

STOGURSEY NEWS



Cups waiting to be won at the Stogursey Flower Show

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August 2022

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Editorial

Welcome to the August edition of Stogursey News. There is a sense of high summer in some of the articles in the magazine this month, as many of the events planned to take place will be outside in the open air.

Cream teas at Stoke House will taste all the better in the sunshine and the new pizza oven at the school will bring a taste of Italy to Stogursey. Hopefully the grapes at the Polden Wines Vineyard will ripen well and benefit from the recent hot weather as well.

At a time when good news seems in short supply it is heartening to have positive items to report. The South West Litter Picking initiative is one such contribution, and in the school's report the thank you from the Spaxton school team for their welcome from Stogursey is a good experience for the team.

Finally, the cover photo of the silverware available to be won at next month's Flower Show is a real incentive to us all to look to our fruit and veggies. Good luck everyone and enjoy the summer.

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

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

Stogursey News

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

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

How to contribute to Stogursey News:

a) by email:

- * Prepare your contribution as a 'word' document.
- * Attach it to an email.
- * Send it to stogurseynews@hotmail.co.uk

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.
- Please 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 for each and every month you would like it published.
- Your illustrations must be copyright free.
(Stogursey News will not be liable for costs resulting from prosecution if this condition is ignored.)

We look forward to receiving your contributions.

Thank you

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Regular Events

Monday	Health Walks (weekly) Contact Ralph 07969777325 Short Mat Bowls (weekly) Contact: Ron 732688	Steart Marshes Car Park Victory Hall	2.00pm 7.30pm - 9.00pm
Tuesday	Tai Chi Shibashi for over-50s (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 Jubilee 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 Jubilee 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) Ukulele Sessions (second Thursday of month) Film Night (monthly)	Shurton & Stogursey Youth Club Victory Hall Jubilee Rooms	as per schedule 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm 8.00 pm - 10.00 pm doors open 7.00 pm
Friday	Coffee Shop (weekly) Quantock Tennis Club (weekly) Contact John Nicholson 732711 or jfnicholson@talktalk.net	Jubilee 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

AUGUST

3 August	Forget-me-Not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30 am - 12 noon
9 August	WI: Strawberries & Pimms	Priory Barn, Stogursey	7.30 pm
9 August	Parish Council	Victory Hall	7.00 pm
11 August	Mobile Library visit	as per schedule	as per schedule
11 August	SoS - Ukulele Session	Victory Hall	7.30 pm
17 August	Forget-me-Not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30 am - 12 noon
20 August	Folk Band, "Scarecrow"	Jubilee Rooms	7.00 pm
21 August	Cream Teas (STA)	Stoke House, Stogursey	3.00 pm - 5.00 pm
25 August	Film Night: "Death on the Nile"	Jubilee Rooms	Doors Open 7.00 pm
31 August	Forget-me-Not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30 am - 12 noon

SEPTEMBER

4 September	Stogursey Flower Show	Victory Hall	2.00 pm - 4.30 pm
5 September	New School Year starts for pupils	Stogursey School	
8 September	Mobile Library Visit	as per schedule	as per schedule
9 September	Open Mic Night	Jubilee Rooms	Doors Open 7.00 pm

SERVICES IN THE QUANTOCK COAST BENEFICE : AUGUST 2022

CHURCH	7 th August	14 th August	21 st August	28 th August
EAST QH	-	Sunday @ 3	-	-
FIDDINGTON	9.00am Eucharist	9.00am Eucharist	9.00am Eucharist	
HOLFORD	6.30pm Evensong	9.30am EUCHARIST (Common Worship)	11.00am Holy Communion (BCP)	
KILVE	11.00am Eucharist	11.00am Family Service	9.30am Eucharist	
STOGURSEY	10.30am Eucharist	10.30am Eucharist	10.30am Eucharist	-
STRINGSTON	11.00am Family Service	3.30pm Café Church	11.00am Eucharist	-
WEST QH	9.30am Eucharist	9.30am Eucharist	9.30am Family Service	10.30am Benefice Eucharist NM
Liturgical colour & Readings				
1 st Reading				
2 nd Reading				
Gospel				

WI Jubilee Tea Party

Stogursey WI raffled our special jubilee cake, made by a WI member, and the proceeds were donated to three local charities.

The WI Committee would like to thank Stogursey Parish Council for its financial contribution that helped fund the event.

