

# STOGURSEY NEWS



**Main Junction Box Failure in Churchyard – Some Major Repairs Needed!**

## November 2021

## Editorial

We hope you enjoy reading this issue of Stogursey News. This month some contributions look back to events that have already been enjoyed. The retrospective of the Stogursey Arts Festival acknowledges the many talents shared within this community, and the WI piece describes how the Stogirzels maintained contact during lockdown.

However, there is much information about future events. The Twinning Association has several events on the books and are looking forward to a visit to Lonlay next year (hopefully). The WI and the Soap Factory Cinema among others have resumed their regular meetings.

As this month's magazine goes to print, the Covid-19 infection rate in our area is still high. With this in mind, there is a useful piece about a Reopening Safely and Reconnecting the Community Grant. There is an invitation to apply for small grants to help with the costs of extra cleaning or signage to ensure premises are Covid-secure, or to reimburse money already spent.

The school has provided a cheerful and positive overview of its activities. It is fascinating to see what reading means to the pupils.

The prospect of colder weather gets closer and our thoughts may well turn to our homes and keeping warm. There are invitations to share views on housing issues by completing the Stogursey Parish Housing Needs Survey, and for those needing an oil top up a chance to join the Stogursey Oil Buying Group.

Times may seem uncertain at the moment but we can be grateful that we live in a community where there is so much positive activity.

We send you our good wishes for a safe and warm November.

*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

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

Deadline for **DECEMBER** contributions:  
**10.00 am Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

## 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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Regular Events			
Monday	Health Walks (weekly) Contact Ralph 07969777325 Short Mat Bowls (weekly) Contact: Ron 732688	Stear Marshes Car Park Victory Hall	2.00pm 7.30pm - 9.00pm
Tuesday	Tai Chi Shibashi for over-50s. (Contact AgeUK 01823 345 624) Stogursey Lunches (weekly) WI (second Tuesday of month - from October) Parish Council Meeting (second Tuesday of month) Quantock Tennis Club (first Tuesday of month)	Victory Hall Church Rooms Victory Hall Victory Hall Multi-sport court, Victory Hall	10.30 am Doors Open 12noon 2.30pm 7.15 pm 6.00pm - 10.00pm
Wednesday	Baby & Toddler Stay and Play (weekly) Forget-Me-Not Café (alternate Wednesdays) Bingo Club	Victory Hall Church Rooms Youth Club	11.00am - 12noon 10.30am - 12 noon 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm
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 or 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

## DIARY 2021

Date	What	Where	When
9 <sup>th</sup> November	Parish Council	Victory Hall	7.00 pm
10 <sup>th</sup> November	Forget-me-Not Café	Church Rooms	10.30 am - 12 noon
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Ukelele Session	Victory Hall	7.30 pm
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Service	St Andrew's Church The Gravel	10.15 am 10.50 am
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Mobile Library	As per schedule	As per schedule
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Soap Factory Cinema: 'The Last Bus'	Church Rooms	Doors Open 7.00 pm
24 <sup>th</sup> November	Forget-me-Not Café	Church Rooms	10.30 am - 12 noon
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Fun Christmas Quiz	Church Rooms	7.00 pm

SERVICES IN THE QUANTOCK COAST BENEFICE : NOVEMBER 2021				
CHURCH	7 <sup>th</sup> November 3 <sup>rd</sup> Before Advent	14 <sup>th</sup> November 2 <sup>nd</sup> before Advent	21 <sup>st</sup> November Christ the King	28 <sup>th</sup> November Advent Sunday
EAST QH		<a href="#">Sunday@3.00</a> For Remembrance NM		-
FIDDINGTON	9.00am Eucharist SC	9.00am Eucharist With Remembrance TS	9.00am Eucharist NM	-
HOLFORD	6.30pm Evensong NM	9.30am Eucharist With Remembrance DB	11.00am Eucharist DB	
KILVE	11.00am Eucharist NM	11.00am Remembrance Service PC	9.30am Eucharist TS	-
STOGURSEY	10.30am Eucharist TS	10.15am Eucharist in church 10.50am Remembrance on the Gravel NM CM organist	10.30am Eucharist CM	
STRINGSTON	11.00am Family Service DB	-	11.00am Eucharist NM	-
WEST QH	9.30am Eucharist NM	9.30am Eucharist With Remembrance SC	9.30am Family Service Sally Bult	Benefice Eucharist 10.30 NM
Liturgical colour & Readings	RED	RED	RED	PURPLE

### Sunday Lectionary Readings for November

Sunday	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
7 <sup>th</sup> November	Jonah 3: 1 – 5, 10	Hebrews 9: 24 - end	Mark 1: 14 - 20
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Daniel 12: 1 - 3	Hebrews 10: 11 – 25	Mark 13: 1 - 8
21 <sup>st</sup> November	Daniel 7: 9 – 10, 13 - 14	Revelation 1: 4 - 8	John 18: 33 - 37
28 <sup>th</sup> November	Jeremiah 33: 14 - 16	1 Thess 3: 9 - end	Luke 21:25 - 36

## REMEMBRANCE 2021



**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>**

There will be Eucharist in St Andrew's Church Stogursey starting at 10.15 am.

This will be followed by Remembrance on The Gravel at 10.50am.

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

## Stogursey Twinning Association

### Christmas Quiz: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 7.00 pm

Teams of up to 4 are invited to register for our Christmas Quiz. Tickets are £5.00 per person to include a light supper of home made soup, bread and mince pies and the chance to win a Christmas Hamper in addition to other small prizes. Let me know if you're interested – even if you don't have others to join you.

