

# STOGURSEY NEWS



*On the Southern Bund at Hinkley Point C*

## February 2022

Deadline for **MARCH 2022** contributions:  
**10.00 am Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

## Editorial

To quote Jan Ford's poem:

"Beware the cold snaps later on  
For now watch out for signs of green."

Welcome to all Stogursey News readers as we settle into another year. The magazine has the familiar mix of regular activities and events, but as always there is information about things to look forward to in the coming months.

Gilbert and Sullivan lovers will be excited to hear about the production of *Iolanthe* by Somerset Opera in March at the Victory Hall, and the March magazine will have more information about this performance.

We learn from the Womens Institute's contribution that planning for a day in June is already underway to celebrate the Queen's 70 years.

Thank you to Deborah Woodward for her article giving historical facts that relate to former repairs to the church's weather vane and cockerel. How wonderful that hand-written records from the 1770s can still be seen.

Let's hope that residents of Stogursey in years ahead will be able to read Stogursey News and learn about our activities, not just through the articles but also by looking through the advertisements of the kinds of help and services we needed from shopping and home repairs to health and beauty.

We send our best wishes for the month ahead.

*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.

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- \* 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.  
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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 (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

2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Forget-me-Not Café	Church Rooms	10.30 am - 12 noon
8 <sup>th</sup> February	WI: Afternoon Tea	Victory Hall	2.30 pm
8 <sup>th</sup> February	Parish Council Meeting	Victory Hall	7.00 pm
10 <sup>th</sup> February	Ukelele Session	Victory Hall	7.30 pm
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

### The planter in Shurton

needs someone to look after it, and would especially appreciate being watered in the summer. Plants to put into the planter will be provided by the Parish Council. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you would be willing to look after the planter.

### 'Iolanthe'

is going to be performed, by Somerset Opera, in the Victory Hall on Friday March 11th at 7.30pm. Further details to follow in next month's Stogursey News!

SERVICES IN THE QUANTOCK COAST BENEFICE : FEBRUARY 2022 (DRAFT)				
CHURCH	6 <sup>th</sup> February 4 <sup>th</sup> before Lent	13 <sup>th</sup> February 3 <sup>rd</sup> before Lent	20 <sup>th</sup> February 2 <sup>nd</sup> before Lent	27 <sup>th</sup> February Sunday Next Before Lent
EAST QH	-	Sunday @3 BJ/NM	-	-
FIDDINGTON	9.00am EUCCHARIST SC	9.00am Eucharist DB	9.00am EUCCHARIST NM	10.30am Benefice Eucharist NM
HOLFORD	6.30pm EVENSONG NM	9.30am EUCCHARIST (Common Worship) SC	11.00am Holy Communion (BCP) NM	-
KILVE	11.00am EUCCHARIST DB	11.00am Family Service SC	9.30am Eucharist TS	-
STOGURSEY	10.30am EUCCHARIST TS	10.30am Eucharist NM	10.30am Eucharist CM	-
STRINGSTON	11.00am FAMILY SERVICE SB	11.00am Café Church SB	11.00am Eucharist DB	-
WEST QH	9.30am EUCCHARIST NM	9.30am Eucharist TS	9.30am Family Service SC	-
Liturgical colour & Readings	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Isaiah 6: 1 - 13	Jeremiah 17: 5 - 10	Genesis 2: 4 9, 15 - 26	Exodus 34: 29 - end
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	1 Cor 15: 1 - 11	1 Cor 15: 12 - 20	Rev 4	2 Cor 3: 12 – 4:2
Gospel	Luke 5: 1 - 11	Luke 6: 17 - 26	Luke 8: 22 - 25	Luke 9: 28 - 43

**PLEASE NOTE THAT, AT THE TIME OF GOING TO PRINT, THIS SCHEDULE HAD NOT BEEN CONFIRMED WITH PARTICIPATING CLERGY AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

## THANK YOU

Deborah Robbins has notified the Editorial Team that she is no longer able to deliver the 70 copies of Stogursey News to the houses in Burgage Road.

