

# STOGURSEY NEWS



*To find out what's going on, read Tony Smith's article.*

## January 2022

Deadline for **FEBRUARY 2022** contributions:

**10.00 am Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

## Editorial

It's January again, a time when we traditionally reflect on the past as well as looking forward to whatever this new year brings. And what better way to celebrate our rural past than by enjoying an old custom? Details are here of the annual Wassail on January 8<sup>th</sup>.

But our village, while valuing its old, rural traditions, also needs to plan for the future. Read about the Neighbourhood Development plan in readiness for the questionnaire being developed for us to complete soon. It'll be our chance to say what matters to us – what future do we want for Stogursey?

The school pages, as always, celebrate the learning and activities from the past year, as well as keeping us abreast of new developments - from 'Purple Mash' to the welcome appointment of two new staff members, Izzy Logan and Laura Barnwell.

Finally, our cover photo illustrates too how old things can be given new life and are worth cherishing: the church cockerel on top of the church spire is being regilded. There's a fascinating article by Tony Smith celebrating its significance on page 5.

So celebrate this new year by not only looking back and looking forward - take time to look up too.

Happy New Year to all our readers from the Editorial Team.

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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 (weekly) (Contact AgeUK 01823 345 624) Stogursey Lunches (weekly) WI (second Tuesday of month) 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	Creative Dance Class (weekly) Forget-Me-Not Café (alternate Wednesdays) Bingo Club	Victory Hall Church Rooms Youth Club	10.30am 10.30am - 12 noon 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm
Thursday	Mobile Library visit (once every four-weeks) Youth Club (weekly) Ukelele Sessions (second Thursday of month)	Shurton & Stogursey Youth Club Victory Hall	as per schedule 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm 8.00 pm - 10.00 pm
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 2022

5 <sup>th</sup> January	Forget-me-Not Café	Church Rooms	10.30 am - 12 noon
8 <sup>th</sup> January	Wassail: see details within	Old Mill Orchard, Shurton	2.00 pm onwards
11 <sup>th</sup> January	Parish Council Meeting	Victory Hall	7.00 pm
12 <sup>th</sup> January	Creative Dance Class	Victory Hall	10.30 am
13 <sup>th</sup> January	Ukelele Session	Victory Hall	7.30 - 9.30 pm
19 <sup>th</sup> January	Forget-me-Not Café	Church Rooms	10.30 am - 12 noon
20 <sup>th</sup> January	Film Night: "The Courier"	Church Rooms	Doors Open 7.00 pm
27 <sup>th</sup> January	Mobile Library Visit	as per schedule	as per schedule
2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Forget-me-Not Café	Church Rooms	10.30 am - 12 noon
16 <sup>th</sup> February	Forget-me-Not Café	Church Rooms	10.30 am - 12 noon
24 <sup>th</sup> February	Mobile Library Visit	as per schedule	as per schedule
24 <sup>th</sup> February	Film Night: "Pig"	Church Rooms	Doors Open 7.00pm

## Stogursey Football Club

We held our Christmas Bingo at the hall on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December and raised £515 for the Club. Thank you to all who came and supported us! Without you we could not have done it.

Thank you to all who helped set up tables and chairs and put them away afterwards, Matt for running the bar, and BIG thanks to Tony & Liz for a job well done, as they always do!

C M Palmer

## Stogursey Youth Club

The Youth Club re-opened in September with an amazing activity programme.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> of October we went on a camping trip to Greatwood with the Quantock Landscape Partnership Scheme where we completed night walks, frisbee golf and lots of other activities. All the young people have said that they really enjoyed this weekend. We also went on another night walk on the 25<sup>th</sup> November.



The young people have said that they feel like the Youth Club is a safe space and they enjoy the activities such as outdoor sports to arts and crafts.

The village hall has now confirmed that we need a steering/management group in order to be able to continue to run a safe, fun and supportive place for our local young people. The next meeting will take place on the 15<sup>th</sup> of January at 6:15 at the Youth Club. We hope that we will get your support and that you will come along to the meeting.

*The Youth Club runs on Thursday evenings, from 6.30 - 8.30 pm for school years 7 and above. The Youth Workers are Julie Nurton and Katie Woodland. For more details, Julie's work number is 07536 179393*

Katie Woodland

## VICTORY HALL LOTTERY WINNERS

### November Draw 2021

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	£25.00	Maria London	No 9
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	£15.00	Allan Oliver	No 82
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	£10.00	Jan Ford	No 55



## Stogursey WI

Unfortunately, our December Christmas celebration was sadly cancelled due to the new Covid Omicron variant.

We will hopefully meet again in the New Year at the Victory Hall, Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> of January at 2.30pm.

Our topic for the meeting will be "Aromatherapy at Home" presented by Emma Sharpe.

