

# STOGURSEY NEWS



**Church Spire Under Repair**

## December 2021

Deadline for **JANUARY 2022** contributions:

**10.00 am Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

## Editorial

Welcome to our December edition.

We are very sorry for the problems with the November edition. This was due to printing issues outside of our control. Thanks to a few of our diligent distributors, the limited number which were printed did reach some readers. This month's issue is bigger than usual, as some of November's articles were carried over into this one.

Given the number of chickens we hear on a daily basis, and the cage birds that people keep, it is worth drawing your attention to the Avian Flu article.

A nice night at the cinema is in the offing, but do note that there will be a limited number of seats.

The school children have all been very busy learning about the history of our lovely village as well as valuable life skills and making a weather station. It makes us want to go back to school!

With Christmas approaching, the magazine is full of dates for your diary - plenty of events to see and do!

The problems we had with the last edition might serve as a reminder of how lucky we are to have a magazine printed freely to give us a platform to air our views, and share our news, joys and disappointments.

Take care and best wishes for 2022!

*The Editorial Team*

## Stogursey-Online.uk

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

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

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

## Stogursey News

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

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

## 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	Steart 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

8 <sup>th</sup> December	Forget-me-Not Christmas Visit	Monkton Elm Garden Centre	
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Film Night: "Love Sarah"	Church Rooms	Doors Open 7.00 pm
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Quiz	Church Rooms	7.00 pm
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Craft Fair	Church Rooms	10.00 am - 12.30 pm
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Parish Council Meeting	Victory Hall	7.00 pm
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Bingo	Victory Hall	Eyes Down 8.00 pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Forget-me-Not Café - Christmas Party	Church Rooms	10.30 am - 12.00

## DIARY 2022

8 <sup>th</sup> January	Wassail: see details within	Old Mill Orchard, Shurton	2.00 pm onwards
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## Avian Influenza Prevention Zone (AIPZ)

As of 5pm on 3 November 2021 an Avian Influenza Prevention Zone was declared across Great Britain. All bird keepers in Great Britain (whether they have pet birds, commercial flocks or just a few birds in a backyard) are required by law to take a range of bio-security precautions. Full details of what is required can be found on the government website: [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1030990/aipz-declaration.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1030990/aipz-declaration.pdf)

To assist all bird keepers in complying with the new rules, the [biosecurity guidance and self-assessment checklists](#) have been updated and all the latest information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu#biosecurity>

## Events and Carols for Christmas in the Quantock Coast Benefice

Date	Church	Time	Event
Sunday 5th	St Mary's East Quantoxhead	3.00 pm	Bring a Toy and Sing a Carol – for Children in the Bridgwater area who are in need. This is a light and informal occasion and open to everyone.
Sunday 12th	St Ethelreda's West Quantoxhead	4.00 pm	Village Carol Service and Mulled Wine
Wednesday 15th	St Andrew's Stogursey	6.00 pm	Stogursey C of E School Carol Service
Friday 17th	St Andrew's Stogursey	2.30 pm	Stogursey C of E School Christingle Service
Saturday 18th	St Mary's Kilve	3.00 pm	Carols
Sunday 19th	St Martin of Tours Fiddington	4.00 pm	Village Carol Service
Sunday 19th	St Andrew's Stogursey	6.00 pm	Benefice Carol Service by Candlelight
Monday 20th	Stringston (St Mary's if raining)	7.30 pm	Carols round the Nativity
Tuesday 21st	St Mary's East Quantoxhead	4.00 pm	Carols by Candlelight
<b>Christmas Eve</b> Friday 24th	St Mary's Holford	3.00 pm	Crib Service
	St Andrew's Stogursey	4.00 pm	Crib Service
	St Mary's Stringston	7.00 pm	Christmas Eve Service
	St Martin of Tours Fiddington	9.00 pm	Christmas Eucharist
	St Ethelreda's West Quantoxhead	11.00 pm	Midnight Mass – Come and sing the beautiful words of 'O come all ye faithful' as the clock strikes midnight.
<b>Christmas Day</b> Saturday 25th	St Mary's Kilve	10.30 am	Christmas Family Service
	St Andrew's Stogursey	10.30 am	Christmas Eucharist for All
<b>Boxing Day</b> St Stephen's Day Sunday 26th	Zoom	10.30 am	Eucharist via Zoom

**You will be most welcome at events in any of these churches.**

**Please join us. Happy Christmas.**

Please note that for all public worship, hand-sanitizing will be in place,  
and all adults (except those who are medically exempt) will be required to wear masks in church.



## Thank you . . .

I would like to thank all my friends and neighbours for all the support I received on the passing of my husband Charlie Bone.

I would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year.

*Jill Bone*

## Thank you . . .

I wish to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you to the deliverers of the Stogursey News for all your hard work and commitment during this very difficult year.

Thank you all once again, it is very much appreciated.

*Allan Searle*

## Stogursey Twinning Association (STA)



### CHRISTMAS QUIZ

£5 per person

Teams of up to four

Includes light supper:

Soup, roll & mince pies

Church Rooms, Stogursey

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 7.00pm**

Also a Christmas Hamper to be won!

