

STOGURSEY NEWS



Shurton Bars

March 2022

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Editorial

Welcome to the March edition of Stogursey News.

Whether you are a churchgoer or not, St. Andrew's Church is a beautiful historic building in the heart of Stogursey. Do take time to read our rector's interesting and important announcement and make a note of the meeting Nicky is proposing, on March 19th.

There are more details this month about the light opera, *Iolanthe*, being performed live in the Victory Hall on Friday 11th. You can buy tickets in advance from the SPAR - it looks to be a really fun evening. It will be great too, to see the new hall really being put to full use. And how good to have the chance to go to a show like this without even leaving the village.

In contrast the children very much enjoyed their day leaving school and village behind to go to Bristol for their educational trip. The photos and the children's own lovely descriptions make it quite clear that they had so much fun while learning a lot too.

One of the longest running groups in Stogursey must be the Twinning Association. An article in this month's edition explains more about what is involved especially for those who've more recently moved into the village. And there is what you might call a Twin Invitation – to a combined social evening and AGM at the end of the month, on March 26th.

When you get home, though, don't forget to put your clocks forward for the start of summer time. Longer warmer days are on their way!

With that welcome thought, sunny wishes to you all from 'the team'.

Stogursey-Online.uk

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

You can post local upcoming events on the parish website www.stogursey-online.uk

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- * Attach it to an email.
- * Send it to stogurseynews@hotmail.co.uk

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- * Write or type your contribution.
- * Put it into the 'Stogursey News' box in the Post Office.

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- Submit your contribution by the deadline date.
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- Provide your contact details so that we can get in touch if we need to edit.
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We look forward to receiving your contributions.

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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) Bingo (weekly) WI (second Tuesday of month) Parish Council Meeting (second Tuesday of month) Quantock Tennis Club (first Tuesday of month)	Victory Hall Church Rooms St Audries Centre Victory Hall Victory Hall Multi-sport court, Victory Hall	10.30 am Doors Open 12noon Eyes Down 2.00pm 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 March	Forget-me-not Café	Church Rooms	10.30 - 12 noon
8 March	WI: 'Aromatherapy'	Victory Hall	2.30 pm
8 March	Parish Council	Victory Hall	7.00 pm
10 March	Ukelele Session	Matt's Bar - Victory Hall	7.30 pm
11 March	Somerset Opera: "Iolanthe"	Victory Hall	7.30 pm
16 March	Forget-me-not Café	Church Rooms	10.30 - 12 noon
19 March	Meeting: "Wider use of our Church"	St Andrew's Church	10.00 am - 12 noon
24 March	Mobile Library Visit	Stops as per schedule	as per schedule
26 March	Twinning AGM & Social	Church Rooms	7.00 pm
30 March	Forget-me-not Café	Church Rooms	10.30 - 12 noon
13 April	Forget-me-not Café	Church Rooms	10.30 am - 12 noon
21 April	Mobile Library Visit	Stops as per schedule	as per schedule
23 April	St George's Day Celebration Supper	Victory Hall	7.00 pm
27 April	Forget-me-not Café	Church Rooms	10.30 am - 12 noon

An Invitation from the Rector to Reflect on the Wider Use of Your Church in the Village

Saturday 19th March 10.00 (for 10.30am) – 12.00pm in St Andrew's

On a cold December Morning in 2019 a small group gathered round a grave in Stogursey Churchyard for the burial of Eileen Mary Jones. Not of this village, but with long family associations, her last wish was to be laid to rest in Stogursey churchyard. Little did we know as we accommodated her wish that the Church would be a beneficiary of her will to the sum of £282, 000.

£282,000 sounds a lot of money, and the small group who look after St Andrew's drew up a wish-list of what we would like to do with the money. But when dealing with an ancient Grade One listed building such as our beautiful village church, our architect quickly informed us that such a pot of money wouldn't go very far – a starting sum of £500,000 would really be more realistic. In the hope of procuring some money for St Andrew's from the Diocese's sale of the Glebe land, I wrote a long letter to Bath and Wells Diocese. As you might imagine, my request was politely declined.

The small and committed Church Council for St Andrew's decided that perhaps the best we could do with Eileen Jones' generous legacy was to get on with the manageable and long-overdue installation of a toilet and kitchenette facility in the church. However, there is a feeling inside of me that we need to try and do more for St Andrew's. I am not a buildings person, but I feel a great burden upon me to ask you to join with me in beginning to think about how we use this building, which is a village resource, into the future; and how we make best use of the bequest that Eileen Jones entrusted to us.