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

For more information on how to join the group, contact:  
Ann Tyldesley ☎ 01278 732181

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## WASSAIL

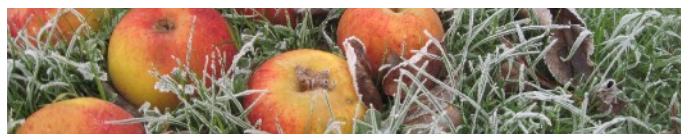
**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

Depart from the Babbling Brook, Shurton  
for the orchard at Shurton Mill  
at 1.30 pm  
(can park until 6.00pm)

*The Big Noise Street Band,  
Crowning the Apple Queen,  
Bonfire . . . Mulled cider . . . Soup . . . Apple Cake  
Bring a noise maker!*

**and, to help us reduce waste,  
Please bring your own mug for soup/mulled cider**

*organised by Stogursey Twinning Association*



## Ukelele Session

on  
**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January**  
7.30 - 9.30 pm  
Victory Hall, Stogursey



**'The golden cockerel crows in the morning,  
Welcome children.  
Welcome the day'**

Lower junior school assemblies often leave their mark on us. We welcome the return of Stogursey's regilded weathervane, our golden cockerel gently meandering round the points of the compass, especially when a winter gale blows up the Bristol Channel.

The oddest vane I ever discovered was the golden bed bug who decorates the church tower of Kingsclere in Hampshire, and is supposed to celebrate an uncomfortable night King John spent in the village. Fortunately he must have had a better night when he slept in Stogursey.

Cockerels are of course the most common weathervanes, although it is strange that poultry don't appear anywhere in the Old Testament. However, in New Testament times, it is likely that they had been introduced by the Romans and we are familiar with the story of Peter at Calvary.

The Christian symbolism of our bird is very rich. An early pope decreed that all churches should display an image of a cock in honour of Peter and also to remind his contemporaries that it was the only animal which could withstand the lethal stare of the Basilisk, one of the disguises of Satan. Our bird looks around, vigilant against attacks from all directions.

The cock heralds the day after a night of darkness. Our first English historian Bede writes 'the Cock is like the souls of the Just, waiting for the dawn after the World's darkness, bringing hope to everyone, easing the pain of the sick, cooling fevered brows and bringing back Faith when it has lapsed.' There are some wonderful legends from Medieval times about Chanticleer the Cock and his dear wife Pertelot sharing escapades together and always outwitting Reynard, their bitter, cunning enemy. You sometimes get glimpses of these stories in the iconography of ancient churches.

When our venerable Chanticleer was carried down by the steeplejacks, he looked cheerful enough, but very weathered, and sadly revealed some war wounds; two ancient bullet holes undoubtedly afflicted by a marksman who could only cope with a sitting target. Now he continues to serve the village, as he does his church, into another era. May he continue his vigil into less troubled times. Give him a nod as you pass by.

*Tony Smith*

Thank you Tony for providing the photo for this month's front cover. We look forward to 'before' and 'after' photos of the cockerel in a future edition!

**Creative Dance and  
Tai Chi classes at  
Stogursey**



Age UK Somerset is launching a NEW creative movement exercise session where you can choose how you move!

This is not your usual dance class. Using a variety of music and fun props such as scarves and hoops, participants are encouraged to express themselves creatively. Mandy, the class leader, is a qualified Dance Movement professional with years of experience and her sessions are engaging and fun.

If you have a love of dance and music, then this exercise session is perfect for you - no experience necessary! You can participate seated or standing and work at whatever level of ability is comfortable for you.

The Creative Dance class starts on  
**12<sup>th</sup> January 2022,**  
and will be running on  
**Wednesday mornings at 10.30 am,**  
costing £5 a session.

Our popular Tai Chi QiGong classes on Tuesday mornings continue with Jan and we still have some spaces! This is a wonderful session for your mind, body and wellbeing, using gentle movements to improve balance, flexibility and strength.

Pre-booking is essential for all Age UK Somerset exercise sessions and a simple health questionnaire will need to be completed prior to attending the session.

To book your place or for more information please call the Ageing Well team on 01823 345626, email [ageingwell@ageuksomerset.org.uk](mailto:ageingwell@ageuksomerset.org.uk) or visit our website [www.ageuksomerset.org.uk/ageingwell](http://www.ageuksomerset.org.uk/ageingwell)

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**Solution to Quick Crossword No 19**  
December 2021

**CLUES ACROSS**

1. Antlers, 5. Timon, 8. Cabriolet, 9. Sim, 10. Twist, 12. Rambler, 13. Intergalactic, 15. Scrooge, 17. Deere, 19. Car, 20. Sedgemoor, 22. Setts, 23. Respect

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Ascot, 2. Tub, 3. Emitter, 4. Solar Calendar, 5. Totem, 6. Mistletoe, 7. Numeric, 11. Interpret, 13. Insects, 14. Address, 16. Oasis, 18. Egret, 21. Ode



## Hello to all you Cinema-Goers,

May we just wish you a very happy and peaceful New Year.

We would also like to say a very big **THANK YOU** for supporting the Soap Factory Cinema in what has been a very difficult year for lots of people here in Stogursey and around the world.