Last chance to book - deadline 8<sup>th</sup> December!

Please contact 01278 733162 to book your place

[carolinemayhawkes@gmail.com](mailto:carolinemayhawkes@gmail.com)

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## WIN A DELICIOUS CHRISTMAS CAKE!



Only £1.00 a go!

Ring Karen Henson on 01278 732949. Give her your name & phone number, which she will write into a numbered square on a 100-square grid. (You can choose the number if the square is still available)

The draw will be on **18<sup>th</sup> December** - when each completed square will be put into a sealed container. The draw will take place at the Post Office. The lucky winner will be contacted.

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## Wassail in January (see details on a later page)

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## Trip to Lonlay in 2022:

Thurs pm 28th April (arr Lonlay 29th April)  
to Monday 2nd May.

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## St George's Day Celebration

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2022**

Watch out for further details in Stogursey News.

## 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

## Christmas Bingo

at the Victory Hall

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Eyes down at 8pm



## Stogursey WI

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 ventured 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

## CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR



**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

10.00 – 12.30

CHURCH ROOMS, CASTLE STREET, Stogursey

In aid of Church Room funds

**\*FREE ENTRY\***

Donations to Church Rooms

Funds welcome



Face Painting

Handmade Cards

Homemade Cakes

Handmade Jewellery

Street Bean Coffee Co

Sugar Rush Sweet Cart

Warm Spiced Apple Juice

Hand Knitted Hats, Scarves & Bags

Honey & Natural Beeswax Products

Friends of Stogursey School – Sweet Treats

Crochet Crafts, Christmas Gifts & Decorations

The Fortress Charity – African Jewellery & Fabrics

Original Paintings

Children's Books

Children's Drinks

Promises Auction

Guess the weight and win a Decorated Christmas Cake!

*Visitors are requested to wear a face covering  
in the Church Rooms*

### **"WASSAIL the trees, that they may bear**

*You many an apple and many a pear:  
For more or less fruits they will bring,  
As you do give them wassailing."*

Come and join in the Wassail at The Old Mill, Shurton  
**on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022**

Procession leaving the Babbling Brook  
at 1.30pm

Live music with The Big Noise Band,  
Mulled cider, Hot soup, Bonfire

Bring something that makes a noise!

*Sorry, no parking available at The Old Mill*



## **Hello to all you cinema goers**

Just cannot believe we are talking  
about the next film showing for  
December - how time flies!

This is the last of this season of films, and to celebrate we  
are offering mulled wine and mince pies as well as the  
usual refreshments.

Whilst you are enjoying your yummy mince pies and  
mulled wine, you can enjoy our upcoming film, 'Love  
Sarah'. A young woman, who wants to fulfil her mother's  
dream of opening her own bakery in Notting Hill, London,  
enlists the help of an old friend and her grandma. A  
warm, sweet film to cozy up to on a December evening.

Whilst we want you to enjoy the film, we also want you to  
feel safe so have limited the number of tickets being sold.  
You can purchase your tickets from our friendly  
neighbourhood Spar and Post Office so make sure you  
get your tickets early

Be ready for a warm and friendly welcome on:-

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021** at the Soap Factory  
Cinema, Church Rooms, Castle Street, Stogursey.

Doors open 7pm for a 7.30pm showing

Tickets £6 available from Stogursey Post Office

Refreshments included for this month will be mulled wine  
and mince pies. Snacks will also be available to  
purchase on arrival and at the interval. Not forgetting the  
raffle with a chance to win two tickets for the following  
month's film.

That's all folks!

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.

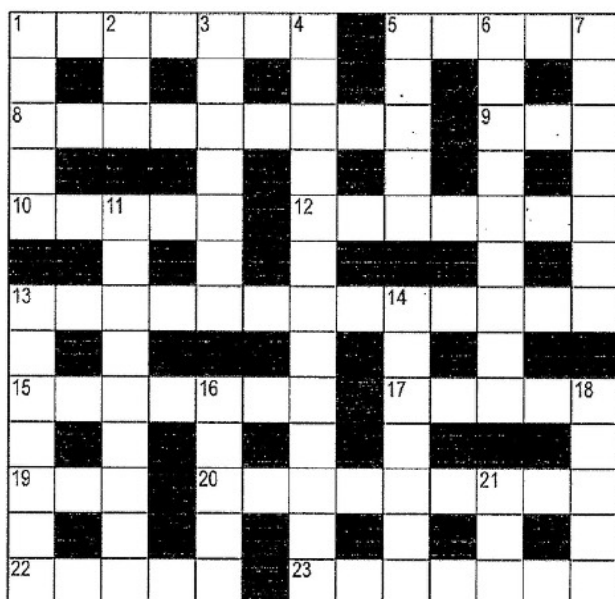
We look forward to welcoming new members,  
both ladies and gents!

