

STOGURSEY NEWS



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May 2022

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10.00 am Sunday 15th MAY 2022

Editorial

Welcome to the May edition of Stogursey News. This could also be called the advance notice Jubilee edition. There is information inside about events due to take place within the village to celebrate the 70 years that Elizabeth II has been Queen. At the beginning of June there is the WI Tea Party, a Jubilee Party at the Victory Hall and numerous street celebrations within the village. At the end of the month Burton Springs welcomes us all to visit the Fete and to end May by looking forward to the forthcoming Jubilee.

Often the sound of bells marks important events, but sadly, as Kay Smith explains in her article, St Andrew's bells cannot be rung as there is no longer a team of ringers. She encourages people to give bell ringing a try.

If you're looking to be creative Stogursey Arts Trust has compiled an amazing list of activities and hobbies that merit having a day in May assigned to them for celebration.

Many of us living in Stogursey parish have problems finding transport when we need it. The Better Bus Charter could offer a way forward to address these difficulties.

Finally, the Rector has written about the renaming of the Church Rooms as the Jubilee Rooms which she says, "will mark this year in the annals of history in this village".

Against a background of the horror and turmoil of war in Ukraine we can be grateful for the freedoms and stability that we have and which sadly is not always the case in other parts of the world.

With all good wishes from 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

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

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- * Put it into the 'Stogursey News' box in the Post Office.

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- Submit your contribution by the deadline date.
- Please keep within the 500-word limit.
- Provide your contact details so that we can get in touch if we need to edit.
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- Send your contribution for each and every month you would like it published.
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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

MAY

10 May	WI Meeting	Victory Hall	2.30 pm
11 May	Forget-me-not Café	Church Rooms	10.30 am - 12
12 May	Film Night: "West Side Story"	Church Rooms	Doors Open 7.00 pm
12 May	Ukelele Session	Victory Hall	7.30 pm
13 May	The Peaty Sea Theatre Group	Victory Hall	7.30 pm
19 May	Mobile Library Visit	as per schedule	as per schedule
20 May	Rearranged Twinning Association AGM	Church Rooms	7.00 pm
25 May	Forget-me-not Café	Church Rooms	10.30 am - 12 noon
28 May	Burton Fete	Burton Springs	10.00 am - 9.00 pm

JUNE

3 June	Renaming Event	Church Rms/Jubilee Rms	tbc
3 June	Jubilee Garden Tea Party	Victory Hall	2.30 pm
5 June	Jubilee Party	Victory Hall	2.00 - 4.00 pm
8 June	Forget-me-Not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30 am - 12 noon
16 June	Mobile Library	as per schedule	as per schedule
28 June	Forget-me-Not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30 am - 12 noon

SERVICES IN THE QUANTOCK COAST BENEFICE : MAY 2022

CHURCH	1 st May Easter 2	8 th May Easter 3	15 th May Easter 4	22 nd May Easter 5 Rogation Sunday	29 th May Sunday After Ascension
EAST QH	-	Sunday @3	-	-	-
FIDDINGTON	9.00am Eucharist SC	9.00am Eucharist TS	9.00am Eucharist CM	-	-
HOLFORD	6.00pm EVENSONG at All Saints Dodington NM + Others	9.30am EUCCHARIST (Common Worship) DB	11.00am Holy Communion (BCP) SC	-	-
KILVE	11.00am Eucharist NM	11.00am Family Service SC	9.30am Eucharist SC	10.30am Benefice Eucharist NM	
STOGURSEY	10.30am EUCCHARIST SC	10.30am Eucharist SC	10.30am Eucharist TS	-	-
STRINGSTON	11.00am FAMILY SERVICE DB	11.00am Café Church SB	11.00am Eucharist DB	-	10.30 Benefice Eucharist NM
WEST QH	9.30am EUCCHARIST NM	9.30am Eucharist	10.30am Family Service SB		-
Liturgical colour & Readings	WHITE	WHITE	WHITE	WHITE	WHITE
1 st Reading	Zephaniah 3: 14 - end	Genesis 7: 1 – 5, 11 – 18, 9: 8 - 13	Genesis 22: 1 - 18	Ezekiel 37: 1 – 14	Ezekiel 36: 24 - 28
2 nd Reading	Acts 9: 1 - 20	Acts 9: 36 - end	Acts 11: 1 - 18	Acts 16: 9 - 15	Acts 16: 16 - 34
Gospel	John 21: 1 - 19	John 10: 22 - 30	John 13: 31 - 35	John 5: 1 -- 9	John 17: 20 - end

