tell a story or just look beautiful, you can display paintings, drawings, sculpture and craft, arrange flowers and vegetables, build a scarecrow, but importantly have fun. Your windows could also be linked to the Flower Show exhibits (see details from Fiona Johnson also in this issue).

We are currently looking for other works for exhibition in the more public accessible spaces, such as Stogursey Motors' front window, the Church and Church Rooms, so do get in touch.

On other news the new East Quay Gallery in Watchet is due to open its doors this month with the official opening in the first week of September. One of the first exhibitions, The Essence of Watchet, has contributions from local artists who live and work in Stogursey. One of these exhibits illustrates the curious story of the disappearance of Rose Pike and Jack Henderson in 1923. You can read the story in this month's edition of SN.

7th of August - Vintage Coffee & Cake Event

Covid rules permitting, don't forget to come along and meet up with friends and family for this event at the Victory Hall. Come and find out what each of our local groups can offer and enable us to work more collectively in support of each others aims. Come and tell us what you would like to see us offering or how you would like us to improve what we do already.

If you would like more information about how you would like to represent your specific group at the Vintage Coffee & Cake Event, ie special presentation table, or generally if you have any ideas for improving what we do, do get in touch (call us on 01278734550).

Mike Bradshaw for Stogursey Arts

A local mystery story -

The suspicious disappearance of Rose Pike and Jack Henderson, Watchet.

Case Reference WA 35:6

In the late summer of 1923 Rose Pike vanished without a trace from her home in Mill Street Watchet. Rose allegedly came from a family of some means.

Acquaintances described her as always being well dressed and calmly spoken. Later in court, Sergeant Chelmsford, who had been appointed as the investigating officer, was unable to substantiate this claim despite the fact that some items presented by the magistrate, in his words 'clearly indicated that she had good taste, which did not come from someone of a poorer background'.

At first it was thought that Rose and her assumed fiancé, Jack Henderson, a local fellow, had left the town to seek out a better life together in the northeast. They had left with some considerable debts including rent arrears and unsettled bills involving a number of stores and local suppliers, who accused the couple of running away from facing their obligations. Their landlady said she was 'glad to see the back of 'em. They was livin' a good life but failing to pay for it!' Many of those allegedly taken in by the couple were embarrassed and did not come forward initially, fearing that they would look foolish for being so trusting and that this may damage their business standing in the community.

Some days after Rose and Jack had been seen leaving Williton station on the Taunton train, the remains of a small vessel had been found washed up 40 yards east of the beach at Blue Anchor Bay, just below the alabaster undercliff. At first the findings had been associated with the Atlantic storms, which had recently ravaged the coast around Bridgwater Bay and further west to Watchet Harbour and onto the beach at Dunster. Amongst the scattered pieces of debris, however, were some items of interest. Once identified, these items presented caused the authorities to suspect foul play.

The Harbour Master had recognised the remains of the small fishing skiff as that belonging to Henderson. The boat in question had been procured by Jack as a part of a settlement over a gambling wager. On several occasions, weeks before their sudden disappearance, Jack had been heard suggesting that he and Rose take the boat out for a pleasure trip, but she had duly declined. Rose had confided in her landlady that she did not know how to swim and feared drowning in the treacherous offshore currents.

Mr Tom Burrows, a resident of Market Street, was returning from business in Barnstaple, around the same time as the authorities were considering an investigation into both the contents of the wreck and the unknown whereabouts of the couple. On hearing the news and having had some bad dealings with Jack in the past, Burrows came forward and alleged that he had seen Henderson in Barnstaple just days before, in the bar of the Bell Hotel on the Strand where he was staying. Known for his gambling and cheating at cards, Jack on this occasion was playing dominos. In providing a witness statement, Burrows said 'Jack was under the influence, bragging to the other players about duping his wife and stealing from her inheritance, to enable his a life as a true gentleman'.

Sergeant Chelmsford contacted the constables in Barnstaple and arranged to arrest Jack who as it emerged, had long gone. Mrs Dezia Davy was the publican of the Bell at the time, and copies of the register entries were made listing Mr Burrows, but there was no reference to a Mr Jack Henderson.