### Trip to Lonlay in 2022: Thurs pm 28th April (arr Lonlay 29th April) to Monday 2nd May

We are delighted to report that we have recently learnt that our friends in Lonlay are happy to host us on similar dates to those originally planned for 2020 – as above. We will communicate separately with all those originally booked to travel. However if you booked and already know that you won't want your place(s) or if you didn't book and are interested please let me know.

### Wassail in January and St George's Day Celebration, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2022

Watch out for further details in Stogursey News.

**For Quiz places, trip details or general Twinning Info contact Caroline Hawkes, Stogursey Twinning Association Secretary, 01278 733162 [carolinemayhawkes@gmail.com](mailto:carolinemayhawkes@gmail.com)**

## VICTORY HALL LOTTERY WINNERS

### September 2021 Draw

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	£25.00	John Baker	No 177
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	£15.00	Sue Prosser	No 60
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	£10.00	Gillian Orchard	No 72



During the pandemic, the Stogursey WI has been busy keeping contact with its members.

In June we hosted a Pimm's meeting and in July, an interactive flower arranging session followed by afternoon tea. Both meetings were held in a member's beautiful garden, giving both existing and new members, an opportunity to catch up safely with one another.

Our new Stogursey Victory Hall officially opened on September 18<sup>th</sup> and we held our October meeting at the Hall, taking advantage of its superb new facilities. Our topic for the afternoon was "Loneliness" and a lively discussion took place concerning how we all can help each other by staying connected.

In November, we are venturing further afield to visit Monkton Elm Garden Centre for afternoon tea and early Christmas shopping.

At our December meeting, we will be celebrating with our usual Christmas festivities.

We meet monthly, on the second Tuesday, at the Stogursey Victory Hall at 2.30pm

All are welcome, do come along to meet and join our friendly group.

For more information on how to join the group, contact:

Ann Tyldesley ☎ 01278 732181

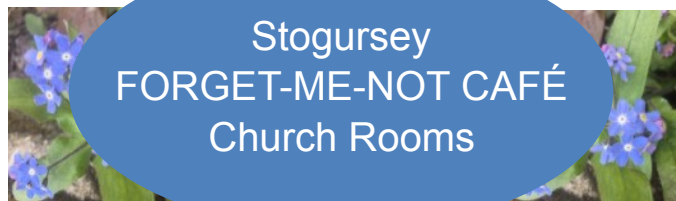
## EAST QUANTOXHEAD VILLAGE MARKET

November 20<sup>th</sup> 10 am - 12 noon

East Quantoxhead Hall

Market Café/Bread/Books/DVD's/Bricbrac





**10.30 - 12 noon in the Church Rooms**

### Autumn and Winter dates

**Wed 10<sup>th</sup> November**

Wordsearch and Singing

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> November**

Art for Dementia with Debbi and Ceri

**\*\*Wed 8<sup>th</sup> December\*\***

Forget-me-Not Christmas visit to Monkton Elm Garden Centre and Festive Lunch

*\*\*Please note this will NOT take place in the Church Rooms*

**Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> December** - Christmas Party – Church Rooms

*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.*

Please contact:

Helen: 01278 734818 – [cuttellhelen@gmail.com](mailto:cuttellhelen@gmail.com)

Rose: 07507 374234



Find us on Facebook and Instagram

### HOLFORD GARDENERS' GROUP

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm  
Holford and District Village Hall

**'Stumperies, Ferns and Shady Friends'**

a talk by Andrew Coleman

Members £1.00 Visitors £3.50

All Welcome

### GARDENER WANTED

in Nether Stowey.

3/4 hours per week (hours negotiable)  
@ £12.50 per hour to weed and cut back.

If interested please ring 01278 732704.

### Hello to all you cinema goers

It's November and we have had a very mild autumn so far. But, if you're looking for a cosy evening out at the cinema then look no further.



The Soap Factory cinema is welcoming you with open arms, taking you on a bus trip. No! not to Hinkley Point, but to our forthcoming film 'The Last Bus'.

A heart-warming tale starring Timothy Spall as an old man whose wife has just passed away using his free local bus pass to travel from Lands End to John O'Groats with his wife's ashes and in doing so meets local people, becoming a celebrity by the end of his trip.

So if you fancy a bus trip across the country whilst not moving from your seat, then come and join us

**Thursday 18th November 2021**

The Soap Factory Cinema  
Church Rooms  
Castle Street  
Stogursey

Doors open 7pm for a 7.30pm showing  
Tickets £6 available from Stogursey Post Office or on the door.

Refreshments and snacks available to purchase on arrival and at the interval, and not forgetting the raffle with a chance to win two tickets for the following month's film.

Look forward to seeing you there.

*The Soap Factory Team*

### Nether Stowey Wednesday Club

Join us every Wednesday (term-time)

St Mary's Church Centre

10am - 2pm

Coffee & Lunch at 12

◇ Quiz ◇

◇ Raffle ◇

We welcome all ages 50+ from surrounding villages.

We look forward to welcoming new members,  
both ladies and gents!

Pop in for a friendly chat meet the members.  
Transport can be provided.

**Contact Maggie 01278 732532 or Tina 01278 732382**

# Stogursey Community Network (SCN)

## November Update





The weekly **Stogursey Lunches** are offered in the Church Rooms every Tuesday. The Lunches are open to all, do come along! Payment is by donation.


The **November Menus** are shown opposite - and on **Stogursey Lunches** Facebook page.

Please note that **advance booking is essential!**

**NOTE – we are still open to new volunteers wishing to get involved with the Stogursey Lunches from time to time. Training provided for Cooks. Front of House volunteers also needed. Please call us\* if you would like to get involved.**

 **Food Bank Deliveries** – the SCN continues to act as an official outpost of the Quantock Food Bank. We can collect and deliver food bags to families and individuals. We are always grateful for donations to our Foodbank collection box (outside The Rectory), but please note that no medicines, or food past its Best Before date can be accepted. In addition, the Quantock Foodbank does not currently need tinned soup, tomatoes or pasta, or any catering packs. Thank you. If you need some food assistance, either contact the Village Agent (for Foodbank referral), Home Start (families) or **us** for something from the **Stogursey Larder...**

 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.