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

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

## Quick Crossword No. 18 (November's)

Compiled by Helen Cuttall

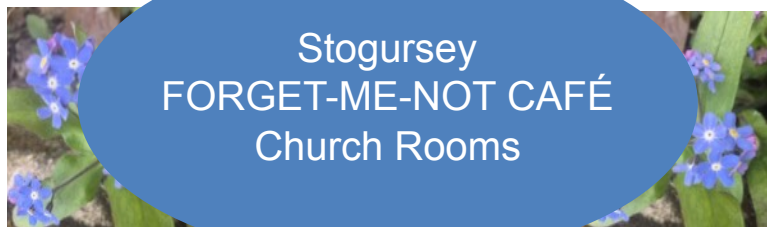


### CLUES ACROSS

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)
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)



10.30 - 12 noon in the Church Rooms

### Winter dates

**\*\*Wed 8th 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 22nd 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 – [cuttelhelen@gmail.com](mailto:cuttelhelen@gmail.com)

Rose: 07507 374234



Find us on Facebook and Instagram

### CAR OWNERS QUIZ!

- ☐ Do you run a roadworthy car?
- ☐ Do you live in or around Stogursey?
- ☐ Do you have email?
- ☐ Do you have a mobile phone?

If you've scored 4 out of 4 perhaps you could give a lift occasionally to someone who can't get to their medical appointments. We are desperate for more drivers for the Stogursey Community Network Medical Transport Scheme.

If you agree to register with us, you would need a DBS check (re criminal record). You would also need to agree to let us contact you to check out your availability **when we get a request**.

You only need to respond if you are able and willing to take someone, and our Coordinator would then give you more details. So you might choose to take someone every once in a while (eg once or twice a month) or more often - **it's entirely up to you**. You can record your mileage for the journey and reclaim 45 pence a mile.

If you might be interested, or just want to know a bit more, ring the transport mobile **07485 350 560** or email [carolinemayhawkes@gmail.com](mailto:carolinemayhawkes@gmail.com)

# Stogursey Community Network (SCN)

## December Update



### ❖ Food Bank Donations and Deliveries

The SCN is 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 food assistance, either contact:

- the Village Agent (for a Foodbank referral),
- Home Start (families)
- or us\* for something from the Stogursey Larder.

❖ Contact 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.

❖ SCN volunteers will collect your **medical prescription** and deliver it to you at home if you are unable to get to the Surgery or the Spar/PO to collect it.

❖ **SCN Medical Transport** 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. **Please see the next page for separate SCN Volunteer Medical Transport information.**

### \*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.***

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

**Stogursey Lunches** - open to all, but must be booked in advance. Menus also shown on Stogursey Lunches facebook page. Payment by donation.



## DECEMBER MENU

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December

*(book by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November: phone 01278 734818)*

Chicken, Vegetable and Barley Soup  
OR

Rustic Creamy Mushroom Soup  
both soups served with Homemade Bread Roll

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Chocolate Up and Over Pudding

### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

*(book by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December phone 01278 734818)*

Tuna Bake  
OR

Leek Flan  
both served with vegetables

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Winter Fruit Salad with crème fraîche

### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December

*(book by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December phone 01278 734818)*

Christmas Turkey Lunch with all the trimmings

*(A vegetarian alternative will be available on request)*

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Christmas Pudding or Sherry Trifle

### Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> December

No Stogursey Lunches today

## JANUARY 2022

### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January

*(book by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> December phone 01278 734818)*

Chicken and Leek Pastry Parcel  
OR

Potato, Cheese, onion & spinach Parcel  
both served with potatoes and vegetables

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Apple and Mincemeat pudding with custard



## Stogursey Community Network Volunteer Medical Transport

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.

Please note the following important information:

- Transport is provided for medical appointments only, no shopping, etc can be considered.
- All passengers are requested to make a discreet cash **donation** for the transport provided. 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.
- 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.
- 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:

**For Medical Transport:** 07485 350560 (Please leave a message if there is no reply.)

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

## 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

## Solution to Quick Crossword No.18: November 2021

### CLUES ACROSS

1. Ragdoll, 5. Bublé, 8. Flowerpot, 9. Lap, 10. Susie, 12.  
Despair, 13. Beauty Parlour, 15. Irksome, 17. Alder  
19. Ire, 20. Driftwood, 22. Gusto, 23. Terrier

### CLUES DOWN

1. Rufus, 2. Goo, 3. Overeat, 4. Lepidopterist, 5. Bytes, 6. Balsa  
Wood, 7. Emperor, 11. Sparklers, 13. Beijing, 14. Reactor, 16.  
Oddly, 18. Radar, 21. Oui