Church Rooms to Jubilee Rooms: A Name Change

It's not every day that we celebrate a monarch being on the throne for seventy years. In fact this is the first time in our British history. As a sign of respect to our Queen, Elizabeth II, and to mark this year in the annals of the history of this village, Stogursey Church Rooms will be renamed The Jubilee Rooms, Stogursey, during the weekend of celebrations at the beginning of June. Look out for posters about the renaming event which will be taking place on the morning of Friday 3rd June.

Nicky

**"Oranges and Lemons
say the bells of St Clement's,
You owe me three farthings,
say the bells of St Martin's."**

Have you ever thought about bellringing?

We have a magnificent peal of six bells in St. Andrew's Church, which are currently silent because we no longer have a team of ringers. Bellringing is fun, and suitable for all ages from ten to eighty. Individuals, couples, families or friends can take it up, you don't have to be musical, strong or religious. It is an exhilarating workout, enjoyable and satisfying, and an easy way to make friends. It provides an all-weather, year-round activity, full of variety, as once you have mastered bell handling, there are endless change-ringing patterns to be learnt. The sound can be described as the ultimate 'heavy metal' - church bells are the loudest, heaviest musical instrument in the world !

There is every reason to believe that large bells were used by the Chinese in worship more than 4000 years ago, but bell casting was not found here until brought to Britain by monks in the early centuries AD. When peals of bells were rehung after the Reformation, they were attached to wheels which enabled the swing to be controlled with such precision that each bell could ring before or after its neighbour, according to the amount of pull on the rope. This meant that the order of bells could be changed with every round of ringing, and enabled the art of change ringing to develop.

If you would like to give it a try, contact Kay Smith on 733577. There is no obligation to continue if it's not for you, but it would be a joy to hear those bells call out over the village again, especially in this Jubilee year.

Kay Smith

Come along and join us at STOGURSEY VICTORY HALL

on Sunday 5th June to celebrate
the Queen's Platinum Jubilee
from 2pm til 4pm



Where we will be holding a fun-filled family Jubilee Party

Free refreshments: hot pork rolls, ham & cheese rolls,
a slice of cake, and tea, coffee or squash.

The bar will also be open to purchase drinks.

Victory Hall Easter Bingo

The Victory Hall committee wish to say a Big Thank You to those who gave prizes for the bingo and raffle, and everyone who attended the Easter bingo at the Victory Hall on Wednesday 13th April. It proved to be a very successful evening raising a total profit of £500.00 for the Victory Hall funds. It was lovely to see so many families in the hall enjoying the evening together, it was such a great evening, even if you were not lucky enough to go home with a prize.

Thank you all for your continued support

Allan Searle on behalf of the Victory Hall Committee

VICTORY HALL LOTTERY WINNERS

March Draw 2022

1 st prize	£25.00	Jennie Hayman	No 143
2 nd prize	£15.00	Sylvia Nicholls	No 75
3 rd prize	£10.00	Marc Dawson	No 174

UKELELE SESSION

The next session will be on Thursday May 12th in the Victory Hall starting at 7.30pm. Come along and enjoy a drink from Mat's Bar, a catch-up and chat with friends and of course some strumming and singing. I'm looking forward to meeting new players and also discovering some new songs.

For information contact
ianelenor@gmail.com
rose.palmer280@btinternet.com



Burton Springs together with Yellow Door Cottage present
Burtonfete 28th May 2022 10am - 9pm
A celebration for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

We'll be hosting a village fete at Burton Springs
Holidays and Fishing in Burton.

The event is free to everyone, and we would love to see
the local community come out to celebrate.

10.00am - 1.30pm – Local traders.

Food, crafts, drinks, butcher

2.30pm – 4.00pm – Dog Show.

Everyone can enter and it will be light-
hearted fun. Rosettes to be won

5.00pm - 9.00pm - Live music and bar opens

There is limited parking,
please consider walking or sharing

For all the latest information on the schedule of events,
who will be with us on the day and more please check out
our facebook page or Instagram.