From Vine to Wine

Our own local vineyard on the Somerset Polden Hills

Sue Applegate, representing Polden Wines, gave an informative presentation about the award-winning Stockland's Vineyard sited on the south-facing side of the Polden Hills. It is a single vineyard and does not blend wines from any other source. The vineyard produces still and sparkling Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Blush wines. All are suitable for vegans. It is worth noting that the carbon footprint of the wine is less than 20 miles from vine to wine!

For Tours and Tasting information go to
www.poldenwines.co.uk

WI Diary date: 9th August 2.30pm

Strawberry & Pimms Garden Party, Priory Barn, Stogursey

Interested in becoming a WI Member?

Contact Ann ✉ stogurseytylidesley@gmail.com

'Scarecrow'

... is a Banbury-based acoustic band that plays folk music, but offers something a little different. The repertoire includes some instrumental music, some traditional songs, and occasionally a twist of jazz or blues; all have been worked on to produce tight and unusual arrangements. The band was formed at the end of 2006, bringing together folk, classical, rock and blues backgrounds to create a trio that doesn't sound like just another folk band. Since then the band has appeared regularly on the folk circuit and has performed at festivals and clubs all over the country.

'Scarecrow'

will be returning to our village on

Saturday 20 August,

and playing in the Jubilee Rooms.

Doors open at 7pm.

Tickets £5 in advance from the PO/Spar
(or £7 on the door.)

There will be a licenced bar.

INVITATION TO A DELICIOUS CREAM TEA IN STOGURSEY

Sunday 21st August 3.00 to 5.00 pm

As we enjoy this warm spell our fingers are tightly crossed hoping that **Sunday 21st August** will at least be a dry day!

Debbie and Nick at Stoke House (2 doors up from the Spar Shop) have again kindly offered to host our popular annual Cream Tea. We've had to retreat into the Jubilee Rooms two years in a row due to inclement weather and hope that this year it will be 'third time lucky' and that it'll be nice enough to eat outside. They have plenty of shade for those who prefer it, as well as more open spaces.

We usually have delicious home-made scones, home-made jam from locally grown fruit, and delicious cakes; yes, home-made too and all for £7.50 per person including a pot of tea of course!

Book your places in advance, and suggest a preferred time between 3 and 4.45pm to arrive so we can avoid congestion! Don't forget to let us know if you are gluten-free or have any allergies etc.

E mail or message carolinemayhawkes@gmail.com
0779463654 or 01278 733162

Caroline Hawkes Stogursey Twinning Association Secretary



Soap Factory Cinema

You are cordially invited to join us at the Soap Factory Cinema on Thursday 25th August, as we visit the glamour and opulence of Agatha Christie's bygone age in *Death on the Nile*.

Kenneth Branagh's second instalment as the famous Belgian sleuth sees an idyllic cruise quickly turn into a murderous and terrifying trip for one honeymooning couple, in this adaptation of the classic novel.

Test your own 'little grey cells' and see if you can beat Hercule Poirot to the revealing conclusion in this evening of pure escapism.

Doors open at the Jubilee Rooms at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Buy your tickets in advance at the Post Office in Spar to avoid disappointment.

A wide variety of refreshments will be available, including the odd cocktail or two! We shall look forward to seeing you for what promises to be another wonderful event.



The Soap Factory Team

Stogursey Flower Show

**Sunday 4th September 2022, 2.00pm - 4.30pm
at the Victory Hall**

It's all systems go for the return of the Flower Show, and this year there are a couple of changes:

Firstly, it is on a Sunday so hopefully more people will be able to enter or just enjoy the afternoon.

Secondly, in the interests of sustainability and for cost reasons, the Schedule and Entry Form are only available in this Stogursey News or from Stogursey Online.

There will not be any printed copies available in the shops, so please keep this month's Stogursey News.

There will also be different ways to submit your entry form:

a) Complete the entry form on the next page, and deliver it, with your entry fee, to 7 St Andrew's Road, Stogursey;

b) Contact Stogursey News at stogurseynews@hotmail.co.uk and ask for a copy of the Entry Form and Schedule. Return your completed Entry Form as a word document attached to your email to: fiona2591@gmail.com. Pay your entry fee when you deliver your exhibits to Victory Hall.

c) Get a copy of the Entry Form and Schedule from Stogursey Online.

Entry forms need to be completed and returned to me by **September 2nd at 5pm** otherwise they won't be included.

As we are holding the show in September when different crops will be ready, there are some changes to the Vegetable and Flower Sections. We have slimmed down some of the classes too. Since 2020, there are many more gardeners, crafters and home bakers, so I really hope that we see plenty of entries this year. It would be lovely to see a hall full of all your wonderful products. As it is at the end of the school holidays, hopefully the children will have had plenty of time to prepare entries for their Show classes.