 Our voluntary drivers can take you to a **medical appointment**, including doctor, dentist, optician, physiotherapy etc, if you are unable to get there any other way. This service will continue for the foreseeable future. **Please see separate SCN Volunteer Medical Transport information for an important update** (on next page).

### \*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 how you could help in your community. Thank you.**



## NOVEMBER MENU

### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

*(book by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October: phone 01278 734818)*

Pork & Cider Casserole with pasta and vegetables  
OR

Bean and Vegetable Pasta Bake

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Spiced Plums with crème fraîche and Shortbread

### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November

*(book by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November phone 01278 734818)*

Chicken & Vegetable Curry (mild) with rice and chutney  
OR

Baked Broccoli Macaroni Cheese with vegetables

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Apple & Blackberry Crumble

### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November

*(book by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November phone 01278 734818)*

Steak & Kidney Pie with vegetables

OR

Butternut Squash and Chestnut Pie with vegetables

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Caramel Custard

### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

*(book by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November phone 01278 734818)*

English Onion Soup with cheese toast croûtons  
OR

Baked Potatoes and green vegetables,  
served with either Somerset Pork **or**  
Mushroom & Bean filling

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Apple Tart with whipped cinnamon cream

### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November

*(book by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November phone 01278 734818)*

Beef Chilli (mild) and rice

OR

Chickpea & Vegetable Casserole with rice

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Lemon Syllabub

# Stogursey Arts Trust

**"I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought, and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder."** *Gilbert K Chesterton*

Many thanks to all who joined in, performed, constructed, supported, visited, promoted, cooked, hosted, planned and organised events as well as things for us to see in the OutSide Gallery, and to the Parish Council who helped Light up Stogursey on the Gravel.

Organised by Phil Griggs, the opening performance this year in the Victory Hall, with the Highbridge and Burnham Brass Band was a brilliant idea and one I am sure we will follow up on in years to come. The Morris Travellers were also a big hit and looking to become regular performers, cheering us all up with their 'modern' take on traditional dance. The Flower Show events organised by Fiona Johnson set the stage for the rest of the festival week complementing the many individual contributions by our creative village residents.

The Well Dressing, seen last month on the front cover of Stogursey News, demonstrated how great it is to have new people joining in and offering their expertise and ideas to add to and build on the successes initiated by the school and our flower 'Artists' in the past. Many thanks to Liz Moorsom, Jenny Nicholson and her team for this beautifully crafted piece for all to enjoy.

The Concert in the Church on Sunday was another well-produced addition to the Festival's music programme. The performances were first class and for those who attended, a really uplifting experience. You could not imagine how wonderful the voices sounded and carried in that very special space, which we are fortunate to have inside our parish church. Many thanks to Chris Moorsom for putting the concert together, with additional contributions from Miles Quick and Sarah King; and also for the two evening 'talks with music' he gave. Based on his experience, these insights of how he kept himself creative, making music during the pandemic, although positive, were a stark reminder of what we have all missed over the past months.

On Tuesday, the Stogursey Lunches team put on a special menu for the Festival; it was delicious and the busy atmosphere in the Church Rooms was a wonderful example of what can be achieved with a little vision and a brilliant team of volunteers. Thursday night did not disappoint either. The much talked about reopening of the Soap Factory Cinema showed that even after all the

frustrations of Covid, with energy, imagination and the tenacity of this team, lead by Lyn, Claire and Steve, they were back with a fantastic programme. The screening of 'Dream Horse' was complemented with cocktails, canapés and fancy dress! It was a sell out, which bodes well for the rest of the season. Well done all.

Our closing event in the Church Rooms saw many local, talented performers, entertaining us at the Open-Mic night. Put together by Ian Elenor and our 'Festival Gala Night' team, it was an impressive line up for such a small village. Acts included poetry and recitals and a wide range of music to suit all tastes; there was even some fabulous audience participation. Many thanks to all those who helped to organise the evening, as well as the audience for their 'animated' support.

It was good to see so many venues open again, and although we down-played the exhibitions this year, the attraction of the many and varied performances brought them alive and helped remind us of their fantastic potential and how lucky we are in Stogursey to have so many options for places to meet.

Let's hope that next year things will be more normal and less 'new normal'. Watch this space for plans for next year, new creative groups such as the Photography Group and Community Herb Garden (in response to last month's suggestions) as well as how we put together the annual community events' calendar and the arts events' notice board.

And if you are interested in joining or helping on any of the above let us know. New volunteers came forward during the Festival, but we are still open and listening to ideas to help make things happen. Do get in touch (call us on 01278 734550).

*Mike Bradshaw for Stogursey Arts*

## Gardening Tips for November

**Collect seeds** from your flower heads, such as Sunflowers, Cornflowers and Nigella. Make sure that they are dry, then store them in a paper bag in a cool, dark place.  
(Monty Don)

**Put 'pot feet'** under your terracotta pots to lift them off the ground. This allows them to drain easily in winter rain and frost.

### Sow Seeds

Sow broad beans and garlic into the soil.  
Sow sweet peas in pots in a cold greenhouse or cold frame.



**Stogursey Community Network**  
**Volunteer Medical Transport**  
**UPDATE FROM NOVEMBER 2021**

Our volunteer drivers can take you to a medical appointment, including doctor, dentist, optician, physiotherapy etc, if you are unable to get there any other way.