## 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.

## 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



# Stogursey C of E Primary and Pre-School



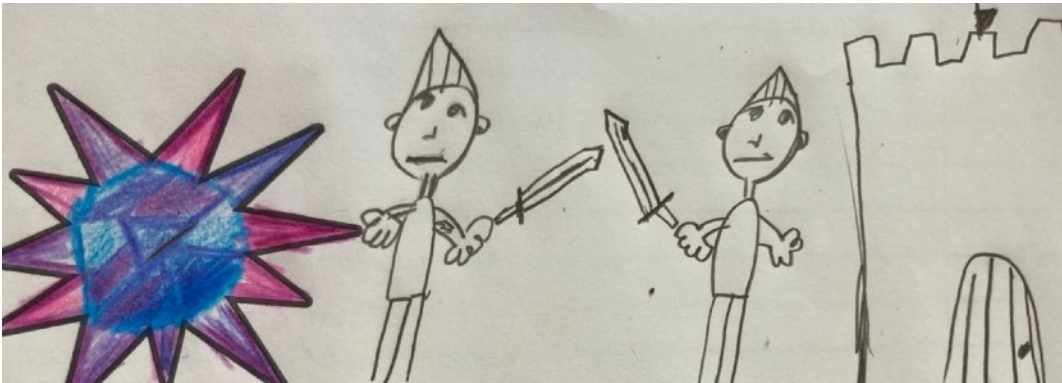
## Understanding the world

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



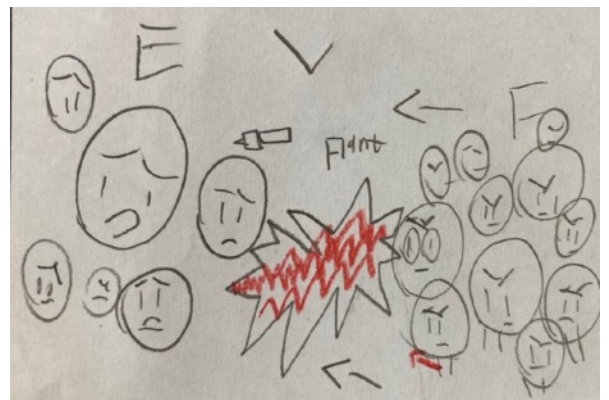
Harold died from an arrow in his eye. After William conquered England, he gave all the best jobs to his friends, including to William De Courcy who was engaged to William's daughter. He gave him the manor of Stoke (little place). Gradually the village of Stoke de Courcy became known as Stogursey.

### 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*

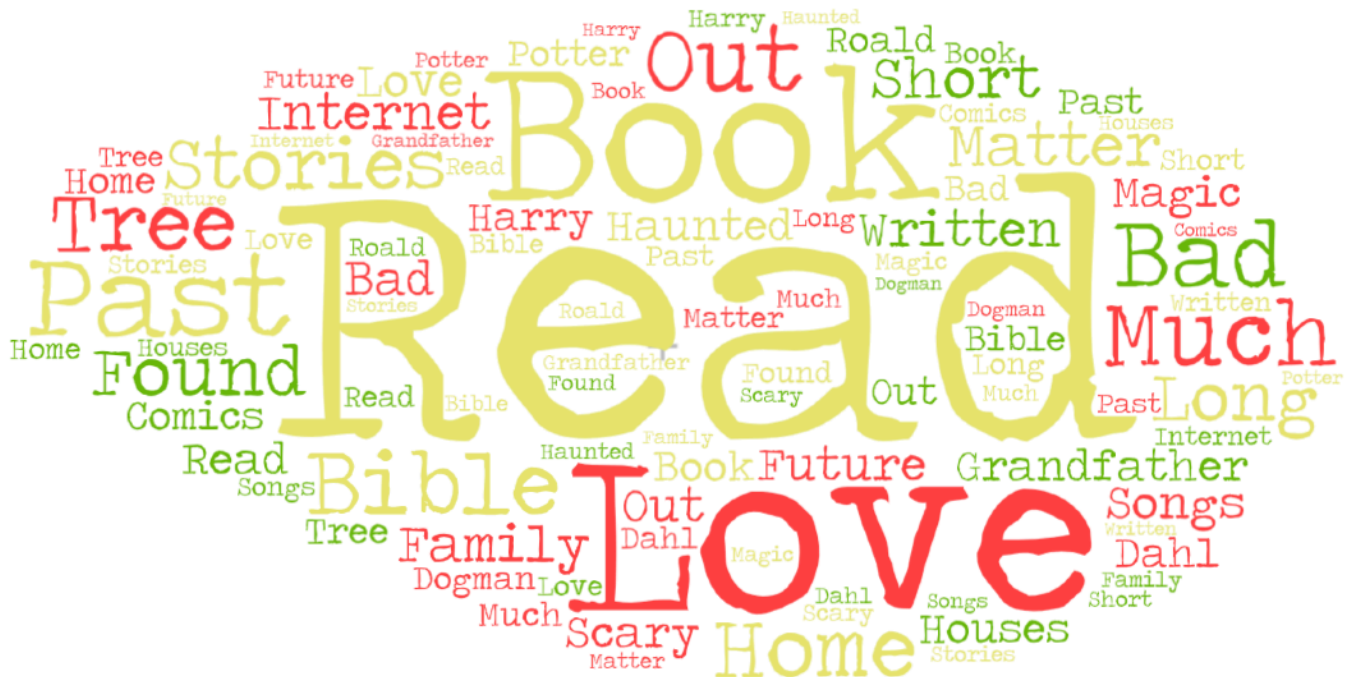
"I like learning about battles and fights". *Lenny*



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"





## Stogursey Adventurers



Every Monday afternoon Stogursey children become Stogursey Adventurers! They are learning practical life skills and all about the world around them. Parents have been coming in to volunteer with cookery and woodwork lessons too! Mr Tucker says, "These practical life skills are so important to our community, and I am glad it is now a regular feature in our curriculum. Having parents to assist is exactly what our school is about - community involvement!"