As you are probably aware we have had some issues with the projector, and are looking into the possibilities of a new bulb or even going all out and buying a new projector. Our tech team, aka "Mike and Steve", will be researching in the new year.

It's very humbling to have such kind people helping us with the running of the cinema, and we wouldn't be able to continue without their help.

Every month Karen (Henson) meets and greets you at the door and is only too happy to relieve you of some money for a raffle ticket, the proceeds of which will no doubt be going towards the cost of a new projector, so thank you!

We have Helga (Staddon) who informs everyone of the upcoming films on Stogursey Pulse and Facebook, giving everyone the chance to see what we have on offer each month. And Clare, putting posters in the window of the garage and around the village letting you all know what's on and when, and helping serve refreshments to you lovely people after a full day's work at Stogursey Motors. Not forgetting Steve who comes home from work straight to the Church Rooms to set up the projector etc and, when things go wrong, can enlist the likes of Mike Bradshaw for his help, for as Mike says "we are a team".

There are so many people we can thank including those who donate their time making scrumptious goodies for us all to enjoy, and Sue Spicer who provides the licence so that we can enjoy a lovely glass of wine or beer.

The list goes on . . . and last but not least, those who after the film has finished will help clear away the chairs and help to tidy up. Thank you! It's a bit like the Oscars! Don't worry I won't go on anymore . . .

Except to mention the 'winter collection' - the next four months' films:

January 20th - 'The Courier'

February 24th - 'Pig'

March 24th - 'Stillwater'

April 21st - 'Last Duel'

**'The Courier'**, starring Benedict Cumberbatch, is the true story of a British businessman unwittingly recruited into one of the greatest international conflicts in history. He forms a partnership with a Soviet officer and, hoping to prevent a nuclear confrontation, the two men work together to provide the crucial intelligence used to defuse the Cuban Missile Crisis. A thriller/ drama not to be missed.

Please note at the time of writing, there were no restrictions regarding the opening of the cinema in January other than the wearing of face masks at certain venues. If there are any changes then obviously we will let you know or the government will. We will be limiting the number of tickets being sold for the health and safety of everyone.

We hope that all will be well and we will look forward to seeing you soon. Be ready for a warm and friendly welcome on **Thursday 20th January 2022** at the Soap Factory Cinema, Church Rooms.

Doors open 7pm for a 7.30pm showing  
Tickets £6 available from Stogursey Post Office  
Refreshments will be available to purchase on arrival and at the interval. Don't forget 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*



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### HOLFORD GARDENERS' GROUP

Tuesday January 18<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm

Holford and District Village Hall

**'English Vineyards and Wine'**

A Talk by Susannah Applegate

Members £1.00 Visitors £2.00

All welcome

## Stogursey Oil-buying Group

**The Stogursey Oil Buying Group's next order will be in January.**

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 March.**

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 10th of January** with the following information:-

Name .....

Address .....

Postcode .....

Email (if available) .....

Tel: .....

Amount of oil required ..... litres

*Note. Please specify an amount and not an unknown quantity such as top up.*

Special instructions .....

**Delivery will be in the 2 week period commencing 17th January 2022**

## EAST QUANTOXHEAD MARKET

**Saturday January 16<sup>th</sup>**

10 am -12 midday

East Quantoxhead Village Hall

## News from the Quantock Medical Centre

As some of you may have heard, Health and Wellbeing Support is being offered at Quantock Medical Centre.

The Health and Wellbeing Support is based on an open conversation about lifestyle and moving more to improve your overall health. It is a very flexible service and can include support on a variety of topics to suit your needs; it can be as little or as much as you like. There are both in-person and virtual appointments available, as well as advice on getting active outdoors, as part of a group or at home. There are more options than you may think!

I am Grace, the health and wellbeing coach for Quantock Medical Centre and I have worked with Hilary during my time at the surgery. Initially we spoke about her goals and concerns around physical activity, and the types of activity that Hilary could and could not do and we decided together that the Love to Pedal programme would be the best fit for her. This involved a 6-week trial of a set of static pedals which can be taken home and used at a convenient time and place.

Hilary started out using the pedals lightly and slowly, building up the strength and stamina in her legs. Hilary and I had a call to check in on her progress halfway through the trial to make sure she was getting on well and to discuss any further help she may need; as Hilary was getting on well we scheduled our next appointment for three weeks later.

Hilary has now lost over 4kg and has been walking with her grandchildren as well as continuing with her static cycling most days. This has not only improved her physical health but also her overall wellbeing.