I have now been in the village 10 years. God, diocese, and all other things being willing, I will be here another 10 years. The small congregation of St Andrew's is getting older. In twenty years, it may have dwindled further as people become too frail to get to Sunday services. But the church building will still be there, a part of your village. Perhaps it will limp on sadly as a memorial to an age of church-going that is now past; perhaps it will have been appropriated by the Church of England for a modern Holy Trinity Brompton-Type Church plant, with incomers populating the church each Sunday. Who knows what its future will be – but whatever it is, it will still be a building positioned at the heart of your village, and now is the time for us to think about defining its future use, including but being more than a place for Sunday worship and rites of passage.

To begin to explore how St Andrew's Church building might be used as a resource for the village,

I am inviting you to come along to the church on

Saturday 19th March 10.00 for 10.30am

to an open morning: meeting and exploration of possible ideas.

**I do hope that as many of you as possible will be able to come,
as St Andrew's as a building is part of your village.**

Sunday Services in St Andrew's in March

6th March – Holy Communion (Eucharist) 10.30am

13th March – Holy Communion (Eucharist) 10.30am

20th March - Holy Communion (Eucharist) 10.30am

27th March - Mothering Sunday Service in Holford and District VH at 9.30am
Followed by discussion on the Cof E documents, 'Living in Love and Faith'.

For more information on services in the Benefice call Nicky Morgan 01278 732873

VICTORY HALL LOTTERY WINNERS

JANUARY 2022 Draw

1 st prize	£25.00	Phil Currel	No 90
2 nd prize	£15.00	Ron Dyer	No 86
3 rd prize	£10.00	Rose Nurton	No 164

VICTORY HALL LOTTERY

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 winners of our lottery and also to 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 every month.

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

VICTORY HALL LOTTERY

£1.00 per month or £12.00 per year

	Prizes		
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
January-May & July–November	£25.00	£15.00	£10.00
June	£60.00	£30.00	£15.00
December	£100.00	£50.00	£25.00

NAME:

ADDRESS:

TEL.NO:

Somerset Opera presents Gilbert & Sullivan's comedy -

lolanthe

It's on again! Back by popular demand . . . the fabulous Gilbert & Sullivan comedy opera 'lolanthe'.

This year we can go ahead as we've missed out the last year due to Covid. We are very excited that this time it will be held in the Victory Hall in Stogursey.

lolanthe is a beautiful story about a fairy who is banished from her fairyland because she married a mere mortal.

The company and the costumes are beautiful, and the audience can feel very much part of this comedy opera.

WHEN? Friday 11th March

TIME? 7.30 pm

Tickets are on sale at the SPAR; please go in and see Alan and buy your ticket for £10.

OR phone Sue Spicer on 01278 733700 or 07579 765201.

The proceeds of this charitable event will go to the Village Hall and to the Stogursey Parish Church.

Drinks will be for sale on the night and light canapés will be served.

Don't miss out!

BINGO

Every Tuesday

Eyes Down at 2pm

All Are Welcome

St Audries Close Community Room

STOGURSEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

There's still time to complete the NP Questionnaire! We want to have as many opinions as we can to make sure the Neighbourhood Plan reflects the views of the whole community.

We have extended the completion time by a few weeks.

Access the questionnaire at:

<https://forms.office.com/r/qDuvXLe97j>

or, collect a paper version from Stogursey Post Office

The deadline is Tuesday 8th March

March is the month to sow seeds:

One for the rock, one for the crow,

One to die, and one to grow.

an English saying



TWO INVITATIONS TO YOU ALL!

1. AGM and SOCIAL

Saturday 26th March 7.00pm Church Rooms

Above is the logo of Stogursey's historical Twinning Association which is open to all comers of 18 years of age or over who are interested in promoting links and friendship with like-minded people in the town of Lonlay L'Abbaye in Normandy France. There's no requirement to speak French or even to visit or host guests here, and there are usually several village events each year open to both members and non-members. Families and their children of any age are always welcome.

Last year we had to hold our Annual General Meeting on the Zoom virtual platform, but this year it looks like we can actually meet in person! This will be an opportunity for members to meet socially, elect officers and committee members, pay the annual subscription but most importantly to socialise, enjoy some light entertainment and to share food and drink together. If you're new to the village or wanting to know a bit more about this active village association do come along.