Miss Dunwood has designed the Stogursey Adventurers' curriculum based on the principles of the scouting movement, and there are elements of science and design and technology woven through. All the children are involved from pre-school right up to year 6. The school year will end with a grand expedition!

"Look at our bug hotel! What a great place for a bug to stay!"



Children in Triscombe class have made a bug hotel. They hope to attract lots of bugs to come to stay this winter.

"Our bug hotel is made out of maize, giant pine cones, leaves, wood, sticks and wooder blocks with holes in"

"We love doing fun stuff, like cooking and making things."

I love Stogursey Adventurers. It's fun making a bug hotel. It's better than maths, but not as good as English"

"I loved collecting the leaves and putting them in the bug hotel"

"We enjoy working together as a team and the lessons are fun."

Children in Alfoxton class have been learning to make bread



It's a bit sticky!





## Beacon class are making a weather station

Riley C enjoys design in particular, and explained about how he made his anemometer. "We drew it in our books last week, making a small design and now we're making it."



An anemometer is an instrument that measures wind speed and wind pressure. . . As the wind blows, the cups rotate, making the rod spin. The stronger the wind blows, the faster the rod spins.

Imogen is making a chicken windsock. "A windsock looks weird, and we thought we'd try it. It's going to show the direction and speed the wind is blowing."



Summer, Skye and Ruby are making rain gauges. They are problem solving how to make it stay upright and how they are going to measure how much rain has fallen into it. Finlay is making a weathervane.



Stogursey School is looking to recruit a General Assistant and a Clerk to Governors.  
For information about these posts, please look on the Quantock Education Trust website  
<https://www.quantockedtrust.co.uk/copy-of-vacancies>

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## Climate Change Crisis

by Amelia Nicholls, age 11

Climate change is a crisis,  
that we need to try to fix;  
although it might surprise us,  
We still need to do it.

Mice everywhere,  
where can people sleep;  
under the stairs,  
you can hear the floorboards creak.

Weather's getting warmer,  
ice is melting;  
to some peoples horror,  
forests are burning.

No water to drink,  
too much drought;  
so we need to think,  
and help people out.

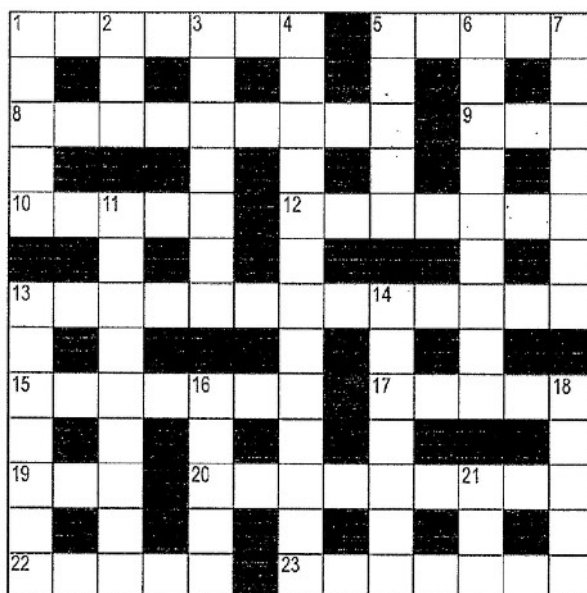
Reduce, reuse, recycle,  
that's what it's all about;  
so don't make us the final,  
people all around.

Close fridge doors,  
save some power;  
it might seem quite odd,  
but it will help us.

Buy electric cars,  
cut down on greenhouse gasses;  
the car sale isn't as far away as  
Mars,  
so go and save our planet.

Climate change is a crisis,  
That we need to try to fix;  
although it might surprise us,  
we still need to do it.