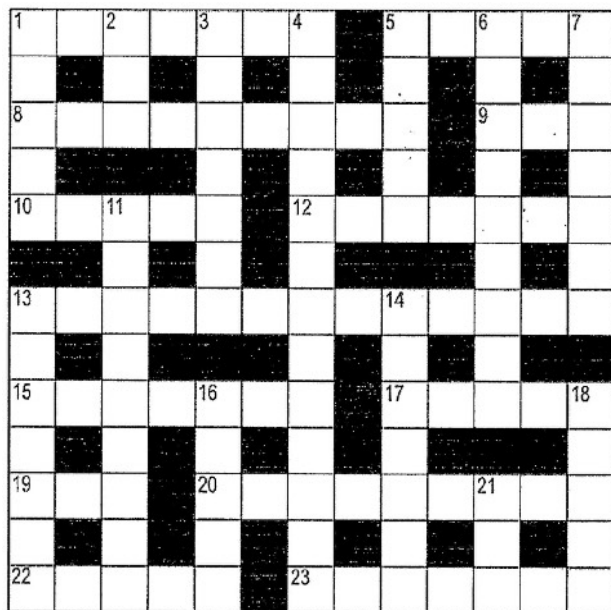
If this sounds like something you would be interested in, get in touch by calling 07305058763, or head to the SASP website at: [www.sasp.co.uk/health-coaching-service](http://www.sasp.co.uk/health-coaching-service)

You can also call the Quantock Medical Centre to book a telephone call or face-to-face appointment with me – I am usually about on a Wednesday afternoon at the Practice.

*Grace Fildes*

## Quick Crossword No 20

Compiled by Helen Cuttall



### CLUES DOWN

1. A firm doughnut shaped roll (5)
2. Stand as a candidate in an election (3)
3. A country in the Balkans (7)
4. Three hundredth anniversary (13)
5. Flowering evergreen tree of the legume family (5)
6. Learned by heart (9)

### CLUES ACROSS

1. Russian Soup made with Beetroot (7)
5. Animal with humps (5)
8. Person who steers a Venetian boat using a long pole (9)
9. Wash the floor with this (3)
10. Hungarian composer (5)
12. A ban on trade with a particular country (7)
13. Worn instead of glasses (13)
15. Person in charge of an aircraft (7)
17. Nine headed serpent from Greek mythology (5)
19. To cut off (3)
20. Very bright (9)
22. Scottish island (5)
23. People who rent rooms in someone's house (7)

7. Portable computers (7)
11. A small wading bird (9)
13. Spiral shaped bone in the inner ear (7)
14. Breathed out (7)
16. Britain's first saint (5)
18. Males with the highest singing voices (5)
21. A Scottish loch (3)

## Lambswool with Apple Brandy

*This is taken from p30 of 'The Almanac - A seasonal Guide to 2021' by Lia Leendertz.*

"This was a traditional medieval drink for Twelfth Night or Epiphany, and was also used to bless the apple trees in traditional wassailing ceremonies held around this date.

The name refers to the fluff of cooked apple that rises to the top of the mulled cider. Be sure to use Bramley apples, or you won't get the fluff.

### Ingredients

Serves 8 - 10

- 6 Bramley apples
- 1.5 litres cider
- 150g brown sugar
- Half a nutmeg, grated
- 2.5cm piece of ginger root, peeled and finely grated
- Apple brandy (optional)

### Method

Preheat the oven to 190°C/Gas Mark 5. Core the apples and place them in a baking dish covered with foil. Bake for 30 - 45 minutes, or until very soft and collapsing. Remove them from the oven, and leave to cool a little.

Put the cider into a saucepan with the sugar, nutmeg and ginger, and heat gently to dissolve the sugar.

Scoop the apples out of their skins and mash with a fork, then add them to the pot. Cook gently for 10 - 15 minutes.

Give the mixture a quick blast with a hand-held blender, to further break up the apple. Serve hot in heatproof glasses or mugs, and top with a shot of apple brandy, if desired."

## Wassail Wassail

*Taken from p107 of 'Cider - The Forgotten Miracle' by James Crowden*

Good 'ealth to farmer and farmer's wife  
to orchards and the bees  
and farmer's workers  
on their knees  
a-pickin up the apples.

Good 'ealth to farmer's daughter  
we spied her thru the boughs  
and vow'd how best to court her.  
New blossom in her cheeks  
knows more than she o'ught.

Good 'ealth to farmer's son  
a-standing idly by  
here's to sweat upon the brow  
the cider's over there m'boys  
vill the cup and drink it now

*This poem was specially commissioned by John Leach, the potter of Muchelney. It was inscribed on the side of the 3-handled, 3½ pint Wassail mug, which was christened in the tap room at Eli's, Huish Episcopi, on 8<sup>th</sup> September 1999.*





## FORGET-ME-NOT-CAFÉ

Every other Wednesday  
10.30 UNTIL 12.00

CHURCH ROOMS, CASTLE STREET, STOGURSEY

For more information please contact

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

Rose: 07507 374234

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January – The Café's 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

*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.

### Stogursey Arts Trust

**"Let us be grateful to the people who make us happy;  
they are the charming gardeners who make our souls  
blossom"**

*Marcel Proust*

After reading about our plan to have a Garden Festival in 2022 (last month's Stogursey News), someone said to me recently, "You know we gardeners see ourselves as artists as well. Gardeners are very creative." At the Arts Trust we totally agree that if you see yourself as an artist and work creatively in different, non-traditional media or have other thoughts on your approach to performance we want to hear from you.