Even though his fingerprints were on record from a previous misdemeanour, there were no photographic or illustrated pictures of Jack, so the truth and his whereabouts remained a mystery. An early photograph of Rose, a haunting reminder of her frail and trusting character, was posted to every constabulary across England, but Rose was never found. Rumour has it that she was drugged with opiates, taken out to sea and drowned after the boat capsized in rough weather. Jack survived, fled the scene and although he left behind some incriminating evidence, it was surmised that he successfully changed his identity and made a new life elsewhere, undetected.

The case was revisited briefly in 1956, when new evidence was uncovered after some routine rock fall clearance at Blue Anchor Bay. Case ref WA 35:6 is now closed, but it remains unsolved, a curious mystery, with possible tragic overtones.

If you would like to see physical evidence relating to this historic 'cold case', it is on display from August, in a bottle/jar from the former South West Forensic Science Laboratory, at the new East Quay Gallery in Watchet. The jar is part of the 'Essence of Watchet' one of the first exhibitions in the new gallery, which has been curated by the artist Neville Gabie.

All the exhibits presented, echo the seafaring tradition of constructing miniature tableaux/stories inside a bottle.

For more information, search the holding page at <https://www.onioncollective.co.uk/eastquay-development-watchet>

Didn't we have a lovely day, the day we went to . . . Minehead!



All strapped in and ready to go!

Children from the Preschool and from Timberscombe Class on their day out.



Oh, we do like to be beside the seaside . . .



Oh, we do like to be beside the sea!

A big thank you to Nick and Jim at Somerset Passenger Solutions for the transport -
Nick for organising it, and Jim for driving.

The Eco Club started as a lunch-time club in September 2020.

The pupils got off to a very busy start, and planted up the big planter at the entrance to the school.



In spring the display of daffodils, tulips and wallflowers was wonderful, and very colourful.

The planter is now replanted with a mix of flowers and tomato plants.

During October, the team worked hard on the allotment boxes on the field, sowing cornflowers, candytuft, love-in-a-mist in the flower boxes, and broad beans in a vegetable box.

But in early November the Eco Club had to stop because of the second CV-19 lockdown. It wasn't until the end of April that the club could restart as an after-school club.

"It's really fun. It's fun growing plants especially runner beans." (Lilly)

Maddison said, *"I like it when we plant stuff and we pick stuff so we can take it home and show what we've been doing. We've planted some cucumbers."*



Ryan said, *"We've eaten tomatoes, radish, lettuce and marigold petals,"* as well as *"rocket, beetroot, cucumber and vinaigrette"*, said Saul.

Alexzander said, *"I like it that I get to go in the kitchen. In the kitchen we do washing, washing the lettuce and rocket. We used the spinner to get the water out."*

"We've shared our plants with others in our classes." (Lilly). The pupils also shared some of their salad crops with Stogursey Lunches. *"It was for people who make lunches, and they asked if we could do it, and we said, 'yes, we don't mind.'"*(Ameleah)



We hope that you will enjoy today's mixed salad, especially the broad beans, rocket and radishes, as these have been grown by the children of the Eco Club in their allotment boxes at Stogursey Primary School.

"And they gave us icecream as thanks." (Saul)



Just before the summer term ended, the sweet peas were ready for picking - and there were enough for everybody to have a posy.

For Volunteers' Week this year, local charity Age UK Somerset ran a competition for their Volunteers asking them to compose limericks featuring volunteering and/or Somerset and North Somerset.

Over 40 entries were received and thanks to donations from Marks and Spencer's, Taunton, all those who took part received a prize.

The winning entry was:

*There was a volunteer known as Ed,
Whose client loved her visits it's said
Then the Virus arose
So they had to stop those
Now they both love their phone chats instead.*



Another entry was:

*There was a volunteer from Stogursey,
Who gave each old person a curtsy,
Then she sang them a song
Which went on for so long
That they begged her to stop and give mercy.*



All of the Volunteers' entries can be viewed at: <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/bp-assets/globalassets/somerset/volunteers-week-limericks.pdf>

Just for fun, the Charity is inviting people to send in their own limericks about life as an older person in Somerset or North Somerset with the best ones being published on their website, Twitter and Facebook accounts.