Our annual subscription is currently £5.00 per individual member or £10 for a family and payable by the end of March.

2. ST GEORGE'S DAY SUPPER

Saturday 23rd April 7.00pm Victory Hall

This has been a popular evening village event with a two-course wholesome supper plus local entertainment, themed around celebrating St George's Day . . . watch out for Dragon Stew! Keep the date free and look out for further information.

Further details from STA Secretary Caroline Hawkes
carolinemayhawkes@gmail.com 01278 733162



Stogursey WI

theWI
INSPIRING WOMEN

Keep the date: 3rd June 2022!

Stogursey WI will celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at Stogursey & District Victory Hall on June 3rd.

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

Queen Elizabeth cutting the WI centenary cake.

Photo Getty Images



On the 8th of February we had a visit from the Devon & Somerset Fire and rescue Service. Mr Simon Nichols enlightened the group on how to protect ourselves, family, and pets from fire. We picked up many useful tips e.g., never leave a washer or drier on when leaving the house or when asleep. You can book a free fire safety visit if you have children under 18, are over 65, have mobility issues etc.

For details contact: ☎ 0800 05 02 999 or

✉ firekills@dsfire.gov.uk or www.dsfire.gov.uk

Our next meeting will be the 8th of March, 2.30pm,
at Stogursey Village Hall.

The topic is Aromatherapy and its uses in the home.

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

Ann Tyldesley ✉ stogurseytyldesley@gmail.com
☎ 01278 732181

HOLFORD GARDENERS' GROUP

Holford and District Village Hall
Tuesday March 15th 7.30 pm

'The Art of Topiary'

A talk by James Crebbin-Bailey

Members £1.00 Visitors £2.00

All Welcome

Musical Tea

Saturday March 12th
2.30 pm

WESTON AREA ROCK CHOIR

Tea and cake £4.00

Coffee Morning

Saturday March 19th
10.00 am - 12 midday

Café/Bric-a-Brac/Books/DVDs

at East Quantoxhead Village Hall



Hello to all you cinema goers,

We hope that everyone is keeping well and looking forward to our next film.

We have left the kidnapped truffle-hunting pig, and are moving on to **"Stillwater"** our film for March. This follows Matt Damon as Bill, an oil-rig roughneck from Oklahoma. There's no 'surrey with the fringe on top', only Bill who travels to Marseille to visit his estranged daughter in prison for a murder she claims she did not commit. Confronted with language barriers, cultural differences, and a complicated legal system, Bill builds a new life for himself in France as he makes it his personal mission to exonerate his daughter.

Come and join a safe, relaxing evening with friends and neighbours at the Soap Factory Cinema on **Thursday March 24th**, Church Rooms, Castle Street, 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. Tickets £6, available from Stogursey Post Office. Doors open 7pm for a 7.30pm showing.

Refreshments will be available to purchase on arrival and at the interval, and 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

STOP PRESS . . .

Look out for next month's article about bellringing.

We need ringers (YOU!) to get our beautiful Stogursey bells ringing again.

Ukelele Session

As the evenings draw out and the weather warms, why not venture out and strum with a drink in Matt's Bar, in the Victory Hall.

The next session will be on **Thursday March 10th** starting at 7.30 pm.

We welcome anyone regardless of experience/level of ability. Do join us: it's fun.

Contact Rose Palmer: rose.palmer280@btinternet.com
or Ian Elenor ianelenor@gmail.com

FORGET-ME-NOT-CAFÉ

CHURCH ROOMS
CASTLE STREET
STOGURSEY



Every other Wednesday 10.30 - 12 midday

Recent events at the Café include our 3rd birthday celebration in January with Jan Ford reciting some of her own poems for us.

In February we celebrated The Chinese New Year of the TIGER. Julie from Age Concern UK demonstrated Tai Chi. She explained the health benefits of this gentle form of exercise which offers harmony between the body and mind. We all joined in with great enthusiasm!

February 14th included Saint Valentine's celebrations.

DATES AND EVENTS:

Wednesday 2nd March - Singing
Wednesday 16th March - Coffee and chat
Wednesday 30th March - Coffee and Chat
Wednesday 13th April - Easter crafts
Wednesday 27th April - Bingo
Wednesday 11th May - Coffee and chat



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.

All are welcome to come along even if just for a cuppa and a chat.

There are a variety of activities such as music, singing, arts and crafts, quizzes.