Our initial idea for the Garden Festival was to bring artists together from different disciplines; for example those who work in 3D, sculpture, painters, performers and (key to the project) local gardeners, to create a piece of work, which would complement the space, layout and planting of each garden selected for the project.

As the concept developed in discussions during lockdown, we started to recognise that its value would be seen more through the enabling of conversations between these artists (however they define themselves) and the journeys that they, as participants sharing creativity, will take. All the work between the participants, both process and outcome, will therefore be recorded alongside the building of a sculpture, artefact or creation of an experience in the selected gardens around Stogursey.

The progress record will form part of the Arts Trust Visual Archive, which we intend to use in future exhibitions, display and possible publication. It will be a testament to our ability as a creative community to work through adversity and to bring something positive to life in Stogursey during the ongoing pandemic.

We were hopeful, back in mid-November, that if the situation with the pandemic continued to improve in the early part of the New Year, that we could proceed with

planning for the Festival we had intended to take place in 2020. For two years now we have found alternatives to keep the spirit of the Arts Festival alive, and we were hoping, like many of you, that we had turned a corner and could look forward to a more creative and productive outlook for 2022. As we begin a new year in Stogursey, we feel that in the light of recent predictions, we all need something to uplift and carry our spirits forward. So even though we may have to react and change plans for later in the year, the Festival team are going to keep pressing forward with planning the 'Garden Festival'. As an 'Outside' experience where visitors can observe regulations and social distancing, it should have the potential to go ahead safely, but we will watch how things transpire and follow the guidance.

In the coming months, members of the Festival Team will be walking around the village, looking out for gardens where the planting, access or the visibility from the street could provide the opportunity for those gardeners to take part. If you think your garden could meet these criteria we would like to hear from you before we knock on your door.

In the meantime, if you are curious and would like to see other examples of outside Art and Garden exhibits (for those of you who have a computer), look up the Art Fund site where you will find two sections about this. We are not intending to follow these examples, but they do provide an interesting read if you can access them.

As we have learnt from previous years of collaborating with other interested groups, we are also seeking ideas for additional events, performances and collaborations with other groups, who may wish to join in, coinciding and creating a broader 'Festival/Show' for the village. You may, however, just wish to put your event on the proposed community events calendar and or the arts events notice board, so do let us know anyway.

For more information about the Arts Trust call us on 01278734550.

*Mike Bradshaw for Stogursey Arts*



# Stogursey C of E Primary and Pre-School



Since the start of the autumn term in September, there have been several changes at the school.

COVID restrictions have been lifted, and Riley (Beacon Class) told me it was so good getting back together with his friends and how he loved all the lessons – maths being the best!

## A new outside environment for Preschool.

The children have enjoyed exploring and playing outside.



We have made some amazing changes outside during the summer holidays. This term the children have been able to benefit from those changes from woodwork (thanks to Colin and Linda Buckpitt for making the workbench) to climbing tyres, playing on the see saw, digging in the garden and best of all playing in the Mud Kitchen.

Indoors or outdoors if the environment is stimulating and **FUN** the children will learn.

## Purple Mash

Mr Tucker asked Governors to find out what purple mash is; doesn't sound very tasty does it? Red cabbage with mashed potato maybe?

Octavia in Alfoxton and Ameleah in Beacon enlightened me:

"It's basically like a computer program that teaches us coding. That helps with most of our subjects. People have to make codes to get the computer to do things."

"If you type purple mash into your laptop and then search it'll come up with [purplemash.co.uk](http://purplemash.co.uk). You click on it and you might see a character that you can move with a click. You can select characters and actions.

We are given questions by Mr Tucker who teaches us computing and you can get help to program the characters.

We're learning how to code and to debate. It points out your mistakes and helps you to solve problems.



## We welcomed two new Teaching Assistants to the school in September.



### Izzy Logan

works at the school to provide one-to-one support for a child, but is enjoying helping out in many different ways in the whole school environment.

"Every day is different".

What Izzy hadn't expected was how quickly she would get to know everybody!

Izzy has helped start up and runs new after-school clubs - Football Club on Mondays, and Country Dancing Club on Thursdays.

From January, the Football Club will run on Tuesdays for pupils from Years 1 - 4.

Izzy then stays on and helps out with the After School Happiness Club.

As an ex-pupil of Stogursey School, Izzy says that although some things have changed, what hasn't changed is that the school is still a close community.



### Laura Barnwell

also joined the school staff in September as an Apprentice TA which means she attends college one day a fortnight.

Laura supports Alfoxton class. Every morning she goes through the children's reading books, and then does one-to-one reading with some of the children.

When it comes to Maths, Laura has really enjoyed learning about the current approach to maths, including the language of maths: "So different from when I was at primary school . . . and [it's] lovely seeing the positive effects of a different way of teaching."

"It's fantastic to be part of the Stogursey Adventurers"; and helping Triscombe with building a bug hotel also provided a challenge of working with younger children.

Whilst Mrs Stone has been ill, Laura has been on Road Crossing Patrol duty.