We are extremely grateful to her for ensuring that everyone in that part of the village has had a copy of the magazine delivered month by month over many years. We thank her for giving her time so generously to do this.

This also gives us an opportunity to thank all those who deliver copies throughout Stogursey, Shurton, Burton, Knighton, Wick, Stolford and outlying dwellings. People themselves often thank distributors as they pop Stogursey News through their door.

We hope to continue to provide this service.

**Maybe you have an hour or so once a month and could deliver some copies too?**

Do email us at [stogurseynews@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stogurseynews@hotmail.co.uk) if you can.

*The Editorial Team*

## Victory Hall Christmas Bingo

The Victory Hall committee wish to thank those who attended and supported our Christmas bingo by donating prizes for the bingo and raffle, this was very much appreciated, we raised £400.00 for the Victory Hall funds, thank you again for your continued support.

## VICTORY HALL LOTTERY WINNERS

### December 2021 Draw

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	£100.00	Roger Preece	No 140
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	£50.00	Sylvia Stone	No 128
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	£25.00	Ian Elenor	No 130

## Stogursey Youth Club

Thursdays 6.30pm till 8.30pm  
Age: School year 7 till 16 years  
Cost £1.00

### February Activities

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quiz
- 10<sup>th</sup> Mocktail Evening
- 17<sup>th</sup> Pool Competition
- 24<sup>th</sup> closed for half-term



*Other activities run alongside the main programme during each session.*

*For more details contact Julie Nurton on 07536 179393*



## Stogursey WI

**theWI**  
INSPIRING WOMEN

**Keep the date:  
3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022!**



Queen Elizabeth cutting the WI centenary cake  
at the WI annual meeting.

*Photo Getty Images*

The WI has enjoyed several royal connections since Queen Mary invited Madge Watt to form a WI at Sandringham and later became President.

Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, became a WI member in 1943 and is still President of Sandringham WI.

Future Royal family members have followed the tradition including HRH Princess Anne, HRH Sophie, Countess of Wessex, and Camilla, HRH Duchess of Cornwall.

**Stogursey WI** will celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at Stogursey & District Victory Hall on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. We would like to extend an invitation to all village residents to join us in our splendid new village hall.

We wish to bring the village together for a wonderful family occasion to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. If you would like to participate, producing ideas for the content of the day, planning or helping to organise the event, please do contact us – we will appreciate your input.

So that we can make this a day to remember, we also welcome involvement from our impressive village associations, the School, and the Parish Council.

Please contact : Ann Tyldesley

✉ [stogurseytyldesley@gmail.com](mailto:stogurseytyldesley@gmail.com)

**On a final note, the WI will meet again on February 8<sup>th</sup> for afternoon tea, 2.30pm, Victory Hall.**

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

## Ropes, Wooden Ladders and a Golden Fowl

Hard hats, nylon ropes, metal ladders, training, H&S, Risk Assessments and courage are all the components of modern steeplejack work, such as that undertaken by the Hewish firm Dawson, whilst currently re-gilding our Stogursey Church Weather Cock. The Dawson family business was established 1837 in Yorkshire and now resides in Hewish, North Somerset.

So, imagine 250 years ago in 1770 when steeplejacks, using hemp ropes, wooden ladders and home-constructed Bosun's chairs, took down the weathercock for repair and re-gilding.

Joseph, one of the Thistle family of clockmakers in Stogursey, was charged with the job of repairing the cockerel. Members of the Thistle family were resident and working in Stogursey and West Somerset from 1765 until 1899. Stogursey Church Wardens' hand-written records give us a glimpse of the work undertaken and the amount paid by the church. Due to restrictive copyright costs by Somerset Heritage Trust we are not able to reproduce the photographs, which we hold, of the original entries, so they are transcribed here.

Morris Cole was the father of the famous James 'Conjurer' Cole of Nether Stowey and father of the two world renowned London clockmakers Thomas Cole and James Fergusson Cole.