For more information please contact
Helen: 01278 734818 – cuttelhelen@gmail.com
Rose: 07507 374234

Solution to crossword No 21 February 2022

CLUES ACROSS

1. Glossop, 5. Tacos, 8. Motorbike, 9. Ing, 10. Abbey, 12. Aquifer, 13. Liberty Island, 15. Mollusc, 17. Minim, 19. Ali, 20. Anonymous, 22. Ashes, 23. Ludovic

CLUES DOWN

1. Gamma, 2. Oat, 3. Sprayer, 4. Primary School, 5. Taegu, 6. Chieftain, 7. Sugared, 11. Bobsleigh, 13. Lambada, 14. Samoyed, 16. Urals, 18. Music, 21. OPU

Children from Beacon Class visited 'We the Curious' in Bristol.

It was very exciting, especially as this was the first school trip for over two years.



**We went in the planetarium.
AMAZING!**

You go in and take seats.
We had to wear 3D specs.
It was like being in space. The planets spin around.
We went on the surface of the moon.
We got to choose which planet to go to next.
We wanted to go to Saturn, Jupiter and Mars.
We saw the 'rose' storm on Saturn, and the big
storm, 'red spot' on Jupiter.
We learnt a lot about the planets and it
was really fun.



We went downstairs to the explore equipment.

You can take videos, and when you pull up a green screen it makes you invisible.





☀️ You can make bubbles, huge bubbles, and pull the bubbles over your head.

☀️ There was a human hamster wheel, and it powers water for a waterfall.

☀️ And I milked a cow, because I want to be a farmer. It was easy!

☀️ There is an echo chamber, and you go in and speak and someone can hear you on the other side.

☀️ There were instruments for making music.

☀️ And a 5-second timer - you do an action, then look behind and see your shadow doing that action. We wished it was a 10-second timer!

☀️ We learned how to do animation.



**Thank you Imogen, Jayden, Nancy and Winter
for talking so enthusiastically about your
great experiences at 'We the Curious'.**

Stogursey Arts Trust

"Sometimes the creating that we do is creating a platform that allows other creative people to pitch in"

Theaster Gates

In seeking out ideas, gardens and artists to get involved in the Garden Festival this year, we are finding that we have created precisely what *Theaster Gates* refers to, a platform for others to pitch in.

For those who are curious (source: Wikipedia) Gates is an American artist. His father was a roofer and his mother a schoolteacher; he was the only son of nine children. He works as a social practice, installation artist. What's that you may ask? Well, he will be designing the Serpentine Pavilion for the Serpentine Gallery in London this year. Watch this space and see what he produces.

In the lead up to the Festival, we thought it might be a good idea to give a few examples each month of who is 'pitching in' and what they are going to contribute. We hope that these amazing ideas, which are very simple and clever, may encourage more 'people to pitch in' as they will be able to see how simple it is to produce something for all to enjoy.

This month's example follows on from the interest we had last summer in the Weather Report sculpture we presented on the Gravel in 2021. Many passers by asked what it was all about, some loved it and others were not sure why it was there in the first place; but it did generate quite a bit of discussion and we thought it would be good to do another installation this year for everyone to enjoy and talk about.

The idea so far is to create a series of mini 'windmills' that can be placed in the planters amongst the flowers. These will be created out of recycled materials and we will use the wind to animate them. As with all the ideas submitted so far, there are various considerations we have to make in order to progress, and in this case, we will be approaching the Parish Council for their support in using the space and also the school so that the children can be involved.

If you have any ideas and want to hop onto the 'creative platform' do get in touch; we are still looking for people to get involved. As yet we do not have a coordinator for the 'yarn bomb', and we are now looking for replacement trustees to join our team in the task of taking Stogursey Arts Trust forward in the next phase of its development.

Leading the Trust from its early beginnings, George Cassidy has made a huge contribution through his enthusiasm, experience and wisdom, but has recently stood down in his capacity as Chair. We would like to say a huge thank you to George and others who have

recently moved away from the village for all their help and support over the years.

With every door closing, others open and so we have the opportunity for new, potential nominees to get involved. If you would like to put your name forward as a trustee do contact us.

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

Mike Bradshaw for Stogursey Arts

MACULAR SOCIETY EXMOOR SUPPORT GROUP



We are so delighted to report that we have all battled valiantly through the pandemic and have come out the other side unscathed and optimistic.