## 🎄 Christmas Activities 🎄



Harry, Oscar and Alexzander (Triscombe Class) are going to be the three kings in the Nativity play.

"I'm taking the gold," said Alexzander.

Harry said: "I am most excited about singing. We're singing 'Away in a Manger', Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star', and 'Silent Night'".

Oscar's favourite song is Twinkle, Twinkle. He said that he will be wearing, "a crown and a red cape."

They are also looking forward to the Christmas lunch at school: Alexzander says, "it's going to be delicious."

Several other children were also very enthusiastic about the Christmas preparations:

"In Maths we've been doing snowflake symmetry" explained Ruby ( Beacon Class) showing me a range of snowflakes decorating the windows. We've put in the mirror lines. All were different but each was perfectly symmetrical with a line showing an identical pattern on either side.

She went on to tell me about how their class are providing a singing accompaniment for the Nativity play to be performed by younger children in the school. "My favourites are 'Jingle Bells' and 'Unto Us a Boy is Born'. We're celebrating the birth of Jesus."

Winter and Max (Beacon Class) told me about other decorations they've made in the classroom including advent calendars. There was even a decoration hanging across the room that held sweets and they described how it's been worked out fairly so that all of the 24 children in the class will get a turn.

Jayden was particularly keen on the planned cooking session where he's going to make tuna and sweetcorn bake and a side salad.

## Points from the Parish Council Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021

### Housing Needs Survey

The survey completed on 5<sup>th</sup> December having been extended with over a hundred submissions made and the winner of the £100 Sainsbury's gift voucher was pulled from the hat at the Parish Council meeting. Thank you to all those who took part, we will have a presentation on the emerging results at the Parish Council meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> January.

### Parish Precept for 2022-2023

The Parish Council resolved their budget for the new financial year, and this will mean a very slight increase to the precept of seventy pence per year on a Band D rate payer's bill. The budget will help to pay for the maintenance of the Closed Churchyard and Parish Grounds, providing a safe play area at Burgage Road as well as improving and enhancing the parish. Of course, it also pays for the services of the Proper Officer and Responsible Finance Officer.

### Neighbourhood Plan

The working group have been busy pulling together a questionnaire and have reached a stage where it can now go out for completion by residents of the Parish. Hopefully you will take part so that the Working Group get your thoughts and needs. Please see the article in this issue from their Chairman Steve Wardle.

### Traffic concerns High Street, Stogursey

The Parish Council received a 40 signature petition seeking the Parish Council's support for a pedestrian crossing to be installed on the High Street. Another resident asked the meeting to support a 20 m.p.h. speed limit on the High Street. The Parish Council are sending both proposals to Somerset County Council Highways seeking to understand what evidence or submissions will be required to progress such proposals as well as understanding the criteria that would be applied by them to enact such changes.

### The new Unitary Council for Somerset

The timing of the elections to the new "Somerset Council", which will replace the four district and the current county council from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 has been decided by the Government.

Elections will be held on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022** for their 110 members (two per ward). If you would like more information on the new Somerset Council they have a website :

[www.newsomersetcouncil.org.uk](http://www.newsomersetcouncil.org.uk)

The Parish Council elections have also been brought forward and will be held on the same day.

If you are not a registered elector then I encourage you to register now!

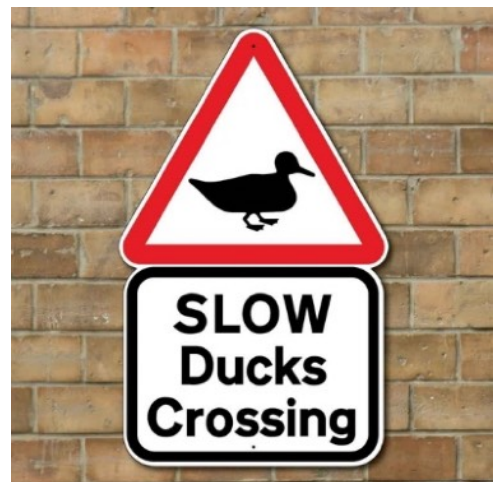
[www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote)

**The next Parish Council meeting will be on  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 19:00**

Please see the agenda and draft minutes of the last meeting on the parish website, [www.stogursey-online.uk](http://www.stogursey-online.uk) or any of the parish noticeboards.

If necessary please contact the Clerk for any further information ahead of the meeting. My phone number is 01278 652534 or you can e-mail me at [stogurseyppclerk@gmail.com](mailto:stogurseyppclerk@gmail.com)

*Richard Wand  
Clerk to Stogursey Parish Council*



The number of duck fatalities on the road between Stogursey and Burton close to Cole Pool Farm continues to cause concern.

***Please slow down and help protect all the vulnerable residents of our Parish***



# STOGURSEY PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Neighbourhood Plans (NP) give local communities a say in shaping the planning decisions that affect their district. When a NP is agreed it gives a community direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape how it will change, develop and grow. This includes: what areas are important and need protection (i.e. heritage, ecology, landscape), the type of development (i.e. local green spaces, transport, access, community facilities, homes, shops and employment), what that should look like and what is needed to support the community and development.