The Peaty Sea Theatre Group

will be bringing its comedy drama, *The Journey*, for a
one-night-only performance to the Victory Hall on
13th May. This is the first such event to be held in the
Victory Hall for a long time.

The Journey

by Kim Cook

Need help? Then you don't need this group!

Fat Friends meets Frasier

in this new comedy about friendship, therapy,
secrets and lies

7:30pm

Friday 13 May

The Victory Hall, Stogursey

Tickets £8/£6 from Stogursey Post Office, committee
members, or call 01278 732820 / 01278 732191



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Stogursey WI News



Stogursey WI AGM & Easter Bunnies

At the AGM, Liz Edgar was elected as Stogursey WI
President. Liz thanked Pauline Goodall for all her hard
work during her term as President.

A review of the WI year was given, and Liz confirmed that
the accounts had been approved as correct by our
Auditor.

A fun time was had by all decorating Easter bonnets and
bunny ears!

Stogursey WI Jubilee Garden Tea Party

Stogursey WI is hosting a Garden Tea Party to celebrate
the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at Stogursey Victory Hall on
the 3rd of June.

This event is **free of charge** to all; however, it is a
ticketed event. In order that we can cater for numbers
please pick up your ticket/s from Stogursey Post Office.
Tickets will be available from May 1st.

An afternoon tea will be served at **2.30 pm**.

Next Meeting

This will take place on **10th May** at Stogursey Victory
Village Hall at 2.30pm. **Avon & Somerset Police** will
give a presentation on how to avoid fraud and the many
current scams.

All are welcome

For further information please contact Ann:

☎ 01278 732181

✉ stogurseytyldesley@gmail.com

"The unmulched garden looks to me
like some naked thing which for one
reason or another would be better off
with a few clothes on."

Ruth Stout



**Hello
to all you cinema goers,**

**Revised Date: INVITATION TO YOU ALL
AGM and SOCIAL**

**Rearranged to Friday 20th May 7.00pm
Church Rooms, Castle Street, Stogursey**

You may recognize this logo of Stogursey's historical Twinning Association - 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 – doesn't matter if you don't speak French!

Last year we had to hold our Annual General Meeting on the Zoom virtual platform for the first time. Then in March this year we felt obliged to cancel the planned face to face meeting at the last minute due to a huge surge in local Covid cases.

Anyone interested is warmly invited to attend our rearranged meeting along with members (current or lapsed). This will be an opportunity to meet socially, elect officers and committee members, pay the annual subscription but most importantly to socialise, enjoying 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.

Other village events open to all include a July BBQ, an August Cream Tea, a Christmas Quiz, a Wassail and more, so look out for information in your Stogursey News, or online eg facebook Stogursey Pulse.

Further details from STA Secretary Caroline Hawkes
carolinemayhawkes@gmail.com
01278 733162 07794663654

We are now in our 'Spring -Summer season' and what a lineup we have for you. To start the season we are going to be showing '**West Side Story**', it's not the one with Natalie Wood, but the 2021 film directed by Steven Spielberg. "Love at first sight strikes when young Tony spots Maria at a high school dance in 1957 New York City. Their burgeoning romance helps to fuel the fire between the warring Jets and Sharks -- two rival gangs vying for control of the streets."

Following on from that we have:

<i>Belfast</i>	16th June
<i>The Duke</i>	21st July
<i>Death on the Nile</i>	25th August

Some great films to watch over the coming months, so watch this space for further details.

For now, all you have to do is come and join a safe, relaxing evening with friends and neighbours at the Soap Factory cinema on **Thursday 12th May 2022** in the Church Rooms, Castle Street, Stogursey.

We are still trying to keep people as safe as possible, 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

**HOLFORD GARDENERS'
GROUP**

17th May at 7pm
in Holford and District Village Hall
Somerset Federation of Garden
Clubs AGM

**Followed with a talk by
Dr Tim Upson**
RHS Director of Horticulture
Education and Communities

PLANT SALE

10.00am -1.00 pm Saturday 21st May
Holford and District Village Hall
Holford Gardeners' Group

COFFEE MORNING

East Quantoxhead Village Hall
10.00 -12 midday Saturday 21st May
Café/Bric-a-Brac/Books

**East Quantoxhead
Court House Garden**

OPEN on MAY 15TH
2.00 -5.00pm

TEAS
at
EAST QUANTOXHEAD
VILLAGE HALL

FORGET-ME-NOT-CAFÉ

CHURCH ROOMS, CASTLE STREET,
STOGURSEY



Every other Wednesday
10.30 - 12 midday

We decorated Traditional Easter Bonnets recently and did Easter crafts.