In our first meeting of 2022 at the end of January, we discussed which shape our meetings shall take, which expert speakers we want to invite and which outings would be desirable for everybody. Yes, we intend to be adventurous and enjoy life! So watch this space.

By the time you read this, we shall have already hosted our first speaker, Julie from Optima in Totnes, who has provided us for years with advice and practical help to improve the lighting in our homes – most important to people with Macular Degeneration, who need to make use of every beam of light available. Julie also checks our magnifiers and replaces them where necessary.

Our speaker at our next meeting, on **March 24th**, will be Matt Smith, who will introduce us to 'personal alarms.' I fervently hope that Covid will stay away, so that we don't have to cancel Matt for a fourth time.

One more thing: If you have been diagnosed with Macular Degeneration during the last two years, but have not contacted us yet, please feel free to do so and come along to our meetings, held every 4th Thursday of each month from 2 pm to approximately 3.30 pm. Our new venue is just a stone's throw away from the old one: the Community House in Dulverton, at the entrance to the Exmoor Medical Centre car park, Fishers' Mead, Dulverton. All our thanks for organising our new home go to a very kind lady, Adelaide, working for Magna Housing; she has booked us in already for the entire year.

We look forward to seeing you there on the 24th March at 2pm. May I point out – I have been asked recently – that our meetings are free of charge.

For further enquiries, please feel free to ring Marion and Royce on 01398 371 450

In the meantime, stay well!



Stogursey Community Network (SCN)

March 2022 Update

MARCH



MENU

- ❖ The wonderful weekly **Stogursey Lunches** continue in the Church Rooms every Tuesday. These Lunches are open to all, so do come along to enjoy a home-cooked two-course meal. You can bring guests along, just be sure to book for everyone! Delicious vegetarian option always available. Payment is by donation of your choice. Check this edition and the Stogursey Lunches Facebook page for the **March '22 menus**.

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

Tel: [01278 734818](tel:01278734818)

- ❖ **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.

How to contact us:

- **Medical transport only:** [07485 350560](tel:07485350560)

* 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.

Tuesday 1st March
(book by Friday 25th February - phone 01278 734818)

Lamb Casserole **or**
Leek Crumble
both served with vegetables

Monmouth pudding

Tuesday 8th March
(book by Friday 4th March - phone 01278 734818)

Bacon-wrapped cheesy chicken (aka 'Space Weevils')
with veg, **or**
Aubergine, tomato & cheese bake
with side salad and bread

Tiramisu

Tuesday 15th March
(book by Friday 11th March - phone 01278 734818)

Beef & guinness pie, **or**
vegetable flan
both served with vegetables

Bailey's bread & butter pudding

Tuesday 22nd March
(book by Friday 18th March - phone 01278 734818)

Salmon & vegetable traybake, **or**
Cheese & spinach soufflé with vegetables
both served with new potatoes

Rhubarb & custard cake

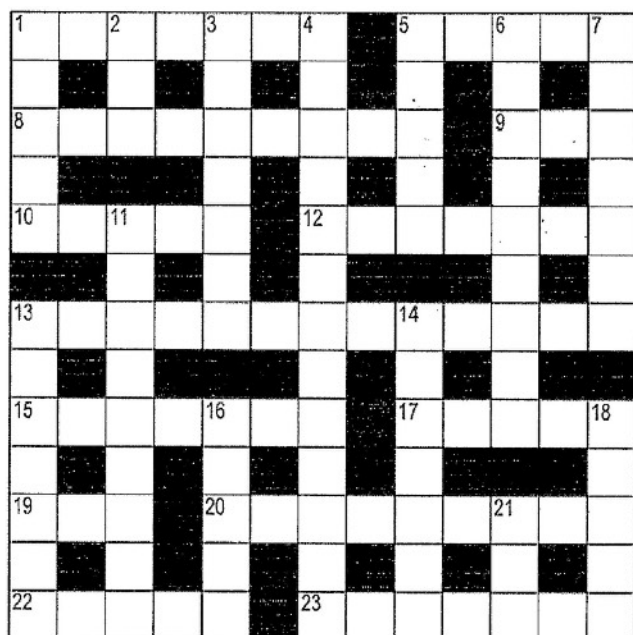
Tuesday 29th March
(book by Friday 25th March - phone 01278 734818)

Baked meatballs with tomato & mascarpone cheese
creamy sauce, sauté potatoes and green veg, **or**
Vegetable bolognese