Attempts should be emailed to communications@ageuksomerset.org.uk or posted to Age UK Somerset, Ash House, Cook Way, Taunton, Somerset. TA2 6BJ.



Stogursey Community Network (SCN)

August Update

SCN provides the following services in our community:





The weekly **Stogursey Lunches** in the Church Rooms on Tuesdays are open to everyone. If you haven't tried it yet, do come along! Payment is by donation.

Look out for the menus in this edition, and on the **Stogursey Lunches** Facebook page. Booking is essential!

Stogursey Larder – We hate Waste! Don't you?

Therefore, we have set up the **Stogursey Larder** which has a good supply of packaged food from the Fareshare charity to distribute to anyone who could use it. But also, the **Stogursey Larder** is for donations of food, fresh produce or those tins and packets (in date) that you have in your cupboard but will never eat. Don't let anything go to waste! Someone else could use your surplus! Get in touch with us* if you, or someone you know, could use a delivery of supermarket standard food and/or some fresh produce, or if you would like to donate.

 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 continue to be under Covid-safe conditions in a volunteer's car, if either the driver or the passenger prefers this. Please see SCN Medical Transport information below.

How to contact us:

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

We are always grateful for more volunteers; there are plenty of opportunities to help in our community, in lots of different ways. Do get in touch if you have a few hours to spare and would like to discuss what you could offer. Thank you.

All information is treated in accordance with standard Data Confidentiality Policy

Stogursey Lunches

We got off to a wonderful start on 22 June, providing more than 20 meals!

Since then we've received a lovely message from Bob and Jennie who came for lunch the following week:

"Church Rooms look super with what you've all done over these many weeks. Walking in to a room laid out for lunch and enhanced with bunting, with gently enforced Covid protection got the event off to a good start.

"All was bright and fresh, with table centre-pieces plucked locally within hours of opening, and all the other set dressing on the table and beyond added glitz.

"The meal - wow! Great British chefs for dishes and presentation, plus the decorations in the salad from the school: salad leaves, radish and broadies (double podded by your chefs.) Very generous slice of an Old Tart's recipe [and] choice of dressings. Excellent strawbs, and a naughty dairy dressing which turned out to be a traditional Belsize Park recipe full of cholesterol and sugar.

"Our thanks to the gang, and, please, to the schoolchildren who added so much."

If you would like to come and have lunch on a Tuesday, please phone Helen on 01278 734818 the previous Friday to book, and if you have any special dietary needs, eg gluten-free, just let Helen know when you phone.

Water is available with your meal, although you are very welcome to bring your own drink.

There is no set price for a meal - you just pay what you can afford with a cash donation.

If you would like to be part of this service to our community, we are still looking for volunteers to help, for example with cooking, 'front of house', driving etc. Please contact Helen on 01278 734818 to discuss.



AUGUST MENU

Tuesday 3rd August

(book by Friday 30th July)

Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad **or**
Grilled halloumi cheese Salad
served with home-made bread

Black Forest Tray bake with Cream

Tuesday 10th August

(book by Friday 6th July)

Home-made Cream of Tomato Soup with
bread roll, **or**
Home-made Scotch Egg and Salad

Rhubarb & Orange cake with cream

Tuesday 17th August

(book by Friday 13th August)

Meatballs in tomato sauce **or**
Vegetable Bolognese sauce
served with spaghetti and cheese

Ice-cream Fruit Sundae

Tuesday 24th August

(book by Friday 20th August)

Luxury Tuna fish salad **or**
Luxury Feta cheese salad

Plum Tart with cream/custard

Tuesday 31st August

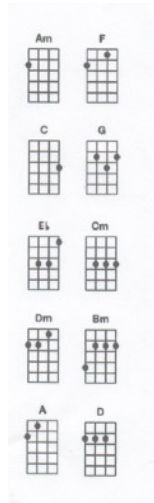
(book by Friday 27th August)

Chick Pea and vegetable Casserole **or**
Sausage and vegetable Casserole
served with either couscous or potatoes

Gooseberry Mousse with Ginger cookies

Ukelele Session

Yes, we are expecting to hold the inaugural session on Thursday 12 August.



Meet in the Victory Hall bar, with or without an instrument, at 8pm. All welcome regardless of proficiency. Instruments available and songbooks can be downloaded.