This service will continue in the future, but please note the following important information:

- Transport is provided for medical appointments only, no shopping, etc can be considered.
- In order not to disadvantage any passengers on the grounds of income/resources, passengers are requested to make a discreet cash donation for the transport. This amount should be what passengers can afford and feel is appropriate for the journey. Those who can afford more will be helping others on more restricted incomes, for which we are all grateful.
- With effect from **1st November**, donations will be collected by the drivers in small paper envelopes which will be provided. The donations will therefore be anonymous, if so desired.
- Passengers should ensure they have the donation ready when they are collected by the driver.
- The use of the collection tins in the village shops for these donations will no longer be required or expected.
- Passengers are politely requested to respect the rules of medical transport only, and to try to ensure that adequate notice of appointments is given to the Transport Coordinator, in order to ensure that we are able to provide an efficient service to all.

**\*How to contact us:**

- **Medical transport only:** 07485 350560  
(Please leave a message if there is no reply.)

**We are extremely grateful to our volunteer drivers  
for this invaluable service**

**QUANTOCK QUILTERS** (including Textiles)  
We meet 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday each month  
10am – 1pm

**Nether Stowey Church Centre**

Come & Join Us  
Beginners welcomed  
No experience necessary

Contact:

Anna Boulton    01278 652307  
Gill Griffiths    01278 733709  
Meg Smith       01278 671837

# SLINKY BUS

for your trips to Bridgwater

**Serves Stogursey on Wednesdays**  
It leaves between 9.30 and 9.45 am  
and returns at noon.

**Takes you to Bridgwater**

**Door to door service**

**Disabled access**

**Free to register at**

www.mendipcommunitytransport.co.uk/slinky  
(or ask for form in Spar Shop).

Once registered, phone the booking office on  
**01749 880948** between 9am and 4pm, Mon – Fri.

**Booking period**

is up to 2 weeks, but more than 24 hours in  
advance, preferably at least a week in advance.

You must ring each time you wish to travel.

**Pay the driver**

Fares are £3.50 single or £1.80 with a bus pass.  
£5.00 return or £2.50 with bus pass after 9.30.

Make sure your bus pass is up to date!

Under 15 year olds half full fare. Under 2s free.

Please contact Slinky to find out more about  
seating arrangements for small children and  
babies.

Wear a mask on board.

Cancel if you feel unwell.

## Solution to Quick Crossword No. 17 October 2021

### CLUES ACROSS

1. Classic, 5. BAFTA, 8. Earthling, 9. YOG, 10.  
Locum, 12. Austere, 13. Aberdeen Angus,  
15. Diptych, 17. Octet, 19. Opt, 20. Bandicoot,  
22. Diary, 23. Elmwood

### CLUES DOWN

1. Creel, 2. Ayr, 3. Schemed, 4. Climate Change,  
5. Bogus, 6. Flyweight, 7. Algiers, 11. Cleopatra,  
13. Android, 14. Aeonium, 16. Yabby, 18. Toted,  
21. Oxo



# Stogursey C of E Primary and Pre-School



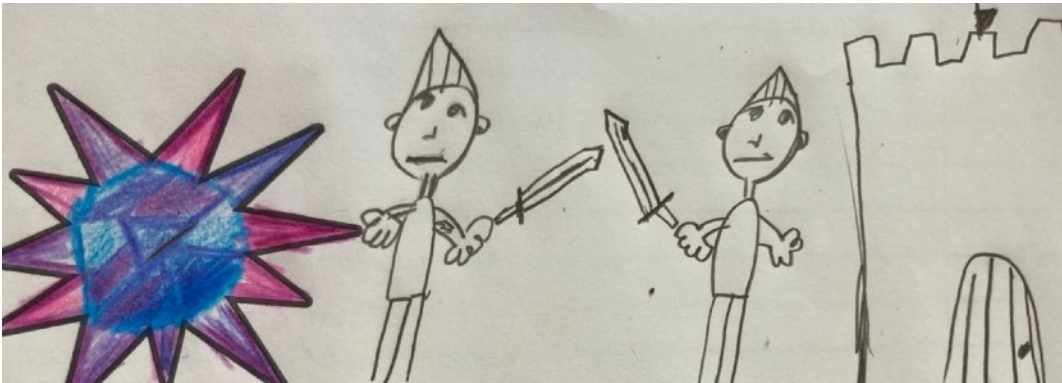
## Understanding the world

At Stogursey School the classes have all been learning about the world – about its history, geography, its plants and animals. On Monday afternoons, all the children are Stogursey adventurers where they do practical lessons inside and out.

In Beacon class the children are learning about the planet earth and its biomes which are large areas of the planet with different vegetation, soil, climate, and wildlife. The younger children are learning about minibeasts and the autumn.

In Triscombe class we have been studying medieval history – four hundred years from the Norman conquest until the Tudors came to the throne. We learned that during that time, women couldn't be the monarch – it was always the oldest son who became the next king. We do not think that was fair at all!

During the Norman conquest, William the Conqueror came from Normandy in France and defeated Harold, the Anglo-Saxon King, at the Battle of Hastings



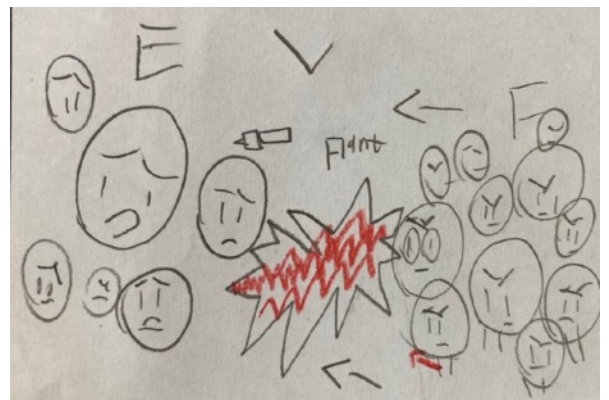
Harold died from an arrow in his eye. After William conquered England, he gave all the best jobs to his friends, including to William De Courcy who was engaged to William's daughter. He gave him the manor of Stoke (little place). Gradually the village of Stoke de Courcy became known as Stogursey.