## Quick Crossword No. 19 (December's) Compiled by Helen Cuttall



### CLUES ACROSS

1. Rudolph has these (7)
5. Meerkat character from the Lion King (5)
8. Car with a roof that folds down (9)
9. Card used in your mobile phone (3)
10. Oliver - - - - - (5)
12. Person who walks in the countryside (7)
13. Related to or situated between two or more

### CLUES ACROSS continued:

15. Ebenezer - - - - - (7)
17. John - - - - - manufacturer of agricultural machinery (5)
19. Four wheeled vehicle (3)
20. Final battle of the Monmouth Rebellion (9)
22. Small paving blocks made of stone (5)
23. Courteous regard to people's feelings (7)

### CLUES DOWN

1. Racecourse in Berkshire (5)
2. Wide, round container used for growing plants (3)
3. Something that sends out light or noise (7)
4. System of organising days based on the position of the sun relative to the stars (5, 8)
5. Sacred object or emblem of a group of people (5)
6. Parasitic plant often found growing on apple trees (9)
7. Measured or expressed in numbers (7)
11. Make sense of a language (9)
13. Bugs (7)
14. Speak to (7)
16. Rock band formed in Manchester (5)
18. White heron (5)
21. Poem (3)

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## HOLFORD GARDENERS' GROUP

### Christmas Social

Tuesday December 21<sup>st</sup>

at Holford and District Hall  
7.30pm

Members £1.00 Visitors £2.00

A Warm Welcome to all

## EAST QUANTOXHEAD CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday December 11<sup>th</sup>

at East Quantoxhead Hall  
10.00 am -12 noon

Market Café  
Mince Pies  
Tombola



# Stogursey Arts Trust

*(in this edition we are including an Arts Trust update for November, and a very brief update for December)*

**"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).

## **December's Update**

Next year in 2022, we hope to bring you another 'Outside' experience: The Garden Festival. We are currently looking for gardeners who would like to be involved.

Read all about our ideas in January's edition of Stogursey News.

On other local Arts events, December will be your last chance to see the 'essence of Watchet' in a bottle project at the East Quay Gallery in Watchet. If you have visitors over the festive season, do take them along to see the new gallery and the exhibition, which has free entry.

We at the Arts Trust are looking forward to the traditional Christmas Lighting up of Stogursey and hope you all have a very wonderful Christmas. Here's to a positive and creative New Year in the village and the wider parish.

*Mike Bradshaw for Stogursey Arts Trust*

## 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. It looks doubtful if the transfer will happen before 2023 at least. The good news for residents is that the issue with the drainage on the estate has been acknowledged, and it will be rectified.

### Housing Needs Survey

(see Parish Council notes for November)

### Highways Issues

The Parish Council was dismayed to hear that the volunteers of the Community Speedwatch team are being abused by some drivers. 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 and are 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.

### 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.

## Points from the Parish Council meeting

9<sup>th</sup> November 2021

### Planning Issues

The news in late October and early November that the Parish is to have another 27 houses built off Lime Street and another 5 on High Street, brings the total planned developments in the Parish to 64 new houses. In 2020 we were given "assurances" by officers and executive members, including the leader of Somerset West and Taunton Council, that consideration would be given to no more than 13 houses in any one year!

A vote of No Confidence in Somerset West and Taunton Planning Committee was passed by the Parish Council. This follows on from the vote of No Confidence in the Planning Officers of SWTC last year.

The Council members reflected on the lack of interest the members of the planning committee took in the objections raised, not just by the Parish Council, but by many residents. The infrastructure of the Parish may not cope with such a massive increase in residents, seeking to access healthcare services, etc., let alone their cars! The building works alone will bring lorry after lorry into all four routes into or through Stogursey, hopefully not, but probably all at the same time, but they have to start work within three years.

### Housing Needs Survey

The survey completed on 25<sup>th</sup> November with over a hundred submissions made. The winner of the £100 Sainsbury's gift voucher is to be pulled from the hat at the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you to all those who took part, we should have a presentation on the results at the Parish Council meeting in January.

### Highways Issues

The Parish Council has received approval from Somerset County Highways to install Speed Indicator Devices at several locations on the route around the Parish. We are hoping to receive grant funding for the equipment, which will hopefully be in use by the spring.

### Neighbourhood Plan

The working group has been busy pulling together a questionnaire and has reached a stage where it hopes to have it available for completion by residents of the parish early in the New Year. This will help the group to gather the information and ideas it needs to progress the formation of the Neighbourhood Plan.

### The new Unitary Council for Somerset

Since my last update, the Government has been busy consulting with the current District and County Councils on the number of councillors and the timing of the election to the new "Somerset Council", which will replace the four District Councils and the County Council from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023. I will continue to try to keep you as informed as possible, as the changes become clear over this winter.

### The next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 19:00

Please see the agenda and draft minutes of the last meeting on the website, or parish noticeboards. If necessary, contact the Clerk for further information on 01278 652534 or e-mail [stogurseypcclerk@gmail.com](mailto:stogurseypcclerk@gmail.com)

Finally, may I wish you and your family a Happy Christmas, and let us hope that 2022 brings us a safe and happy New Year.

*Richard Wand, Clerk to Stogursey Parish Council*



## Bringing the library to you

### Home Library Service

I am writing to you to introduce you to Somerset libraries, which is a free service provided by Somerset County Council.

The service is available to anyone who loves reading but is unable to access the library due to long term illness, mobility issues or caring responsibilities.

Reading can really lift mood and spirits and a visit from a volunteer can help ease loneliness.

#### How the service works:

When an individual contacts us we will arrange for a volunteer to visit you. They will ask you what you like to read and the best times to visit you, usually on a fortnightly or monthly basis.