The gold leaf for gilding the weather cock and clock dial were supplied by Thomas Pyke Brass and Iron Founder of Bridgwater!

Over the years the Thistle family manufactured longcase clocks and retailed them along with pocket watches.

They carried out work on all types of clocks, weather cocks, etc. in Stogursey, its hamlets and villages as far afield as Mark, Dunster, Wiveliscombe and Williton. Those living in Stogursey lived in dwellings mainly in Stogursey High Street. Many Thistle clocks are still in our village and hamlets and as far afield as New Zealand, Canada and the USA. They continue to tick, strike and keep good time. They survive just like the Cockerel!

Deborah Woodford

*8th April 1770 pd. Morris Coles a bill for gilding ye weather cock.....£1/2/0d*

*11th April 1770 pd. Jno. Kemmish a bill for taking down the weather cock, seting ye spill upright, righting the trencher, and putting up the same up again.....£2/9/0d*

*11th April 1770 pd. Jos. Thistle a bill for repairing the weathercock.....4/4d*

*1804 pd. Wm. Thistle for a new sheet of copper for the weather cock, repairing and gilding the same..... £1/11/6d*

*1810 Mr Pyke for leaf gold for the face of the Church Clock.....£1/8/0d*

*1810 William Thistle for painting and gilding the same....£1/5/0d*

*1837 paid John Thistle for gilding the weather cock.....£2/2/0d*



Hello  
to all you Cinema Goers,

We are now into our second showing for 2022. Hope everyone is keeping well and looking forward to February's film, 'PIG'. Do not be put off by the title: it's not just about a pig and it's definitely not 'Babe'.

Starring Nicolas Cage, as an owner of a truffle-hunting pig which has been kidnapped, who abandons a quiet, off-grid life in the woods and sets out on a recovery mission, chauffeured by a yuppie-ish truffle buyer. It soon becomes apparent that the truffle-hunting pig owner is a former superstar chef.

If you would like to follow the trail of a missing porker then look no further than your favourite Soap Factory Cinema. Thursday February 24th 2022, Church Rooms, Stogursey.

We will continue to limit the number of tickets being sold for the health and safety of everyone. So please make sure you get your tickets before we sell out. **Just a reminder - tickets will not be available to purchase on the door.**

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 and 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

## **"Every summer like the roses, childhood returns"**

*Marty Rubin*

The Royal Academy (RA) summer exhibition has been a calendar feature for gallery visitors since 1769. It has been described as the world's 'most joyful exhibition' and seeks to bring together works of art, submitted and chosen for display in the Academy's auspicious Burlington gallery in Piccadilly, London. Last year over 1300 works were chosen for display in the exhibition.

It is not a small gallery space, but every year the displays are so packed with work one can often be looking almost at the ceiling to see the submissions. Those of you, who may have visited the gallery, will recognise the challenge the curators face in hanging an exhibition with such a great volume of artwork and crowds of visitors. It is often difficult to see and properly appreciate the work, especially those pieces that have been hung high up or others somewhat swamped by the fact there is so much else to see. If you were visiting you may wish to return to the gallery over several days and avoid busy times when the crowds obscure a good view of the work.

The summer exhibition this year takes on the topical theme of 'Climate' and is open from the 21<sup>st</sup> June to the 21<sup>st</sup> of August, but this is not the main focus for this month's Arts Trust news.

In looking through 'what's on' to visit (if you dare run the gauntlet of Covid), further down the listings for the RA is an exciting opportunity for children and young people. The images of an alternative Royal Academy Summer Exhibition just for Young Artists is a bit of a treat. The work is interesting and fresh, not too crowded and there is a feeling of hope for the future (something we are all craving at this moment in time). Picasso once said he spent a lifetime learning to paint like a child, by which he meant with no preconceptions and no formal baggage, which can often get in the way of the joy of expression.

Entry for work is open to children and young people between 4 and 19 and unlike its 'grown up' version, it is free to enter and there is no theme. It can be anything from painting, sculpture, photography, installation, video, drawing or combinations of media.