On Saturday 28th May, from 10.00 am, Burton Springs in association with Yellow Door Cottage are hosting a fete in their beautiful surroundings to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

As well as a local food fayre, games, arts & crafts, bands and a bar, Forget-me-Not will be running a Tombola to raise money for the café.

Donations to the Tombola would be very welcome.

SPRING & SUMMER DATES

Wednesday 11th May – Coffee and chat

Wednesday 25th May

Wednesday 8th June

Wednesday 28th June

Wednesday 6th July

Wednesday 20th July

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 for a cuppa and a friendly chat.

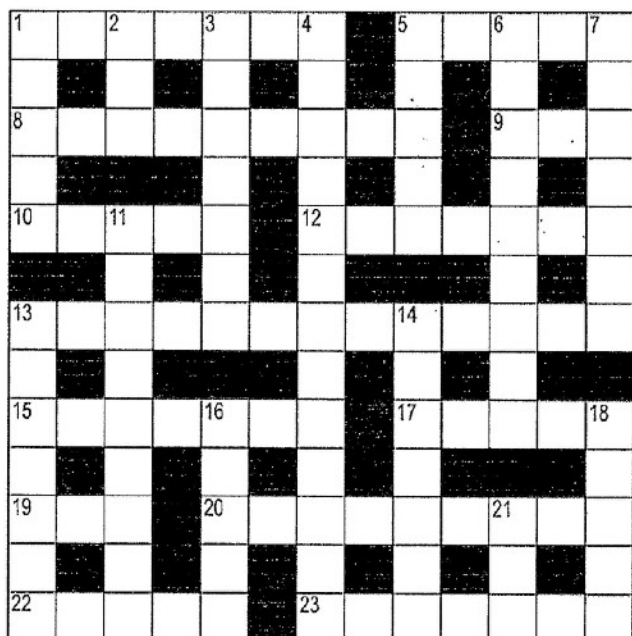
For more information please contact

Contact: Helen: 01278 734818 – cuttellhelen@gmail.com

Rose: 07507 374234

Quick Crossword No 24

compiled by Helen Cuttall



CLUES ACROSS

1. Whale with a spiral tusk (7)
5. Evade (5)
- 8 Cabbages (9)
9. Character from Winnie the Pooh (3)
10. Houseplant (5)

12. Pear shaped fruit (7)
13. The study or collection of coins (13)
15. April weather (7)
17. Store tea in this (5)
19. Express contempt (3)
20. Capital of Romania (9)
22. Protect against attack (5)
23. Snakes and - - - - - (7)

CLUES DOWN

1. - - - - - Stiles, '66 World Cup (5)
2. Recommended Daily Allowance (3)
3. Members of a class of light cavalry (7)
4. Lacking enthusiasm & determination (13)
5. 1970s dance (5)
6. Skin like (9)
7. The efficient use of resources (7)
11. Soft blue cheese (9)
13. To feed a horse (7)
14. Fruit tree plantation (7)
16. Flowed back or receded (5)
18. Human like creatures covered in hair (5)
21. The first woman (3)

Stogursey Arts Trust

"A year from now you may wish you had started today"

Karen Lamb

It would seem, according to our source (with thanks to <https://www.countryliving.com>) that the month of May is full of things for us to do, celebrate and be creative with. Some of these are listed below for you to choose from . . . and if you decide to engage in all or some of them, do observe the quote, which is celebrated annually on the fourth of May: 'May the Forth be with you.'