### What we like about history

"It's really fun. I liked pretending to be a Scottish queen who got her head chopped off." *Casey M*

Keys are important in history, because if there's a war, it's important to lock your door." *Casey*

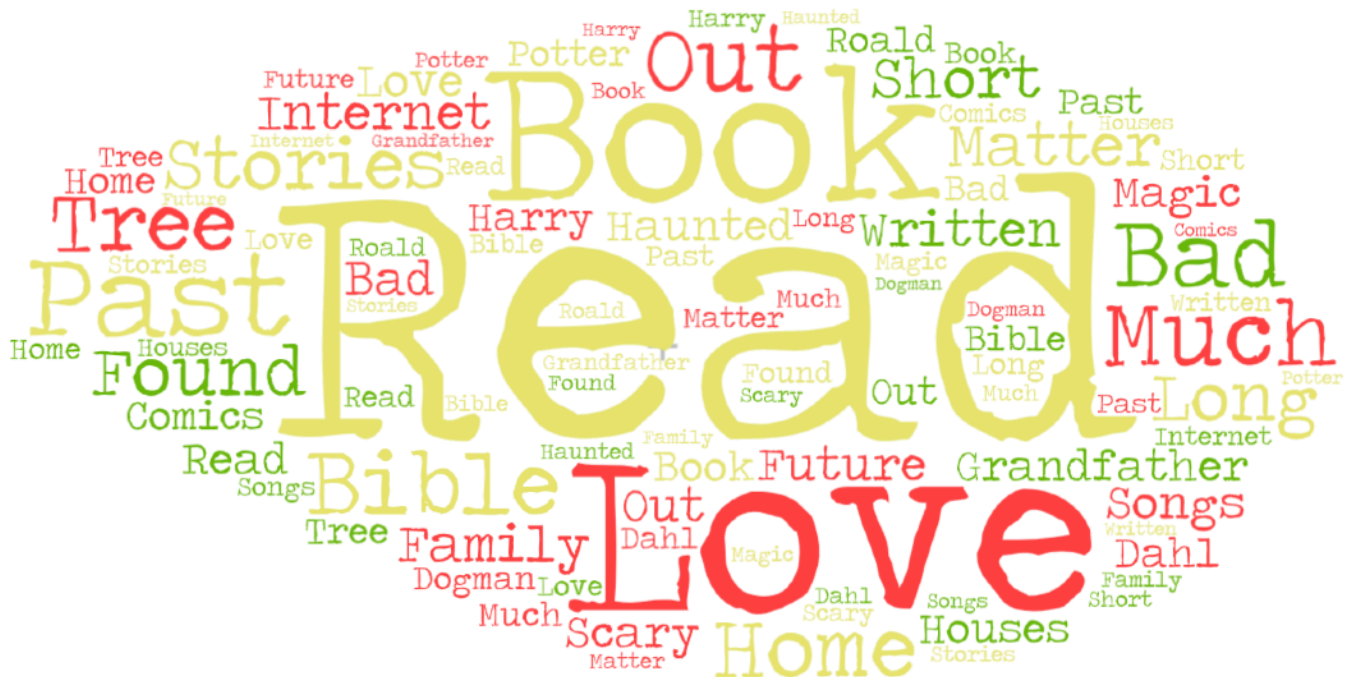
"I like learning about battles and fights". *Lenny*



In History we learned about:

Sources of evidence, where the Normans came from, what is an invasion, who won the battle between King Harold and William, the Battle of Hastings, an arrow in the eye, the Domesday book, Motte and Bailey castles, the de Courcy family.

What does reading mean to some pupils in Beacon class?



The Happiness Breakfast and After School Clubs have made a great start.  
Here is what the children say about them:

"We get to exercise and be active which makes us feel good"

"We get to play games, and take part in sport"

"I enjoy learning how to chop the different foods"

"I enjoy the cooking as we make tasty food"

"You can have croissants, cereal, pancakes and fruit"

"The people are caring!"

"We get to make smoothies"

"There is a cereal dispenser"

"The food is really tasty"

"It's really active and fun"







## MACULAR SOCIETY EXMOOR SUPPORT GROUP

We are delighted to report that we met for the first time at the end of September at our new venue, THE COMMUNITY ROOM, in Dulverton (just by the entrance to the Doctors' Surgery carpark). We are so lucky and grateful that Adelaide from Magna Housing secured it for us for the foreseeable future.

Our first visiting speaker was Holly from Somerset Sight, one of the oldest charities in the country, a most valuable one for people of all ages with sight problems. They provide us with practical, technological and emotional support, offer home visits to read our mail or newspaper to us, and to give us lifts to ophthalmology appointments. They also help us to set up our computers with listening devices, so that we can hear what we can't see; more often than not, they rescue us when we can't read instructions how to get us out of a muddle.

All through the Covid lock-down, Somerset Sight staff made sure that none of us was facing problems for long or was lonely in our isolation. Now that we can all get together again, they are organising social events again at their headquarters in Taunton. If you need support, advice or company due to your failing eyesight why not give them a ring on 01823 333 818. They also send a van every three months to Dulverton (Exmoor House car park) where you get the full service and can buy helpful gadgets like talking wrist watches, speaking bedside and kitchen alarms, magnifying glasses, thick writing pens. Holly brought a large selection to our meeting, and we shopped! All profits goes to the Charity.