If you are under 12 you have to get a parent, guardian or teacher to enter for you, and if you are over 13 you can submit yourself. Each young artist just submits one artwork and you have all of February and up until the 30<sup>th</sup> of March to send in your entry. Teachers need to register their school and there are prizes of art materials and practical workshops for the school if your work is selected; there are also prizes for collaborations.

The exhibition will be available to view on line from the 19<sup>th</sup> of July and selected works will be on display in the gallery from the 19<sup>th</sup> of July to the 14<sup>th</sup> of August. So maybe the imagination of childhood will return this summer at the RA. More information is available at <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk>

If you are a young artist and you are thinking of entering, get your teacher, parent or guardian to send in your ideas and the story behind your progress for the readers of Stogursey News. The Arts Trust would also like to exhibit your work at the Arts Festival, but let your teacher know and they can get in touch with us directly at the Arts Trust.

Summer now seems a long way off, but to be ready for the Garden Festival, we have much to do by way of preparation. Spring will be a good time to select the gardens, which will feature in this 'outside' exhibition and once we have paired the artists, both gardeners and the makers, we will publish this for readers of Stogursey News. Our list is growing, but not complete, so let us know if you want to join in.

We have also had a request to create a yarn bomb to follow the garden trail. As yet we do not have a coordinator for this, so if you would like to take this on, do contact Tim Kaye and set up a meeting with interested individuals to formulate a plan.

If you are developing ideas for Festival events, performances and/or collaborations with other groups, please get in contact, we maybe able to help or share our knowledge of setting things up, raising money and finding volunteers. For more information about the Arts Trust call us on 01278 734550.

*Mike Bradshaw for Stogursey Arts*

# VICTORY HALL LOTTERY

## Old and New Members Wanted

Due to the Covid 19 lockdown, the 2021 year end will be in March 2022 instead of January. The new year 2022/2023 will now run from April 2022 to March 2023.

We have lost several of our old supporters and we are looking to recruit some new members who would like to become a winner of our lottery and also help support our new hall. For just £1 per month / £12 per year you could stand a chance of winning one of the 3 prizes which are available each month.

Please complete the form and return it together with your subscription to Ron Dyer at 32 Town Close, Stogursey or, alternatively phone Ron on 01278 732688.

### Prizes (January - May & July - November)

1st: £25.00    2nd: £15.00    3rd: £10.00

### Prizes (June)

1st: £60.00    2nd: £30.00    3rd: £15.00

### Prizes (December)

1st: £100.00    2nd: £50.00    3rd: £25.00

## VICTORY HALL LOTTERY

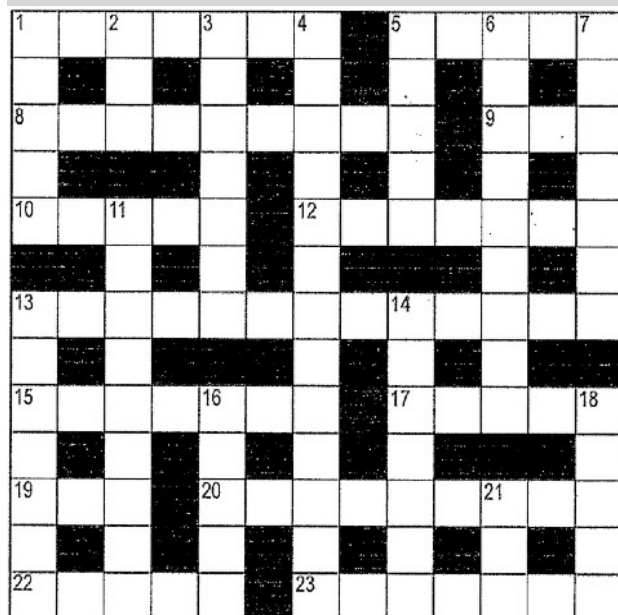
£1.00 per month    £12.00 per year

NAME:

ADDRESS:

TEL.NO:

## Quick Crossword No 21.    Compiled by Helen Cuttall



### CLUES ACROSS

1. Market town in Derbyshire (7)
5. Mexican folded tortillas (5)
- 8 Two wheeled vehicle (9)
9. Pasture or meadow (3)
10. Type of monastery (5)
12. Underground rock containing water (7)

### Clues Across continued:

13. Island in New York Bay (7,6)
15. Invertebrate animal with a shell (7)
17. A musical note (5)
19. Muhammad - - - 'The Greatest' (3)
20. With no known name or identity (9)
22. The - - - - - test cricket series (5)
23. - - - - - Kennedy, Scottish journalist & broadcaster (7)

### CLUES DOWN

1. Third letter of the Greek alphabet (5)
2. Grain used to make porridge (3)
3. Device to apply water, paint, etc. (7)
4. Place of education for children, 5 to 11 (7,6)
5. Former name of city in South Korea (5)
6. British battle tank (9)
7. Sweetened (7)
11. A mechanically steered and braked sledge, typically for two or four people, used for racing down an ice-covered run (9)
13. Dance from Brazil (7)
14. Siberian herding dog (7)
16. Mountain range in Russia (5)
18. Jazz, classical, pop, folk (5)
21. Polio vaccine (3)

## Winter Garden

by Jan Ford

We've had weeks of rain and dingy gloom,  
With gardens looking sad and drowned.  
The same in Wales at Christmas,  
Low misty cloud and sodden ground.

Back home leaves stayed on grass and beds  
With soggy heaps in every corner  
Waiting for brighter days ahead  
With rays of sun and maybe warmer.

Past stormy nights had done their worst  
To scatter debris far and wide.  
The High Street gardens had their share  
With all the litter it could hide.

Now some weeks on, a change of light.  
A chance to work outside in sun  
And get that garden tidied up,  
But still so wet to get jobs done.

The nights were cold with starry skies  
And frost that kind-a lingered.  
But now with sun, a change of mood.  
While working - frozen fingered.

But early signs of Spring are here.  
Our snowdrops and some daffs are seen.  
Beware the cold snaps later on,  
For now watch out for signs of green.

Some Summer plants are hanging on.  
Geraniums red and fuchsias too  
Happily flowering in wint'ry sun.  
Confused? Do they really have no clue?

### HOLFORD GARDENING GROUP

Holford and District Village Hall

Tuesday Feb 15<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm

**'Westonbirt School Gardens –  
the Holford Creation'**

**A talk by Margie Hoffnung**

Members £1.00 Visitors £2.00

All Welcome

### EAST QUANTOXHEAD VILLAGE HALL

Coffee Morning with Café and Bric-a-Brac

Saturday February 19<sup>th</sup>

10 -12 midday

East Quantoxhead Village Hall

## UKELELE SESSION

Calling all strummers!

A date for your diary -

**Thursday 10 February**

7.30 pm in Matt's Bar at the Victory Hall.

*Let's strum the winter blues away!*

Contact: Ian Elenor - [ianelenor@gmail.com](mailto:ianelenor@gmail.com), or  
Rose Palmer - [rose.palmer280@btinternet.com](mailto:rose.palmer280@btinternet.com)

### Solution to Crossword No 20. January 2022

#### CLUES ACROSS

1. Borscht, 5. Camel, 8. Gondolier, 9. Mop, 10. Liszt,  
12. Embargo, 13. Contact lenses, 15. Captain,  
17. Hydra, 19. Lop, 20. Brilliant, 22. Arran, 23. Lodgers

#### CLUES DOWN

1. Bagel, 2. Run, 3. Croatia, 4. Tricentennial, 5. Carob,  
6. Memorised, 7. Laptops, 11. Sandpiper, 13. Cochlea,  
14. Exhaled, 16. Alban, 18. Altos, 21. Awe

The Chinese New Year begins on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022,  
and marks the start of the Year of the Tiger.