Apple, prune and yoghurt dessert

Quick Crossword No 22

compiled by Helen Cuttell



CLUES ACROSS

1. Small dried seedless raisin (7)
5. Thunder fly (5)
8. City in Western Morocco (9)
9. Central Intelligence Agency (3)
10. A country of the UK (5)
12. String instrument of the lute family (7)
13. Untamed horse in a rodeo (7,6)
15. Richly decorative silk fabric (7)
17. Small village & nature reserve in Devon (5)
19. A hardwood (3)
20. An illumination in front of the stage (9)
22. Force someone to leave (5)
23. 'Empty orchestra' (7)

CLUES DOWN

1. A performer who tells jokes (5)
2. Reading, writing & arithmetic (1,1,1)
3. Kriss - - - - - former athlete & TV presenter(7)
4. Book by Rudyard Kipling (3,6,4)
5. Large lake in Sierra Nevada US (5)
6. An instance of being a cowardly or fainthearted person (9)
7. Inert medication (7)
11. Very small piece of silicon inside a computer (9)
13. Charles - - - - - Father of computing (7)
14. A person who walks in the countryside (7)
16. Causing fear or dread (5)
18. One of the Cinque Ports (5)
21. Old name for the UK postal system (3)

Stogursey Oil-buying Group

The Stogursey Oil Buying group's next order will be in **March**.

The scheme is open free of charge to all households within the Stogursey News distribution area except those whose oil delivery has to be made through the house. The minimum order is 500 litres.

We usually get oil for 3 to 4 pence per litre less than the price quoted for individual orders.

The next order after this one will be in May.

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 by
10am Monday the 7th of March
with the following information:-

Stogursey Oil-buying Group

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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
14th March.**

Points from the Parish Council Meeting

11th January 2022

Housing Needs Survey

The finalised report was presented to the Parish Council at its meeting and is available to read on the parish website - <http://stogursey-online.uk/housing-needs-survey-report-january-2022>

A Working Group involving Parish Councillors and officers from Somerset West and Taunton Council is being established to consider how to progress the issues that have been identified as affecting at least 19 respondents with housing needs.

Neighbourhood Plan

The questionnaire is still 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 in Stogursey Post Office if you would rather complete the survey with pen and paper. The closing date has been extended to the 8th March as the current response rate is too low to be meaningful. If there is insufficient response, the continuation of the group and a neighbourhood plan for the Parish is in doubt.

May 2022 elections to Somerset Council and Stogursey Parish Council

The Government has set out its proposals for the election of 110 councillors for Somerset Council to be held on 5 May 2022.

The Government is also proposing that elections also be held on the same day for all parish, town and city councils across Somerset.

To find out more about becoming a candidate <https://www.nalc.gov.uk/our-work/local-elections#standing-for-election> or to register to vote, visit www.gov.uk/register-to-vote before midnight on Thursday, 14 April or contact elections@somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk More information will be circulated as it becomes available, on the parish website and noticeboards.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 8th March 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 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 stogurseypcclerk@gmail.com

Richard Wand
Clerk to Stogursey Parish Council

Our Buses are under Threat

April 2022 was meant to augur in a new era for our buses. It was the month when the £3 billion as part of Bus Back Better, National Strategy for Buses for England, could be used to improve bus services. People could be invited to abandon their cars and opt for the 'greener' option of going by bus on journeys to nearby towns and villages.

To improve buses across the county, Somerset had put in a bid for £163 million of Bus Back Better money. That was the sum of money needed because Somerset bus services are the worst-rated of any county in England. But the Bus Back Better fund has been over-subscribed 8 times by all the bids from across England. It's unknown how much money Somerset might get - but it's unlikely to get anything like it needs.

The two years of Covid has seen bus passenger numbers down 40% on pre-Covid levels. This has meant the Government has had to step in and subsidise bus services in order to keep them running. To fund this the Government has diverted more than half of the £3 billion pot allocated for transforming our bus services to maintaining our current bus services.

Worse still, the Government has still not said whether it will keep funding our existing bus services from April.

Without this Covid Bus Recovery Grant, a leading bus operator has said, "The bus sector is hurtling towards disaster."

Could you please - today - send an email (doesn't need to be long) to the Government Buses Minister demanding that the Covid-19 Bus Recovery Grant funding is continued beyond April. Send it to BARONESS VERE OF NORBITON (Buses Minister) at verec@parliament.uk.