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|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| May 1 | May Day, Mother Goose Day, National Lemonade Day | May 19 | National Devil's Food Cake Day, Barber Mental Health Awareness Day |
| May 2 | National Brothers' and Sisters' Day, International Harry Potter Day | May 20 | Bike to Work Day, Pizza Party Day, National Endangered Species Day, National Rescue Dog Day |
| May 3 | Paranormal Day, National Teacher Day, Constitution Memorial Day, Eid al-Fitr | May 21 | World Whiskey Day, National Armed Forces' Day, National American Red Cross Founder's Day, National Wait-staff Day, Talk Like Yoda Day |
| May 4 | Star Wars Day | May 22 | International Day of Biological Diversity, World Paloma Day, National Maritime Day, Harvey Milk Day |
| May 5 | National Astronaut Day, Cinco de Mayo, National Day of Prayer, Hoagie Day | May 23 | Lucky Penny Day, National Taffy Day, Turtle Day, |
| May 6 | National No Pants Day, International No Diet Day, National Space Day, Nurses' Day | May 24 | National Brothers' Day |
| May 7 | Free Comic Book Day, National Fitness Day, World Fair Trade Day, International Astronomy Day | May 25 | May Revolution Day, National Wine Day |
| May 8 | Mothers' Day, Coconut Cream Pie Day, Have a Coke Day, National Women's Health Week | May 26 | Paper Airplane Day, National Blueberry Cheesecake Day |
| May 9 | Lost Sock Memorial Day, Women's Check-up Day, National Moscato Day | May 27 | Heat Awareness Day, Sunscreen Day, National Road Trip Day |
| May 10 | National Clean Your Room Day, National Shrimp Day | May 28 | Hamburger Day, National Brisket Day, & 'The Morris Travellers performing an 'interesting' traditional Morris Dance... several times at Burton Springs from 4pm? |
| May 11 | Eat What You Want Day, National Twilight Zone Day, Receptionists' Day | May 29 | National Paperclip Day |
| May 12 | Nutty Fudge Day, National Fibromyalgia Awareness Day | May 30 | National Creativity Day , Memorial Day, National Mint Julep Day |
| May 13 | National Apple Pie Day, International Hummus Day, Fruit Cocktail Day, Crouton Day | May 31 | National Macaroon Day, Smile Day |
| May 14 | Dance Like a Chicken Day, National Underground America Day, Buttermilk Biscuit Day | | |
| May 15 | International Family Day, National Chocolate Chip Day, Peace Officers' Memorial Day | | |
| May 16 | Do Something Good for Your Neighbour Day, Drawing Day , National Mimosa Day, National Barbecue Day | | |
| May 17 | National Cherry Cobbler Day, Walnut Day | | |
| May 18 | National Visit Relatives Day, HIV Vaccine Awareness Day | | |
- To name a few of our favourites, the month of May is the National: Barbecue Month, Pet Month and Inventors' Month; but importantly for all of us, it is **Creative Beginnings** month. Do enjoy it.
- For more information about the Arts Trust call us on 01278 734550.

Mike Bradshaw for Stogursey Arts

Solution to Quick Crossword No 23: April 2022

ACROSS:

1. Bayleaf, 5. Frack, 8. Capillary, 9. Hem, 10. Negev, 12. Oarsman, 13. Brownie Points, 15. Curling, 17. Ibsen, 19. Lop, 20. Draconian, 22. Clyde, 23. Diorama

DOWN:

1. Bacon, 2. Yap, 3. Enliven, 4. Flag of England, 5. Flyer, 6. Achimenes, 7. Kimonos, 11. Geography, 13. Bucolic, 14. Orinoco, 16. Indie, 18. Ninja, 21. IPA



Stogursey Community Network (SCN) May 2022 Update

- ❖ Have you sampled the weekly **Stogursey Lunches** yet? These delicious home-cooked meals are prepared and served in the Church Rooms every Tuesday. The Lunches are open to **all**, so do come along to enjoy a lovely two-course meal. You can bring guests along, just be sure to book for everyone! A vegetarian option is always available, and we can cater for special diets, on request. Payment is by donation of your choice. Check the Stogursey Lunches Facebook page for the **May Menus** - or in the box on this page.

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. Just ask your Surgery to add your name to their list.
- ❖ **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
- * All other requests: **01278 732149** or message us via Facebook: StogurseyCN Facebook.

We are always looking for more volunteers; there are lots 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.