### The Nodding Tiger

*a traditional Chinese folk-story*

Once upon a time, Widow T'ang lived with her son in a hovel on the outskirts of a city, close to a forest. They scratched an existence by the son selling the wood he gleaned from the forest.

One evening the son did not return home from the forest. The next morning, the anxious mother asked her neighbours to search for him. It was not long before they returned, carrying the boy's ripped and bloodied clothes. Widow T'Ang knew then that a tiger had taken her son.

Distraught and angry, Widow T'ang went into the city, found the judge and asked that the tiger be brought to justice. The judge ordered some men to find the tiger. When they found him in its lair, the tiger did not attack the men, but meekly dropped his head. Bound with a chain collar and lead, the tiger was taken into the city and brought before the judge.

The judge asked the tiger if he had killed Widow T'ang's son. The tiger nodded his head. The judge explained to the tiger that the widow, without her son, had no-one to look after her and to care for her. The judge then asked the tiger if he would look after the widow. Again, the tiger nodded his head. The tiger was set free and went back to the forest.

The next morning the widow found a freshly-killed deer on her doorstep. She was able to take the meat and sell it at the market. From then on, the tiger regularly brought her the means to make a living. He kept his promise, and looked after her for the rest of her life.

## Points from the Parish Council Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022

### Housing Needs Survey

The interim results were reported to the January Parish Council meeting. 19% response rate was on the low side, but there is sufficient information in the completed returns that a meaningful report can be considered by the Parish Council next month. This will be followed up by work going into the issues that have been identified affecting at least 15-20 respondents with housing needs.

### Neighbourhood Plan

The questionnaire is now live on the internet for residents to complete, posters give a QR code for easy access to the online survey, but there are paper copies available if you would rather complete the survey with pen and paper. The closing date is the last week of February and a good response rate will help the group progress the plan further and help future planning for the parish.

### Re-opening Safely and Re-connecting Communities.

If there are any community Groups who would like to be considered for a grant from the Funds held by the Parish Council, please make contact with the Clerk so that he can help you apply. We want all of our Community Groups to have the benefit of this external funding to help mitigate the costs involved in bringing the Community back together again safely in these wretched times. It is hoped that further support will be received and that this will assist events over the coming summer.

### Planters

The Parish Council were successful last year in being awarded a grant to assist with growing for health and well-being and have decided that some of the money from that funding is going to be used to replace the planters on The Gravel. If required, those in other locations across the Parish will also be replaced to help conserve water and give opportunities for local green-fingered gardeners to show their floral prowess.

### The next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 19:00 at the Victory Hall.

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

*Richard Wand  
Clerk to Stogursey Parish Council*



**somerset village &  
community agents**  
part of CCS

## February Village Agent News

It can be tough in the cold and dark months to get motivated to exercise - what do you do to Get Outside in Somerset?

For inspiration, why not visit [www.getoutsideinsomerset.co.uk](http://www.getoutsideinsomerset.co.uk). The site is packed with activities and ideas to help you to get outside. You can also join in the Facebook group where people from across Somerset share local tips and ideas! Go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/531875827909722> and take part in the chat!

Find a new passion where you could meet new friends or take up a new hobby!

We are blessed in Somerset with an abundant choice of places to go, and most are free! From walking through our beautiful nature reserves to enjoying our town parks. Or for the more adventurous, exploring our magnificent Quantock hills.

There really is something for every age and ability. If you struggle to get outside in Somerset, contact your local Village Agent who could find a community solution to help you!

### Carers Groups make a welcome return!

Carers in Somerset will be delighted to hear that some of the Carers' groups are reopening across the county: **Dulverton**, Exmoor Medical Centre and **Minehead**, Minehead Hospital.

Find out more about your local group on our Carers' Hub – [www.somersetcarers.org](http://www.somersetcarers.org). If you look after someone else, whether that's family, friend or neighbour, the hub is packed full of support, activities and training.