Also copy your email to your MP: IAN LIDDELL-GRAINGER (Bridgwater and West Somerset) at ianlg@parliament.uk

Please also copy in Somerset Bus Partnership to any of your emails at somersetbuspartnership@gmail.com.

Additionally, if you should speak to any of the candidates for the Somerset Unitary Council May 5th elections, please ask them what their plans are to protect and improve our bus services here in Somerset. There's never been a time when our bus services in Somerset have been at so much risk.

Somerset Bus Partnership Team
<https://www.somersetbuspartnership.co.uk>

Vicki's Update

By now most of you should have received a posted letter from me letting you know about the start of operations at Combwich Wharf which means that very soon we will begin to receive some of the biggest, heaviest and tallest pieces of equipment via the Wharf.

These deliveries will then be transported from Combwich Wharf northbound along the C182 to our site. The transportation of these pieces of equipment will be managed via a 'rolling roadblock' which is something we have been practising and running training sessions on for quite some time.

These movements will be limited to daylight hours and wherever possible will take place at the quietest times of the week to avoid disruption as much as possible. I do however appreciate that this may impact those of you living closest and using the road most often and I would like to apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may cause.

I would like to keep you as informed as possible about when these pieces of equipment will be moved so I encourage you to sign up to our notification services:

1. Sign up to our C182 **email notification** service by scanning the QR code below or visiting the web address below to receive an email notification 2-3 weeks before delivery.
2. Sign up to our C182 **free text message notifications** by scanning the QR code below or visiting the web address below to receive a short text notification reminder 2-3 days before delivery*
3. You can also get in touch with the community relations team by email: **Hinkley-enquiries@nnb-edfenergy.com** or call us on: **0333 009 7070**

*Please also note that this free text messaging service may also be used to notify when operation HAROLD (Hinkley Alternative Routes Operating Local Diversions) is in effect along the C182 due to an incident resulting in temporary road closure from the main road (C182) from Cannington to the Hinkley Point Sites. This will replace the existing text messaging service managed by Avon and Somerset Police, please sign up again to ensure that you receive these notifications.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to make you aware of our general updates email distribution list sign up to receive the latest news and information coming from the Project. Get in touch with the team using our contact details above if you would like to sign up.

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Hinkley Point C - Monthly Update

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

Apprenticeships: Build the future In February Hinkley Point C celebrated National Apprenticeship week with this year's theme: 'build the future'. The week celebrated the 874 apprentices that work on the project and took the time to shine a light on the positive impact that apprenticeships have on the project at HPC, to the individuals and to the local economy. Apprentices at HPC shared their experiences of what it is like to be an apprentice, dispelled some 'apprenticeship myths' around pay, job prospects and the age ranges of those working as apprentices and attended sessions focussed on career development and wellbeing.



Apprentices form a key part of the workforce at HPC supporting construction while developing UK and regional engineering and nuclear expertise. HPC has an ambition to create 1,000 apprenticeships during the construction phase and remains on track to meet this target.



Hinkley vaccine centre opens- Hinkley Point C has become the first construction project in the UK to open its own vaccination centre. Workers are now having their coronavirus jabs on site, by NHS trained nurses. More than 100 vaccines have been given out so far, reducing the pressure on local health services. The clinics are held twice a week in the Hinkley Health Centre, which is staffed by GPs and nurses. The team have been trained in administering doses of the Pfizer vaccine, including the booster jab. The project has now officially joined

the government's vaccine programme, after being given approval by the UK Health Security Agency and the NHS. The vaccine centre is part of a series of covid measures in place at Hinkley Point C, which are designed to protect the workforce and surrounding community. More than 66,500 covid tests have far been carried out at testing hubs across the project. People who access the site are also being asked to either declare their vaccine status or show evidence of a negative lateral flow test.

Proud of our low carbon credentials- Nuclear is part of the Government's future energy mix for good reasons. It produces a lot of reliable, low carbon electricity in a small space and will make a huge contribution to fighting climate change:



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6 Million

The number of homes' **electricity supplied** by Hinkley Point C



91%

Projected availability of the plant, including planned **maintenance periods**



100,000

The number of **lorry loads** removed from local roads thanks to the use of marine transport



7%

Hinkley Point C's contribution to the **UK's electricity needs**



9 Million

Tonnes of CO₂ avoided each year, compared to producing electricity with a gas power plant



98%

The proportion of the **recycled steel** used in the power station's reinforcement



65,000

The number of **trees and shrubs** planted in and around the construction site to date

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