The Parish Council intends to make a Neighbourhood Plan and a number of us started work on it last year, forming a 'steering group' set up by the PC. Most of the people involved in the steering group discussions are not parish councillors but we are working with the PC as it is ultimately responsible for the Neighbourhood Plan. We held meetings, mostly online because of lockdowns, to discuss some of the issues above. The official – or 'designated' – area for the NP is the whole of the Stogursey Parish.

Part of the NP process is to gather evidence of local opinions about the above issues and so the steering group has produced a questionnaire to survey residents' needs and their opinions about the future of the parish. This survey is to help find out what the priorities for local residents and businesses are, to understand what you value about the area and how the parish can support and influence change. The questions in the survey are intended to establish our local priorities for the Parish Council. Your answers will act as a guide for the next stage of the NP process which is to write the plan itself. This will help the Parish Council prioritise projects and matters that mean the most to you.

**During January and February, you will be able to access the questionnaire online.**

**Please complete it to help us gather the evidence we need to make the NP match the aspirations of the residents of Stogursey Parish.**

Access the questionnaire at <https://forms.office.com/r/qDuvXLe97j> or scan the QR code below.

**If you prefer to complete a paper version you can collect one from the Post Office.**



**Scan the QR code to complete the questionnaire online**

The NP questionnaire has six sections:

**SECTION 1: Your household (you and your family)**

**SECTION 2: Your business (if applicable to you)**

**SECTION 3: Transport – motor vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians**

**SECTION 4: Stogursey and Parish environment and housing needs**

**SECTION 5: Household needs**

**SECTION 6: Environmental assets**

**IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE COMPLETE ONE QUESTIONNAIRE PER HOUSEHOLD**

**THE CLOSING DATE IS FEBRUARY 28, 2022**

*Steve Wardle (Chair) on behalf of the NP Steering Group*



## Stogursey Community Network (SCN) January 2022 Update

- ❖ The weekly **Stogursey Lunches** continue in the Church Rooms every Tuesday. These Lunches are open to all, so do come along for a home-cooked two-course meal. Delicious vegetarian option always available. Payment is by donation of your choice. Check this edition and the Stogursey Lunches Facebook page for the **January Menus**.  
Please note that **advance booking** is essential!  
Tel: 01278 734818
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **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.**
- ❖ 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 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 looking for more volunteers; there are plenty of opportunities to help, 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 join the SCN to help your community.***

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



## JANUARY MENU

### 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  
\*\*\*\*\*

Apple and Mincemeat pudding with custard

### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January

*(book by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January phone 01278 734818)*

Roast Pork Loin & apple sauce, **or**  
Lentil & Vegetable Shepherd's Pie  
served with vegetables  
\*\*\*\*\*

Pear, Plum and Chocolate crumble & cream or custard

### Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January

*(book by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January: phone 01278 734818)*

Beef Casserole **OR**  
Courgette & Cheese Savoury Tart  
served with vegetables  
\*\*\*\*\*

Bread & butter pudding

### Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January

*(book by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January : phone 01278 734818)*

Fish Pie, **or**  
Mushroom Cobbler topped with cheese scones  
served with vegetables  
\*\*\*\*\*

Treacle tart & custard

## FEBRUARY MENU

### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February

*(book by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January: phone 01278 734818)*

Sausage & Bean Hotpot **or**  
Anglesey Pie (vegetarian)  
with vegetables  
\*\*\*\*\*

Bakewell Tart

## Vicki's Update

With Christmas fast approaching I wanted to take the time to wish you and your loved ones a safe and Merry Christmas.

2021 has been a challenging yet ultimately successful year for us at Hinkley Point C. The past 12 months have seen some fantastic achievements both on and off-site, including the testing and delivery of the first turbine, the completion of the outfall tunnel and the first electrical installations within the reactor building. As you read this, we will also be completing one of the largest concrete pours to date within the turbine hall and the team at Combwich Wharf are beginning to prepare for operations in the new year.



Combwich Wharf will soon be ready to take deliveries

Combwich Wharf will take delivery of the Abnormal Indivisible Loads (AIL's) which are the pieces of equipment needed for Hinkley Point C that are too wide, heavy or tall to be split into pieces and transported separately.



In the new year we will be briefing parish councils and sharing information regarding the delivery and movement of equipment from Combwich Wharf.

In the meantime, if you would like to sign up to our text messaging and / or email notification system regarding these movements, please scan the QR code or visit <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XQY9VDP> and complete our brief data capture survey.

## Christmas in the Community

Team members working on site have been getting into the festive spirit with some charitable Christmas activities. The Hinkley Point C campus at Sedgemoor will be serving Christmas lunch for local charities Nelson Trust, Arc Inspire and CHARIS Refugees, as well as delivering boxed meals to Westfield Church in Bridgwater and Arc Inspire. Seventy cupcakes will be sent to St Margaret's Hospice as a 'thank you' for all the work they do supporting the community, too.