Any queries contact either
Rose Palmer
rose.palmer280@btinternet.com
Ian Elenor
ianelenor@gmail.com

See you there.

SAF VINTAGE TEA & COFFEE MORNING SATURDAY 7TH AUGUST 2021 10.00 – 12.00

The Stogursey Arts Trust is holding a Vintage Tea & Coffee Morning at the Victory Hall on Saturday 7th August 10.00 – 12.00.

We have invited many of the groups in Stogursey (eg Football Club, Book Club, Twinning Association, Sea Shanty Group, Film Club etc) to have tables, so it is your chance to meet up with friends and find out what will be happening in the village as lockdown lifts.

If you are new to the village it will be an ideal opportunity to sign up and make new friends, whilst enjoying homemade cakes plus coffee or tea for £3!

We look forward to seeing you.

Points from the Parish Council meeting -13th July 2021

Presentation on the reopening of the HPC Southern Boundary, Shurton

The meeting heard from Andrew Cockcroft and Luke Stephens who outlined how the restoring of the public and permissive footpaths and how the contractors were working through minor issues ahead of a reopening, probably by the end of July. They stressed that the landscaping is as agreed, which should soften over the next 12 months. Some fly parking, close to the roadway, has caused concerns and an agreed solution will hopefully be in place shortly.

Noxious Weed

It is that time of year when many noxious weeds could be addressed by cutting prior to setting seed. The Parish Council would appreciate the help of riparian owners in tackling the issue swiftly. The following link provides information on reporting noxious weeds to Somerset County Council. <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/waste-planning-and-land/report-noxious-weeds/>

HM The Queen, Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, June 2nd 2022

The Parish Council are considering ways in which the marking of HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee could be celebrated by parishioners. Please let the Councillors know if you have any suggestions and are willing to play your part in making them happen over the extended bank holiday weekend in early June 2022.

Highways Issues

As I have reported previously in Stogursey News, the Parish Council have repeatedly raised matters of concern

over the state of many roads around the parish with Somerset County Council Highways, for many months without getting any response. The fact that many of the roads in the poorest condition are to be used as diversion routes if Operation Harold is needed is one of the biggest worries. We hope that the situation will improve, but would still encourage the reporting of potholes, blocked drains, road defects to SCC Highways via its online system - www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/#problems-on-the-road

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 10th August 2021 at 19:00

The next Parish Council meeting will initially be held in the Victory Hall, Stogursey. It is intended to hold a very short meeting to deal with only pressing matters, but will be followed by a walk round by members to view points of interest across the parish. Please contact the Clerk for any information ahead of the meeting.

Stogursey Parish Council is now on Facebook

The Parish Council have established a presence on Facebook, subject to their adopted Social Media Policy. It will be used to update on matters and help spread the word on issues affecting the Parish. You can view the page by following this link <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2851772058405653> or searching for **Stogursey Parish Council News on Facebook**.

My phone number is 01278 652534 or you can e-mail me at stogurseyppcclerk@gmail.com

*Richard Wand
Clerk to Stogursey Parish Council*

August Village Agent News

Summer is in full swing!

And we are delighted to share with you a new project **'GET OUTSIDE IN SOMERSET'**! Being outside brings huge benefits for our physical and mental health, but for a large majority of people, the Covid-19 pandemic has created many barriers to getting outside, and this has amplified feelings of loneliness and isolation. That's why we're working with organisations from across the county to support people in Somerset to get outside and move in more ways that suit them.

There is a new website covering a wide variety of activities, events and challenges, as well as information on a wide range of topics across health and wellbeing. The website will be updated regularly with new activities to inspire the Somerset community. From yoga in the park, fishing, and geocaching, to cycling, climbing, and forest bathing, there is something for everyone.

For more information, please visit <https://getoutsideinsomerset.co.uk/> and use the really easy search function to discover something near you! If you would struggle to take part, but want to, let us know and we can help find a solution!

If you are involved in any outdoor activities you would like listing on the website, get in touch with the Get Outside team! We are also looking for passionate people to support

the project and inspire the community to get outside to improve their physical and mental health – so share your passion with Somerset and become a Get Outside Ambassador!