MENU

Tuesday 3rd May

(book by Friday 29th April: phone 01278 734818)

Shepherd's Pie with vegetables OR
Roasted beetroot, halloumi and lentils with bread rolls

White chocolate raspberry tart with raspberry coulis

Tuesday 10th May

(book by Friday 6th May: phone 01278 734818)

Chicken breasts with soft cheese & pesto, with rice & vegetables, OR
Mushroom risotto with vegetables

Rhubarb oaty crumble with crème fraîche

Tuesday 17th May

(book by Friday 13th May: phone 01278 734818)

Salmon & herb tart with new potatoes and veg, OR
Potato & mushroom layer cake with vegetables

Apricot & hazelnut pudding

Tuesday 24th May

(book by Friday 20th May: phone 01278 734818)

Chicken supreme with rice and salad OR
Baked vegetable terrine and side salad

Carrot cake traybake

Tuesday 31st May

(book by Friday 27th May: phone 01278 734818)

Pizza (various choices) OR
Roasted vegetable and cheese quiche
both served with salad and coleslaw

Fruit salad with crème fraîche and
oat & sesame biscuits

Points from the Parish Council Meeting 12th April 2022

5th May 2022 elections to Somerset Council and Stogursey Parish Council

Local Elections will be held on Thursday 5th May 2022, ***if you are registered to vote, then please use it!***

Planters on the Gravel

The planters on the Gravel are due to be replaced over the weekend of 7/8th May 2022 by new water-retaining planters purchased from external grant-funded money from the Climate Emergency Fund as part of the Wellbeing and Growing for Health project. Many hands make light work, so if you are able to help out on the day, please contact the Clerk. The old planters are heading to the primary school to be refurbished and re-used.

Riparian Owners

Those who are carrying out their duties, maintaining the watercourses and attending to noxious weeds diligently across the parish are warmly thanked for their work. Those who are failing to do so are warned that they will be reported to the appropriate authority for enforcement action. Prevention is the key to minimise flooding.

Housing Needs

Work is continuing to try to ensure that those 19 local families who identified as needing support in the recent survey have access to local accommodation. The group's work will continue for some time to come. The local village agents are also hoping to help the initiative with a series of "surgeries" to enable local access to supportive agencies.

Step up to Mobile Outreach event

There will be a visit to the parish of a "pop up" employment hub on Wednesday 18th May between 1000-1400 in the car park of the Victory Hall. Two advisors will be on hand to give information, advice and guidance on a range of topics – employment support, apprenticeships, digital skills, business start-up, health and well-being and innovation services.

HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2nd - 5th June 2022

Decisions were made to award grants from the Re-opening Safely and Reconnecting Communities funding to assist the Stogursey and District Victory Hall Committee and the Stogursey and Shurton WI with community events they are organising to help all parishioners celebrate this national event. If any other community group wish to make an application for such funding, please make contact with the Clerk.

**The next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday
17th May 2022 at 19:00 at the Victory Hall.**

The annual Parish Council Meeting will start the evening off, followed by the Parish Council meeting. All are welcome to attend.

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 stogurseyppccclerk@gmail.com

*Richard Wand
Clerk to Stogursey Parish Council*

MACULAR SOCIETY EXMOOR SUPPORT GROUP, DULVERTON

I had a few calls lately when people with Macular Degeneration rang me to enquire about our group meetings, seemed very keen to join us, but didn't turn up to the meeting. I wonder why they have lost courage or interest. As for interest, it is useful to learn about your particular ailment, how you can help yourselves, how others can help you and how far research has come. Those are just some of our topics. We are in constant contact with the Macular Society to glean most recent news and invite expert speakers like the leading ophthalmologist from Musgrove Hospital, or employees from the charity Somerset Sight, or people offering helpful gadgets, aids and supporting services. Last month, for example, we listened to the advantages of wearing a simple armband, which could literally save our lives. We have also begun to include excursions on and around Exmoor, as most of us are not allowed to drive anymore. The community coach and Jan Ross with her volunteer drivers are a blessing! They reconnect us with the world outside Dulverton.

We are a relatively small group, usually no more than 15 members, a few aged 70+, plenty of us are in our 80s and a few, astonishingly spritely and alert at 90 and above. One thing I can promise: our meetings are never dull! So don't hesitate, just turn up and see what it is like. You'll be most welcome!