Not sure if you are a Carer? Call our advice line and make sure you have the right support for you and the person you look after! 0800 31 68 600 or text 'Carer' to 78070 to receive a callback. Ask your Village Agent for information and ideas on supporting the person you care for so you can get to take a break and attend a carers group.

Can't make it to a Carers group? There are weekly Talking Cafés near you for help and advice from your local Village Agent. [www.somersetagents.org/talking-cafes/](http://www.somersetagents.org/talking-cafes/)

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## STOGURSEY PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE

*How should Stogursey and the wider parish settlements be developed?*

*Should there be more developments?*

*What kind of developments would you like to see?*

*What do you value in the parish?*

*What could be improved in the parish?*

**During January and February, you will be able to access the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire online. Please complete it to help us 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:



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

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

We want to make sure that our Neighbourhood Plan will match the wishes of the whole community. Please take some time to complete the survey to help us achieve this.

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

## News from The Quantock Medical Centre

A belated happy New Year, and a big THANK YOU for our Christmas gifts; your kind thoughts are very much appreciated.

Just a few things to let you know about this month:

If you are feeling in need of a change of scene, a chance to meet and talk to others, why not join:

- our Tuesday morning walking group - you can pick up a timetable from our reception.
- or if you are feeling creative, come along and join the Art Group on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, 2 - 4pm, at the Nether Stowey Church Centre (donation of £3 a session requested).

If you are in need of some help and motivation to get moving and improve your health, our Health and Well Being Coach, Grace, is available on a Wednesday afternoon to support you - just call reception to book an appointment. She is also able to offer access to groups for: Weightloss, Living with type 2 Diabetes, Well Women, and access many other activities.

First Contact Physiotherapist. We are going to be working with Cannington Surgery to share access to a physiotherapist once a week. They will be able to see patients with any new musculo-skeletal problems (unfortunately not those who currently have seen their GP and being investigated).

This is an attempt to help support the GPs' workload, and is successfully up and running in a number of Bridgwater practices. So please don't be surprised when you are asked by the receptionist for the reason you would like an appointment, as this is to try to help direct you to the most appropriate clinician.

Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service (DSFRS) are committed to improving community safety to reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries in the home.

A Home Safety Technician can carry out a free Home Safety Visit, assess the degree of risk the person or family is facing, take the appropriate action to reduce the risks and help prevent a fire or incident. This can include the fitting of a smoke alarm or hard of hearing alarm (for those with hearing loss), supplying fire retardant throws and/or bedding amongst other specialist equipment, as well as advising the occupants on safe escape routes and what to do in the event of a fire.

To request a free home safety visit, please **complete the online referral form** [dsfire.gov.uk](https://dsfire.gov.uk).

The form takes just three minutes to complete.

Or call **0800 05 02 999** (Monday - Friday, 9am-5pm)

*Helen Stacey Practice Manager*



## Stogursey Community Network (SCN)

February 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 **February 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.**



## 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

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Bakewell Tart

### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February

(book by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February phone 01278 734818)

Somerset Chicken Casserole **or**  
Vegetable Pie.  
With Swede & Potato Mash and Green Veg

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Marmalade Upside-down Pudding

### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February

(book by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February: phone 01278 734818)

Lamb Tagine, Mash & Veg **or**  
Vegetable Pasta Bake

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Lime Cheesecake

### Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

(book by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February : phone 01278 734818)

Kedgeree **or**  
Vegetable Lasagne

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Lemon & Almond Tart

## MARCH MENU

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

(book by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February: phone 01278 734818)

Lamb Casserole **or**  
Leek Crumble

\*\*\*\*\*

Monmouth Pudding

## Vicki's Update

Happy New Year to you all, I hope you all had a good start to the year.

The back end of last year saw the achievement of a key milestone at Hinkley Point C when the concrete was poured on the Turbine Table that will support the world's largest turbine generator, the Arabelle turbine. This is a vital step in readying reactor unit 1. Once the turbine hall is completed, the turbine will take steam from the reactor building and convert it into 1.6 gigawatts of electricity. When operational, both turbines at Hinkley Point C will produce enough low carbon electricity for 6 million homes.