The volunteer will choose books based on your preferences and deliver them to you.

Our volunteers can also support you in accessing free-e-book, e-audiobooks and e-magazines.

They can provide you with audio books and DVDs for free.

All our volunteers are DBS checked and have provided references and undertaken training.

If you are interested in volunteering for this service, or would like to access the service, please contact:

Home Library Manager:  
Kirsty Jenssen  
Email: [kjenssen@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:kjenssen@somerset.gov.uk)

Somerset County Council  
Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP)



## SOMERSET BUS PARTNERSHIP

The future is suddenly starting to look a lot brighter for bus services in Somerset.

Over the past decade, public transport has not been an economic and developmental priority for Somerset County Council. Residents of this large, mainly rural county have been encouraged to rely on cars to get them to work as well as to shops, hospitals and places of entertainment and bus travel has dwindled accordingly. Bus journeys in the County have fallen by 43% over the past decade, we now have the second lowest bus journeys per head in the country and our bus services have the lowest satisfaction score.

But the Government's Bus Back Better strategy has prompted a major rethink with £3 billion of funding for bus improvements to be shared out between transport authorities across England (outside of London). Somerset County Council has responded and developed a highly ambitious Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) and is asking the Government to fund the Somerset BSIP with an eye watering £163 million grant. You can read the 184pp document that Somerset has submitted justifying this bid here <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/transport-strategy> (the BSIP document can be found under the National Bus Strategy Section).

Even if the full amount of the Somerset bid is not granted, it is a recognition by Somerset County Council that its bus services need major improvement. Transport is the biggest emitter of carbon emissions in Somerset accounting for 44.1% of Somerset's total emissions. Given COP26, we must now make sure Somerset pursues the initiatives outlined in the Somerset Bus

Service Improvement Plan that encourage a switch to public transport and away from single occupancy private cars. This will reduce our carbon footprint.

Somerset Bus Partnership was set up so that the voices of bus users from across Somerset are heard. We now have over 80 "bus representatives" from all parts of the county who ensure we understand and reflect the needs of towns and parishes across the county. We still need some more representatives. **Could you be your parish bus representative?** Check if your parish still needs a representative: <https://www.somersetbuspartnership.co.uk/representative>

We are also looking for support with the Somerset Bus Partnership's core team. Have you had management experience of the bus industry or in a transport department within a Council? Please do get in touch if you have.

Somerset is now entering into an Enhanced Partnership with local bus service operators to implement the Somerset Bus Service Improvement Plan. Somerset Bus Partnership has been invited to attend the launch of the Bus Advisory Board in late November. This is Somerset's first step in establishing a partnership arrangement with local bus companies.

Somerset Bus Partnership will continue to work with bus users and will hold Somerset County Council to the ambitious and worthy goals now espoused in the Somerset Bus Improvement Plan.

If you would like to get in contact with us, drop us an email: [somersetbuspartnership@gmail.com](mailto:somersetbuspartnership@gmail.com) or follow us on Facebook: or via our website: <https://www.somersetbuspartnership.co.uk>

John Hassall  
Co Chair – Somerset Bus Partnership

## Community Council for Somerset (CCS) December Village Agent News



Are you staying warm and well this winter? No one should suffer a cold home, and have to choose between heating and eating, or being able to stay warm and well with food and appropriate clothing.

Village Agents are delighted to be the distributor of the Surviving Winter grants on behalf of the Somerset Community Foundation – to help those most at risk to pay for winter fuel, as well as being used in other ways to keep people warm and well - for example, a week's worth of hot meals, or simple measures such as a new winter coat, hot water bottles, gloves and mittens!

The grant is made possible by people who can afford to donate their government winter fuel payment to the scheme – all the information on that can be found here: <https://www.somersetcf.org.uk/winter>

If you can afford to, please donate some or all of your Winter Fuel Payment to help support those living in fuel poverty. With your help, we can help them stay warm, safe and well.

If you need help keeping you and your house/home warm and safe, please contact your local Village Agent. Call 01823 331 222, or complete the short form at <https://somersetagents.org/agent-call-back/> and someone will be in touch:

*We don't want you to choose between heating or food, and your Village Agent can help with both. Please do get in touch.*

Call me Izzy Silvester on 07931 018045 for free and confidential advice or email [izzy@somersetccc.org.uk](mailto:izzy@somersetccc.org.uk)

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### 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. 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.

This was not how the October meeting was supposed to happen – it didn't. Marion is now on the mend, but needs a few more weeks to regain her good health. We owe a big THANK YOU to Musgrove Hospital and their fantastic cardiac team!!

Also a big thank you to Matt Smith who was going to introduce us to the benefits of Personal Alarms, and took our second cancellation (first because of lock-down) with understanding and good grace.

The second point is: The Macular Society is at the moment unhappy for groups to meet over the winter months, while the number of Covid cases is rising in our area. Subsequently, there won't be a Macular Society meeting in November; we usually do not meet in December anyway,

**We hope that we shall all be able to meet again on January 27<sup>th</sup> 2022.**

In the meantime, Royce and I shall only be a phone call away.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS and all best wishes for the New Year.