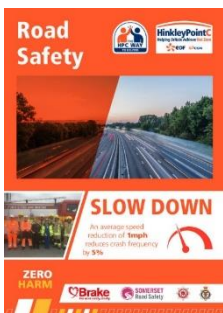
Somerset Larder, the catering company at Hinkley Point C, will also make meal donations to people in need, and Balfour Beatty is supporting FareShare in Bridgwater with donations to support families during the festive period.

The Salvation Army has also received a bumper gift of toys donated by Bylor team members.



Donations made by the workforce for the Salvation Army

## Supporting Road Safety



Over the winter months, the roads can become even more dangerous, due to longer periods of darkness and the colder weather. In November, Hinkley Point C marked Road Safety Week as the workforce was reminded to slow down, be careful and stay mindful during a week-long campaign entirely focused on road safety.

A variety of activities and events took place, ranging from webinars and briefings on driver fatigue, driver safety and vulnerable road users, to the real crashed car that was displayed at Hinkley Point C and at the Park and Ride facility at Junction 24, showing a stark reminder of some of the risks associated with road use.

### Get in touch

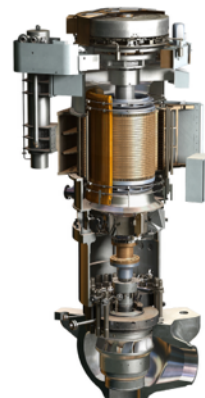
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## A round up of the latest news from Hinkley Point C.

**Watch our end of year film** - Visit HPC's channel on YouTube and hear from one of our trainee operators to tell the story of Hinkley Point C's purpose and show progress in our 2021 update film.

### Coolant pump passes flow tests

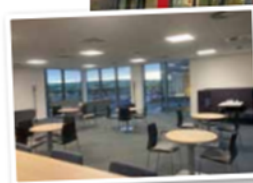
HPC's first reactor coolant pump has successfully passed demanding tests following its manufacture. The 128-tonne pump, which is 10 metres high was manufactured by Framatome at their Jeumont facility in France. It is one of four pumps per unit and responsible for circulating water around the reactor's 'primary circuit'. The first 'full flow test' was the culmination of years of work, with the complex test taking over four weeks to complete. This work paves the way for the manufacture and testing of the remainder of pumps destined for HPC. It is anticipated that the first pumps will be shipped to site next year.



The four reactor cooling pumps will serve to cool the reactors primary circuit

When installed and running the pumps will be able to fill an Olympic sized swimming pool in just 80 seconds!

**Investing in the future** A new Electrical Centre of Excellence will accept the first group of trainees in 2022 on a programme designed to boost their electrical skills and give them a better chance of a job at Hinkley Point C. Once operational, the facility at the Somerset Energy Innovation Centre in Bridgwater will cater for hundreds of people as they gain new skills, as well as a sound working knowledge of the nuclear industry. This forms part of Hinkley Point C's £19 million investment to support education, training and skills. The funding has helped in the construction of other new facilities that will deliver mechanical, electrical and welding training. Together, they are creating career and training opportunities for local people, regardless of their previous experience or skill level.



**HPC Community Fund Small Grants programme** Did you know that Hinkley Point C supports local businesses and projects with its funding scheme managed by Somerset Community Foundation? The HPC Community Fund Small Grants programme has funding available, and applications for grants can be made at any time. Charities, voluntary groups and social enterprises that normally operate on less than £100,000 a year can apply for grants of up to £5,000, though grants of up to £10,000 (over a period of three years) may also be offered in exceptional circumstances. The funding is available to projects or initiatives that help mitigate impacts felt in the community as a result of Hinkley Point C's construction. Generally, decisions are made every six to eight weeks. The deadline for the next round of funding decisions is 9 February 2022. More information can be found at [hpcfunds.co.uk](http://hpcfunds.co.uk), and if you have any questions, you can contact **Peter Stolze** on 01749 344949 or by emailing [peter.stolze@somersetcf.org.uk](mailto:peter.stolze@somersetcf.org.uk)

### Get in touch

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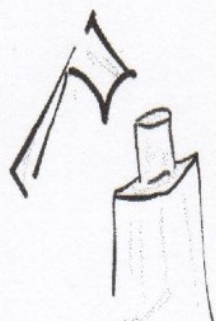
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## Greyhound Inn

1, Lime Street Stogursey.

01278 732490

Evening Meals & Sunday Lunches  
Pool Table, Sky Sports, Skittle Alley  
Open Fires Small Function Room Available  
Parties, Meetings, Wakes etc.



## Contacts and Parish Information

### Parish Councillors:

Chris Morgan (Chair) 01278 734887 or 07966-697460  
[cmorgan195@icloud.com](mailto:cmorgan195@icloud.com)  
Sue Goss (vice-Chair)  
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 [cllr.c.morgan@somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.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

2022: 27 Jan; 24 Feb; 24 Mar; 21 April; 19 May

For more information, contact Libraries Direct -

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.