Concrete pour on the Turbine Table for reactor unit 1

The MEH Alliance also celebrated their latest achievement at Hinkley Point C in the official handover of the safeguard building for reactor unit 1 from the main civils team. The safeguard buildings house the vital components for the reactor safety systems and play a vital role in nuclear safety, ensuring that nuclear fuel is always cooled and contained. They are designed to withstand external hazards such as flooding, and earthquakes so must be constructed to the highest quality.

The handing over of the safeguard building marks a key step in the transition of the civils phase of the project to the MEH stage- which stands for mechanical, electrical, and HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning). The MEH phase of the project is where the mechanical and electrical components will be installed- including around 3,000km of power cables- which is roughly the distance from Hinkley Point C to Tenerife!



Those of you visiting the Southern Landscaping area in Shurton in the lead up to Christmas may have spotted the environmental efforts of volunteers from the Hinkley Point C Security, Site and Operations team. To offset their departments carbon emissions, the team planted 100 new hybrid elms, adding to the budding woodland area.

## Feedback

This is now the fifth update I have provided Stogursey News in my role as Community Relations Manager and a great opportunity for me to ask for your feedback. I want to make sure that you are finding these updates as interesting and useful as they can be. Please do drop me an email at: [hinkley-enquiries@edf-energy.com](mailto:hinkley-enquiries@edf-energy.com) if you have any thoughts on what you would like to hear more about from the project at Hinkley Point C and what you might like to see featured in future updates.

Please do also make sure that you are signed up to our general mailing list if you would like to receive regular news and information from the project- you can request this by emailing the above address.

## Get in touch

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

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

### Secretary of State praises progress at Hinkley Point C

The Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has been in Somerset, seeing how work is progressing at Hinkley Point C. Kwasi Kwarteng MP toured Europe's largest construction site with the Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury, Helen Whately MP.

The Government has committed to putting nuclear at the heart of the UK's future energy mix, along with wind and solar. Hinkley Point C will be crucial in helping the country hit net-zero carbon emissions by 2050 – by moving the UK away from high-polluting fossil fuels.

Business and Energy Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng said: "It has been remarkable to see how construction work is progressing and to meet with some of the workers driving forward one of Britain's biggest infrastructure projects. New nuclear is not only at the heart of our plans to ensure greater energy independence, but to create high-quality jobs, boost apprenticeships and drive economic growth.

The UK Government recognises that large-scale nuclear is the only technology available to provide continuous, low carbon electricity at scale. In order to strengthen Britain's energy security and reduce our exposure to volatile global gas prices, we are firmly committed to deploying new nuclear, as seen through the construction of Hinkley Point C."

### Chris joins the Hinkley Point C Chaplain team

The chaplaincy team at Hinkley Point C welcomed its newest member this week, Chris Pollard. Chris, a former bank manager and driver with Somerset Passenger Solutions has joined Ewen Huffman, Lead Chaplain, in helping to provide a listening ear for the workforce at Hinkley Point C. The Chaplaincy team focuses on looking after the overall wellbeing needs of those who work on the project. Working alongside the occupational health team and the Mental Health Buddies, the chaplain service cares for individuals pastorally and spiritually. The service provided is for those of all faiths and none to offer a listening ear and support. In addition to playing a key role in the health and wellbeing of the workforce, the chaplains also support on-site community spirit by heading up the charity arm of the Safe Day, Safe Month initiative providing funding for local charities, running the site based choir service the 'Hinkley Harmonics' and hosting services and events for the those working on the project.



Chris Pollard, left, with Ewen Huffman, the lead chaplain at Hinkley Point C



### Stay up to date with what's happening on site

You can find the latest images, videos and updates from Hinkley Point C site on our website: [www.edfenergy.com/hinkleypointc](http://www.edfenergy.com/hinkleypointc)

You can also follow us on Twitter: @hinkleypointc and Instagram. If you would like to receive emails with our monthly updates from the project, please email:

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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.