Our meeting in November will be on the 25<sup>th</sup> at the Community Room in Dulverton, 2 to 4 pm. See you then.

Marion and Royce,

Tel: 01398 371 450

## Stogursey Oil-buying Group

The Stogursey Oil Buying Group's next order will be in November. The scheme is open free of charge to all households within the Stogursey News distribution area except those whose oil delivery has to be made through the house. The minimum order is 500 litres. We usually get oil for 3 to 4 pence per litre less than the price quoted for individual orders.. The next order after this one will be in January. If you have any questions about the oil buying group I can be contacted on 0755 261 0692.

*Chris Ford*

To place an order please leave the form in the Post Office or telephone (01278 732191) or email [stogurseyford@gmail.com](mailto:stogurseyford@gmail.com) by **10am Monday the 8th of November** with the following information:-

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**Delivery will be in the 2 week period  
commencing 15th November.**

## Stogursey Parish Housing Needs Survey

Are local people struggling with housing issues which need to be addressed?

You should have received through your letterbox a large envelope containing a survey booklet from the Local Authority and the Parish Council. All Stogursey parishioners are encouraged to complete this questionnaire if at all possible, so that the lives of people in the community can be improved through projects and initiatives which will be created as a result of the survey findings.

Stogursey Parish Council wishes to find out whether people in the parish are struggling with housing issues and accommodation requirements. The Housing Needs Survey is therefore being carried out in partnership with Somerset West and Taunton Council (SWT), and the results will generate an independent report which both Councils can then use to jointly help meet those needs and assist local people who are having difficulty. This survey is for the parish of Stogursey only, and will support the community's ongoing Neighbourhood Plan.

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### **Complete the survey – by post or online – for your chance to win £100 of Sainsbury's vouchers! Just in time for The Big Christmas Food Shop!**

You can complete the paper survey and return it in the pre-paid envelope included, or you can do it online by entering this link into your computer or smartphone browser: <https://yoursay.somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk/hns/stogursey> or by searching for 'Stogursey Housing Needs Survey' on the SWT website.

**The closing date is Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021, so postal submissions should be sent by the 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

Copies of the survey will also be available at regular community events throughout November, and members of the Parish Council will be on-hand to help anyone struggling to complete the form. Stogursey Village Agent Izzy Silvester is available to help over the phone or in-person if required, and can be contacted by email or phone: [izzy@somersettrcc.org.uk](mailto:izzy@somersettrcc.org.uk) 07931 018 045.

Survey results will be collated by Somerset West and Taunton Council, and no identifying information is included within them, so residents can be assured that no personal details will be seen by anyone else. The survey is covered by Somerset West and Taunton's Privacy Policy, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the UK Data Protection Act 2018.

## **Points from the Parish Council Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021 Paddons Farm**

The saga of Strongvox and the transfer of land to the Parish is no clearer or nearer. There have been mixed messages from Strongvox in recent weeks and it looks doubtful if the transfer will happen before 2023 at least. The good news for residents appears to be that at last they have acknowledged the issue with the drainage on the estate and that it will be rectified.

### **Housing Needs Survey**

It is hoped that by the time you read this that this important questionnaire will be distributed to all households and businesses across the parish by Somerset West and Taunton Council. They are offering a prize of Sainsbury's vouchers to one lucky respondent. Look out for the envelope containing the survey dropping through your letterbox. Please do not ignore the opportunity to have your say in this important subject and if necessary, please ask for assistance.

### **Highways Issues**

The Parish Council was dismayed to hear that the volunteers of the Community Speedwatch team are being abused by some drivers as they carry out speed survey work in the Parish. The good news is that they are recording all the registration numbers of those who fail to recognise the importance of complying with the speed limits putting others at danger and passing the information onto the local police.

### **Neighbourhood Plan**

The working group has received a welcome boost as it has been awarded £5,868 in government funding to progress their work. Steve and Nigel, along with all the

other volunteers and Councillors on the group, are resuming work to progress the plan to the next stage. Hopefully an update on their work will follow soon.

### **Five into One – The new Unitary Council for Somerset**

Parish Councillors are coming to grips with the decision by the Government for the four District Councils from across Somerset and the County Council to come together into one new Unitary Council in 2023. There is a joint working group carrying the ground work, outlining the many changes and opportunities that will arise to processes and services. The group intends to update Councillors and Parish Clerks as well as residents as it progresses. The change will bring forward local parish and unitary council elections to May 2022.

A lot of work and many announcements will follow in the coming months and we will try to keep you as informed as possible, as the changes become clear.

### **The next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 19:00**

Please see the agenda and draft minutes of the last meeting on the website, or parish noticeboards and if necessary contact the Clerk for any further information ahead of the meeting.

My phone number is 01278 652534  
or you can e-mail me at [stogurseyppccclerk@gmail.com](mailto:stogurseyppccclerk@gmail.com)

*Richard Wand,  
Clerk to Stogursey Parish Council*

## Re-opening Safely and Reconnecting the Community Grant

The Parish Council invites community groups from across the Parish to apply for a small grant to offset costs incurred due to reopening of their service provided to the Community, or community events organised since 1st April 2021, or to support events to be held before 30th May 2022.

The Parish Council is eager to support as many different groups or events as possible and would welcome an application from your community group. The process is open for applications between 1st and 30th November 2021. Please note that there is a limited amount of funds available.

For an application form, contact the Parish Clerk on the following email address: [stogurseyccclerk@gmail.com](mailto:stogurseyccclerk@gmail.com)

The underlying aims for the fund are to support:

1) Opening Up Safely – to make community facilities COVID-19 secure, eg:

- Provision of increased cleaning, cleaning equipment and hand sanitiser;
- COVID-19 signage/posters, or other resources needed to support infection control measures in parish facilities.