Marion and Royce Tel: 01398 - 371- 450

## Contacts and Parish Information

### Parish Councillors:

Chris Morgan (Chair) 01278 734887 or 07966-697460  
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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

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Church Rooms [scrbookings7@gmail.com](mailto:scrbookings7@gmail.com). (07565 149966)  
St. Peter's Church Stolford - Susan E Jones 652287

### Stogursey Community Network (SCN)

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### POLICE

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#### 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.**

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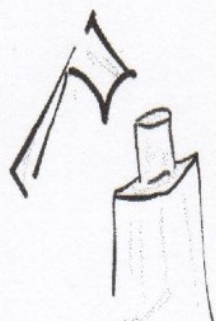
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## Vicki's Update

With COP26 featuring heavily in the news the last few weeks along with a renewed emphasis on the UK's Net Zero targets, I wanted to talk a little bit about HPC's role in UK energy production.

### What is COP26 and Net Zero?

For nearly three decades the United Nations has been bringing together almost every country on earth for global climate summits – called COPs – which stands for 'Conference of the Parties'. In that time climate change has gone from being a fringe issue to a global priority. Cutting greenhouse gas emissions to net zero is acknowledged as the only way for the world to avoid the most dangerous environmental and social effects of climate change. We reach net zero when the amount we add is no more than the amount taken away and as a country we aim to achieve this by 2050.



Nuclear power is part of the UK Government's future energy mix for good reasons. It produces a lot of reliable, low carbon electricity in a small space.

In a future system powered mostly by wind, having nuclear in the mix makes the system more secure, reliable and makes net zero targets easier to achieve. HPC's contribution to fighting climate change means that during its 60 years of operation it will have a large, positive impact on the environment. Like all technologies, the construction and operation of nuclear creates some carbon dioxide emissions. Over the stations life, the impact will be even smaller than for wind and solar. Importantly all three technologies have emissions which are a just a fraction of gas and coal. This is why HPC producing 3.2 gigawatts of low carbon energy (enough to power 6 million homes) has such an important role to play in achieving the UK's target.



### Somerset Sight Support

The HPC Community Fund has recently been supporting the more vulnerable members of our community to access vital services. Somerset Sight was awarded a grant for £85,000 from the HPC Community Fund to deliver and expand their

befriending service. The Charity provides a unique and consistent point of support for many - especially through those difficult times at the height of the pandemic - supporting 2,500 people in Somerset and offering specialist information, advice, and practical and emotional support to anyone in the county experiencing sight loss. Last year, they were the only point of contact for many throughout the lockdowns and provided a crucial frontline service. 80% of the people they help are over 75 years old and a third of them live alone, with an additional 500 new people seeking their help each year.

Funding is now available from the HPC Community Fund Open Grants Programme for projects, schemes or initiatives that will mitigate residual and intangible impacts of the HPC development and associated projects, improve community quality of life and wellbeing in addition to maximising the potential benefits of the construction. Applications will be considered for capital and/or revenue costs for projects of £5,000 and over. If you are unsure about whether your project fits the criteria, or have any other queries please feel free to contact Val Bishop, Programmes Director, via e-mail [val.bishop@somersetcf.org.uk](mailto:val.bishop@somersetcf.org.uk) or on 01749 344949. Information on how to apply to the next round of HPC Open Grants can be made by visiting: [www.hpcfunds.co.uk](http://www.hpcfunds.co.uk) and the deadline to apply is Monday 10 January, 2022.



# Hinkley Point C - Monthly Update

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

**Take a virtual tour of site progress with Nigel Cann** - Visit HPC's channel on YouTube for insights into the latest progress. Films include a tour from inside Unit 1's reactor building and the next steps ahead of lifting the first unit's dome into place.

### First rotor delivery

The first low pressure (LP) rotor, which will form part of the World's largest turbine, was safely delivered into the docks at Avonmouth at the beginning of November.

The 13m x 5m rotor arrived from General Electric's Belfort facility in France, via Rotterdam into Avonmouth where it will be stored until installed at HPC. There are three LP rotors per turbine which are key components of the power production equipment in the Turbine Hall.

Once operational, the two turbines at HPC will produce low-carbon electricity for 6 million homes.



Part of the turbine arriving at Avonmouth

### Nuclear's role in COP26 and delivering Net Zero

COP26 stands for 'Conference of the Parties' and is a United Nations global initiative focussed on combating climate change. Put simply, net zero refers to the balance between the amount of greenhouse gas produced and the amount removed from the atmosphere. We reach net zero when the amount we add is no more than the amount taken away and as a country we aim to achieve this by 2050. Nuclear power is part of the UK Government's future energy mix for good reasons. It produces a lot of reliable, low carbon electricity in a small space. This is why HPC producing 3.2 gigawatts of low carbon energy has such an important role to play in achieving the UK's target.

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