Our speaker in May is the new coordinator of the Macular Society groups in the West Country, Jo Fishwick, together with guide dog Bruno.

We are meeting on **May 26th at 2 pm** at the Community Room (at the beginning of the drive up to the Surgery carpark).

We are looking forward to seeing you all.

Marion and Royce



BETTER BUS CHARTER FOR SOMERSET

We need to do something about improving our buses in Somerset. Our county currently has the second lowest level of bus journeys per resident of all the counties in England, and Somerset's bus services have the very lowest level of passenger satisfaction in the country.

Residents of Somerset experience this every day, whether it's with difficulties getting to health services, reduced opportunities for those seeking work and further education or just the limited (if any) evening and Sunday bus services. As a result, we see ever increasing numbers of cars on our roads which causes higher levels of local air pollution and increases our carbon emissions.

Somerset Bus Partnership was formed just a year ago to campaign for better bus services across our county, and already we have a Somerset-wide network of 115 town and parish transport representatives who share our passion for better buses. Somerset residents have every right to expect better, but it will need funding.

We have developed a Somerset Bus Charter and invite not just Councillors but community groups, churches & residents to join with us & endorse it. Get in touch somersetbuspartnership@gmail.com

THE SOMERSET BUS CHARTER

Better Buses for All

Our CommunitiesWe need a core network of frequent, high-quality services linking our towns and main villages with enhanced weekend and evening services. Also we want an extension of the demand-responsive 'Slinky' bus services, available to all and with longer operating hours.

An Integrated Transport Network

We need bus routes to link with local railway stations with timetables that offer improved connections between buses and trains. We also want to see the introduction of integrated ticketing across the county's different bus operators and with trains too.

Promotion of Existing and New Services

We should be promoting the bus as an important way by which we all can address the climate emergency in Somerset (transport accounts for nearly half of all carbon emissions in Somerset). To enable more to go by bus, it is essential that current bus timetable information is shown at all main bus stops and bus times information is available in libraries and at other information points.

An Affordable Transport Service for All

We should make bus travel more attractive through cheaper fares especially targeted at young people up to the age of 25. Plus, for everyone, a new, all-operator, countywide value ticket.

Cleaner Buses

We want an accelerated transition from diesel buses to zero emission buses.

Meaningful Funding of Bus Services

We need Somerset's bus budget to be brought progressively up to the average for similar rural authorities in the South West.

Stogursey Oil-buying Group

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

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 September**. If you have any questions about the oil buying group I can be contacted on 0755 261 0692.

Chris Ford

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May Village Agent News

May is National Walking month in the UK, and a great incentive to get outdoors in Somerset. Kick start some healthy summer habits, or move a bit more than normal! In Somerset, we are blessed to have 35 miles of our coastline on the South West Coast path route. Why not set yourself a spring-summer challenge to walk it! Find more information here: <https://www.southwestcoastpath.org.uk/walk-coast-path/south-west-coast-path-national-trail/area/somerset-and-exmoor/>.

Do you enjoy walking alone or with friends, or would you like to meet new people while you walk? The Get Outside in Somerset campaign has grown massively, with a website packed with local groups you could join, and a facebook group where you can share your favourite places to go. Why not inspire others to follow in your footsteps? Visit <https://getoutsideinsomerset.co.uk/activities> and select walking from the dropdown list for ideas.

May 11th is Somerset Day – a now well-established celebration of all things Somerset! Hang your bunting with pride and join in many of the activities running this month, including the Somerset Day Trail. They showcase some fabulous destinations to visit on the 2022 trail challenge, and you could WIN one of four prizes by submitting an interesting/wacky/fun photo of your days out or home-set-up with the Somerset flag (or bunting) flying – more here: <https://somersetday.com/2022-somerset-day-trail-map/>

Help with Food

As you may know, CCS Village Agents were instrumental in the distribution of food to all corners of Somerset during the pandemic. Our role as a primary distributor has come to an end, but the many community groups we supported are still going strong! If you need help with food, please do still get in touch with your local CCS Agent, or **check out the Stogursey Community Network Update on an earlier page in this magazine.**

If you are part of a Community Group, the Smart Community Food Resilience Grant Fund is open for applications until 31st May.