Some community groups may well have already spent money on reopening measures, so you may bid to cover

expenditure already incurred since the 1st April 2021.

2) Reconnecting Communities – some people will have been very isolated during lockdown and may be concerned about mixing again, so we are looking for projects that will support them to get out safely and re-engage in community activities. Examples of initiatives to help people reconnect could include projects:

- to support and promote safe social interaction at community level e.g. coffee mornings, outdoor activities and small-scale community events
- which promote the Five Ways to Wellbeing
- which help to address health inequalities and improve lives of vulnerable or less advantaged groups.

### How do we apply?

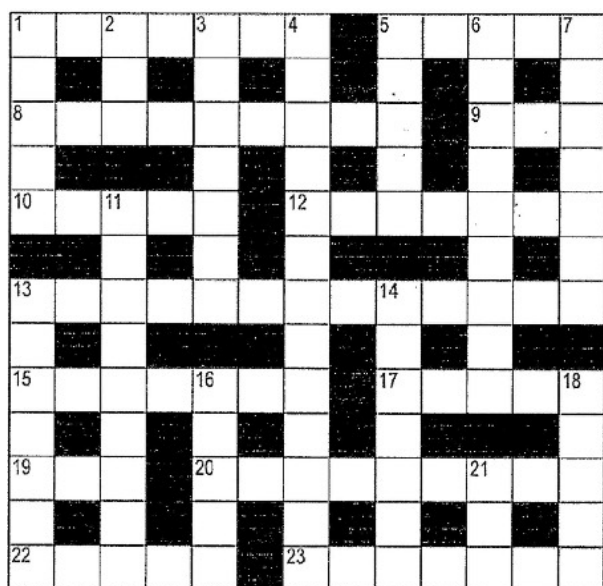
Complete the application form and email it to the Clerk between the 1st and 30th November (Email only, please). We aim to process your application and make payment within 7 working days, unless we require further information or the project needs revising to be eligible for funding.

### How long do we have to spend the money?

Projects must start before the end of this financial year with delivery completed by end of May 2022. In June 2022 we will ask you to confirm you have spent the grant in line with your application and seek feedback on the success of your project.

## Quick Crossword No. 18

compiled by Helen Cuttall



### CLUES ACROSS

1. Breed of cat with blue eyes (7)
5. Michael - - - - Canadian singer (5)
8. Grow plants in this (9)
9. Complete trip around the racetrack (3)
10. Susan (5)

### CLUES ACROSS continued . . .

12. To be without hope (7)
13. Go here to get your nails & make up done (6,7)
15. Irritating & annoying (7)
17. Common tree of the birch family (5)
19. Anger (3)
20. Branches or sticks found on the beach (9)
22. Vigorous & hearty (5)
23. Earth dog (7)

### CLUES DOWN

1. Name meaning red-headed (5)
2. Sticky or slimy stuff (3)
3. Consume too much food (7)
4. Person who studies butterflies (13)
5. Group of binary digits or bits (5)
6. Lightweight material used for making models (5,4)
7. Sovereign ruler of an empire (7)
11. Small fireworks emitting coloured flames (9)
13. Capital of China (7)
14. Apparatus in a nuclear power station (7)
16. In a manner differing from usual (5)
18. Detection system using radio waves (5)
21. Yes! (3)

We are DELIGHTED to share that our Talking Cafes are open again, offering drop-in support at venues across Somerset! No need to book!

Talking Cafes are a place for you to find help, advice & support in an informal, relaxed environment. Just drop in to meet your local Village Agent for a friendly chat, or 1:1 support! They can help with:

- benefit paperwork or if you are worried about your finances
- you're feeling lonely, or isolated where you live - pop in for a chat and a cuppa!
- are struggling to cook for yourself and/or your family – especially if you are a Carer for others and would like a break from cooking.
- if you look after someone else – you might need some advice for them or emotional support for yourself
- you need support with a health condition . . . & so much more!

Village Agents are problem-solving, solution-finders! No matter how big or small you think the issue is, if you don't know where to turn, come and chat to us, we help often when others don't, won't or can't!

A full list of venues open can be found here: <https://somersetagents.org/talking-cafes/> and below:

**EVERY MONDAY: (except Bank Holidays)**

**Minehead:** The Beach Hotel 10am – 12noon

**Taunton:** Great Western Hotel, Station Approach, 10am - 12noon

**EVERY TUESDAY:**

**Williton:** Williton Pavilion, Killick Way, 1pm - 3pm

**Musgrove Park Hospital:** On the concourse near M&S, 2pm - 4pm

**EVERY THURSDAY:**

**Dulverton:** MAGNA, Fishers Mead Community Room, 10.30am – 12.30pm

**Bridgwater:** The Hub @ Angel Place, 11am – 1pm

If you can't make it to a venue, we are still here to support you – just call 01823 331 222 or complete the short form here: <https://somersetagents.org/agent-call-back/Tel:>

For free confidential help and support just telephone your Village Agent Izzy on 07931 018045 or email [izzy@somersetcc.org](mailto:izzy@somersetcc.org)

**SOMERSET APPLE CAKE**

*The recipe comes from 'The Complete Farmhouse Cookbook' from the Yorkshire TV series.*

**Ingredients**

85g / 3oz butter  
170g / 6oz caster sugar  
1 orange rind, grated  
225g / 8oz self-raising flour  
450g / 1 lb Bramley apples, peeled, cored and cubed (about 1 - 2 cm in size)  
2 eggs, beaten  
2 tablespoons milk  
About 1 tablespoon demerara sugar

**Method**

1. Grease and flour a 23cm/9 inch cake tin.

2. Cream butter, sugar and orange rind, and beat until light and creamy.
  3. Mix 1 tablespoon of the flour with  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the cubed apples.
  4. Put eggs and milk in bowl with the creamed butter.
  5. Add remaining flour, and floured apples to the creamed mixture and blend well with a metal spoon.
  6. Turn into the cake tin, arrange the remaining  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the cubed apples on top.
  7. Sprinkle the top with the demerara sugar.
  8. Bake in a moderate oven, 180°C / Gas 4 for 40 - 50 minutes until golden brown.
- Serve cold as a cake, or warm as a pudding with cream.