Lockdown has amplified this for many people, as groups and regular social activities stopped running temporarily, but hopefully now they are slowly reopening, and there is always support and help at hand from us Village Agents – we have reopened many of our face-to-face Talking Cafés, as well as our Facebook live sessions – so book an appointment for a chat - www.somersetagents.org/talking-cafes/

This month, it is also a plea for the West Somerset Crisis Fund. we **desperately** need donations towards the fund which has been almost depleted. **We help when others can't, won't, or don't.** Some examples of what these grants have been used for recently are to buy 2 mattress protectors for a carer who was supporting their loved one with night time incontinence; to buy children's clothes for a family who had recently lost Dad to cancer; and to buy a washing machine for a carer who is struggling to keep up with washing demands.

To help people in Somerset get out of crisis, quickly and with dignity -

West Somerset <https://localgiving.org/charity/somersetcrisisfund/project/westsomersetcrisisfund/>

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Immy's Update

A coat of paint might not be the first thing you think of when we talk about constructing a nuclear power station, but it's a vitally important step.

The second liner ring will eventually sit within the first nuclear reactor and form just one of the layers of protection provided by the reactor building. In the meantime, the ring is currently in a laydown area preparing to be painted. It sits in what is essentially a very big tent, which covers the ring and provides a temperature, humidity and weather controlled environment.

The structure which holds the tent up has eight levels of scaffold and stands at 20 metres high – a large enough space to fit the liner ring which itself is 17 metres tall and has a diameter of 47 metres.

The next step will be to begin the rigorous painting process where multiple coats of a permanent paint are sprayed onto the liner ring, leaving a finish of 140 microns (that's less than the thickness of a piece of paper), before a specialist product is sprayed on top to provide mechanical and UV protection. Big Carl will then lift the liner ring into place on the first reactor.



Liner Ring 2 being lifted onto the scaffold structure



The structure is covered to create a safe working environment

Immy's update no more

I also want to let you know that this will be the last Immy's Update you will be receiving for a while, as I join my colleagues in Internal Communications for a 12 month secondment. Whilst it might come under a different name, you'll continue to get monthly updates from the project in the Stogursey News. I have really enjoyed bringing you the latest news from the Hinkley Point C project in recent years- thank you for taking the time to read them.

Immy

Get in touch

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Hinkley Point C - Monthly Update

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



The MEH team is celebrating a major milestone as they take their first steps to install electrical works in the first reactor's Electrical Building. The Electrical Building will house key equipment for incoming power from National Grid, before it is distributed to different areas of Hinkley Point C, including instrumentation and control systems.

MEH is the next major phase of the project and stands for Mechanical, Electrical and HVAC (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning).

Our 15 Turbine Generator (TG) columns are a striking feature on site and are in place to support the Turbine Hall building. As construction progresses, the columns have been surrounded by another large structure which will hold the weight of 2,500m³ of concrete until it sets, and is specifically designed to make sure it does so evenly.

Once the concrete is poured, it will create the table upon which the turbine and turbine generator will sit.



The latest edition of Hinkley Point C's community magazine, Plugged in, is now available online.

If you'd like to receive the digital version straight to your inbox or if you live in Somerset and would like a copy posted to you, get in touch on the details below.



Throughout the pandemic our priority has been on keeping our workforce and local community safe. Following the easing of restrictions across England on the 19th July, we have been cautiously adjusting our own Covid-19 measures in line with Government advice whilst also remaining vigilant of the risks that exist.

Our offices, canteens and busses are returning to full capacity, but we will be maintaining many of the protection measures that are in place today. Face coverings will still be required when on busses and moving around our offices and we will continue to encourage social distancing in busy areas. We are also maintaining our testing capability with our own facility continuing to perform targeted and asymptomatic testing. New starters and those returning to work will also have to provide a negative test result before commencing work.

If you have any questions or concerns on our plans, please get in touch using the contact details.

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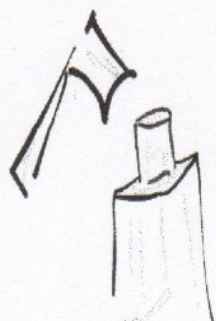
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Meetings: held monthly in the Victory Hall, Stogursey
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from 7.30 pm Councillors' meeting - parishioners may attend and listen.

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