Community groups, charities, organisations and agencies supporting or directly working to develop food resilience in Somerset communities can apply. Visit: <https://smartcommunities.online/new-food-resilience-grant-fund/>. HIS Church provides pallets of food for groups to purchase and use. For more details, costs and delivery contact: Christine Wylde on 07771 707477 or email: hisfood@hischurch.org.uk

Talking Cafés in May

Come and visit us in Williton Talking Café every Tuesday 1.00 - 3.00 pm at Williton Pavillion.

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May 8th: how to recognise it

by U A Fanthorpe

The tulips have finished their showy conversation.
Night's officers came briefly to report,
And took their heads off.

The limes have the look of someone
Who has been silent for a long time,
And is about to say a very good thing.

Roses grow taller, leafier,
Duller. They have star parts;
Like great actors, they hang about humbly in the
wings.

On the lawn, daisies sustain their candid
Childish shout. Hippy dandelions are stoned
Out of their golden minds. And always

The rub-a-dub-dub recapitulation
Of grass blades growing. The plum tree is resting
Between blossom and fruit. Like a poker player,

She doesn't show her hand. Daffodils
Are a matter of graceless brown leaves and rubber
bands.

Wallflowers have turned bony.

This is not the shining childhood of spring,
But its homely adolescence, angular, hypothetical.
How one regrets the blue fingertips staggering
Up from the still dank earth.

Vicki's Update

April has proven quite an important month for UK energy with the launch of the Government's British Energy Security Strategy. Prime Minister Boris Johnson visited the Hinkley Point C site, joined by the Business & Energy Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng MP, as part of the launch.

The strategy sees a major emphasis on homegrown power for greater energy independence with a significant acceleration in nuclear generation and an ambition of up to 24GW by 2050. A new government body, Great British Nuclear, will be set up immediately to bring forward new projects.



Boris Johnson meets apprentices outside reactor Unit 1 at Hinkley Point C

Boris Johnson toured the site to see construction progress, gave interviews and met with members of the workforce including trainee reactor operators and apprentices. Choosing Hinkley Point C as the backdrop for this announcement underlines the importance of the Project and the role of nuclear within the strategy. Replicating Hinkley Point C at Sizewell C will be the fastest way to get more nuclear power in Britain and it means protecting and reusing the skills the Project has developed in nuclear construction.

In addition to new nuclear, the announcement included commitments to supercharge clean energy and accelerate deployment, which could see 95% of Great Britain's electricity set to be low carbon by 2030.

The Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, said: "We're setting out bold plans to scale up and accelerate affordable, clean and secure energy made in Britain, for Britain – from new nuclear to offshore wind – in the decade ahead."

Stuart Crooks, Managing Director, Hinkley Point C showed the Prime Minister construction progress, he said: "It's been great to host our Prime Minister at site this morning. He was really impressed by the progress we're making and the people he met. Today's energy security strategy announcement is great news for nuclear. It will help ensure we preserve the skills and experience we've grown on this Project. It's fantastic to have been at the centre of something so important for the country."

Jack Roberts, MEH Alliance Project Controls Apprentice said: "Having the Prime Minister visit HPC was fantastic. It was great to be able to highlight the opportunities for young people to work in the nuclear industry."

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Hinkley Point C - Monthly Update

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

Prime Minister visits Hinkley Point C to announce new energy strategy

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Boris Johnson meets apprentices outside reactor Unit 1 at Hinkley Point C

Local promotion direct to the Hinkley Point C workforce

Are you running a local event, club or group that you would like promoted to the Hinkley Point C workforce? Maybe you are a local business who has deals and offers you would like shared? We'd love to hear from you. Email hinkley-enquiries@edf-energy.com with details of your event, activity or offer and we would be happy to share this with our people on Somerset Work, Rest and Play.



Hinkley Point C Recruitment Day

We would like to invite you to join us at the Hinkley Point C Recruitment & Open Day on:

Saturday 14th May 2022

10:00 – 15:00

At Somerset Energy & Innovation Centre, Woodlands Business Park, Bristol Road



Join the Hinkley Point C Project Contractors who will be showcasing current and future roles available on the project, along with the opportunity to partake in interactive activities.

Scan the QR code to register for the event and secure your place now or visit edfenergy.com/HPC for more info.



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