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## Vicki's Update

After 5 years of construction, significant progress has now been made on what will be the heart of the power station, the reactor building for Unit 1. The reactor building will house all the main reactor components which include:

- The reactor vessel- containing the nuclear fuel and where the nuclear reaction takes place. This is the heat source.
- Four Steam Generators that take the heat from the nuclear reaction and produce large quantities of steam which is used to drive the steam turbine.
- Four Coolant Pumps that circulate coolant water. This water stays within the reactor building.



The first reactor unit and the blue steel columns of the turbine building

The containment building is made up of three layers of protective barriers, two of which are over a metre-thick and made from reinforced concrete. Together with an inner steel liner, they protect the environment in the event of an accident. The shell is also designed to withstand the impact of a commercial airliner.

The team have recently completed the second major pour on Unit 1's inner containment wall, this is the concrete structure that sits just outside of the 230 tonnes of steel that forms the inner steel liner.

Looking ahead, the focus on Unit 1's reactor building will be the lifting of the second containment ring liner into place. The liner ring is the second of five pieces that make up the inner steel containment and is a key step to the completion of the whole building.



### Meet our Joint Community Safety Project Officer

We'd like to introduce you to Nicola Hale, Hinkley Point C Joint Community Safety Project Officer. Nicola works within the community delivering initiatives that support community cohesion and works closely with the Hinkley Policing team on matters of community safety.

Nicola can be contacted using the below details:

Phone: 01278 619636

Mobile: 07464 981763

Email: [community.safety@sedgemoor.gov.uk](mailto:community.safety@sedgemoor.gov.uk)

### 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.

The 29<sup>th</sup> of September marked five-years since the final contracts were signed and the construction of Hinkley Point C was given the official green light. Since 2016, thousands of people and companies have been employed on the project and significant milestones have been achieved including a number this year:

- **Reactor-** The next 17m high concrete section of the first reactor building has been prefabricated and is ready to be lifted into place by Big Carl.
- **Turbine Hall-** Work to build the 16m high floor for the first turbine and generator is under way. It will support the world's most powerful "Arabelle" turbine which arrives later this year. Each turbine can produce more than 3% of the nation's electricity, enough for more than 3m homes
- **Cooling tunnels-** 3.5 miles of cooling tunnels have been completed and six 5,000 tonne water intake heads are ready for installation.
- **Mechanical, Electrical and Heating-** Work to install the 230 miles of pipes and 5,500 miles of cables is underway
- **Skills-** Training for the first cohort of power station operators has begun.
- **Grid connection-** The country's first "T-pylons" have been installed for the station's 35-mile grid connection



The first reactor unit and the blue steel columns of the turbine building



HPC viewed from one of 50 tower cranes

**What's next?** Unit 1's second liner ring will be lifted into place later this year. It is the second of five pieces that make up the steel containment structure. Once the containment building is complete, the domed roof will be lifted onto the top of the first reactor building.



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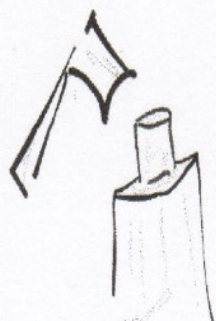
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### Parish Councillors:

Chris Morgan (Chair) 01278 734887 or 07966-697460  
[cmorgan195@icloud.com](mailto:cmorgan195@icloud.com)  
Sue Goss (vice-Chair)  
Rebecca Calvert, Eileen Chave,  
Chris Ford, Susan E Jones, Tim Kaye, Steve O'Driscoll,  
Jenny Ody, Helga Staddon

Clerk: Richard Wand 01278 652534

Meetings: held monthly in the Victory Hall, Stogursey  
7.15 - 7.30 Public Forum - for parishioners to attend & ask questions,  
from 7.30 pm Councillors' meeting - parishioners may attend and listen.

### West Somerset & Ward Councillors:

Chris Morgan [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:

##### Burton and Knighton

Mike Laver [m\\_laver@btinternet.com](mailto:m_laver@btinternet.com) 732069

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

##### Shurton

Richard Cuttall [cuttallrichard@gmail.com](mailto:cuttallrichard@gmail.com) 734818

##### Stolford:

Susan E Jones [suejones279@btinternet.com](mailto:suejones279@btinternet.com) 652287

##### Wick:

Dick Blomfield. [richie.blomfield@btinternet.com](mailto:richie.blomfield@btinternet.com) 653302

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.

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 [scrbookings7@gmail.com](mailto:scrbookings7@gmail.com). (07565 149966)  
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 - 3 in the parish:

♥ - on the wall outside Stogursey Motors, Stogursey

♥ - side entrance of Babbling Brook Inn, Shurton

♥ - church of St Peter, Stolford

### Mobile Library: Route G

The library visits on Thursdays - every 4 weeks

#### Shurton

Babbling Brook 12.05 pm - 12.30 pm

#### Stogursey

Greyhound Inn 1.10 pm - 1.50 pm

Town Close (No 30) 1.55 pm - 2.25 pm

### Next Visiting Dates in 2021:

18<sup>th</sup> November; 16<sup>th</sup> December

For more information, contact Libraries Direct by

Telephone 0300 123224, or

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.