There will also be: a Car Boot Sale, Barbecue, Refreshments, Bar, and various stalls including a Bottle Stall and a Cake/Produce one. We would really appreciate any donations of bottles, cakes, jars of preserves and excess crops that you can spare, which I know is not so easy these days.

If you won a cup at the last show, please can you return it to me as soon as possible, 7 St Andrew's Road, evenings only. Thank you.

So keep those crops growing, or start planning your craft and baking entries. Here's to a fun and fantastic Flower Show to celebrate its return.

Fiona

What's on at the Stogursey Arts Festival this year

The Festival will open on the same weekend as the Flower Show, September 4th.

There will be a full programme, to be published on social media and available through our usual posters. Check Stogursey Motors window for information, if you do not have access to a computer.

There will be a Sculpture Trail, where we have commissioned local artists to make sculpture specifically for selected local gardens. This can be accessed during the week, much like the 'Outside Gallery' we ran through the pandemic lockdowns. We are hoping that others will join in and make 'things' to display in their gardens, as well as supporting the annual 'Lighting Up of Stogursey' at dusk. Don't forget to put your Christmas lights out early and have fun making your displays.

There will be various evening events in the Jubilee Rooms. So far evening events include:

- ✿ An Artist Talk for Monday or Tuesday
- ✿ A special Soap Factory Cinema Night on Thursday
- ✿ And the Return of the Open Mic Night on Friday

By popular request The Morris Minors will turn up at some point to perform strange and wonderful versions of traditional folk dancing.

There will be a Yarn Bomb to celebrate 'growth' following the Garden Theme.

The School will be exhibiting sculpture, and the pupils will have a centre stage on the Gravel so parents, family and friends can visit, see and celebrate the results of a fun, creative activity undertaken as part of this year's summer school.

..... and our Flower Festival artists will be decorating the Church with 'Garden/Flower Sculptures' taking a variety of themes as inspiration.

More events are emerging as planning develops throughout August and we will bring you more detail as it unfolds.

Thanks to all who help and continue to support this event in the village. We look forward to seeing you; and to the creatives, we look forward to seeing what you make/do.

Programme and more detail to follow.

For more information call us on 01278734550.

Mike Bradshaw

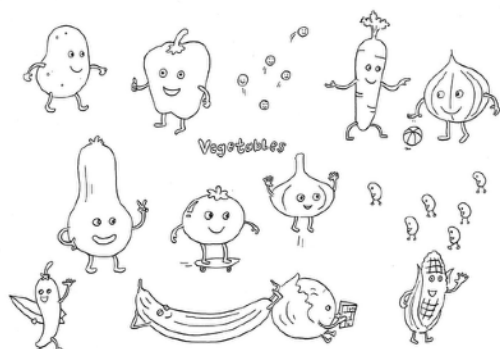
Stogursey Flower Show

September 4th 2022

Schedule

SECTION A: VEGETABLES

1. Collection of six kinds of vegetable, max width 24 inches
2. Potatoes – 5
3. The Best Misshapen Vegetable
4. Shallots – 10
5. Onions large – 3
6. Onions max 3 inch ring – 8
7. Beetroot – 3
8. Carrots – 5
9. Lettuce - 1 pair
10. Leeks – 3
11. Marrows - a pair
12. The Heaviest Marrow
13. Cucumbers – 1 pair
14. Runner Beans – 8
15. Longest Runner Bean
16. French Beans – 8
17. Tomatoes with calyx – 5
18. Radish – 5
19. Cabbages – 1 pair
20. Courgettes max length 8 inches – 3
21. Collection of 5 Herbs 2 stems of each
22. Squash any type with piece of stem – 1
23. Apples any type – 5 same variety



SECTION B: FLOWERS AND PLANTS

24. Pansy – 5 blooms
25. Sweet peas – 5 stems
26. Rose – 4 blooms in a vase
27. Pinks/ Dianthus – 3 stems
28. Vase of Annuals
29. Vase of Perennials
30. Chrysanthemums – 3 blooms in a vase
31. Dahlia any type – 5 blooms in a vase
32. Sunflower – up to 3 in a vase
33. Specimen Foliage Plant in a pot max diameter 12 inches.
34. Specimen Flowering Plant in a pot max diameter 12 inches. Not fuchsia or geranium.
35. Geranium/Pelargonium max pot diameter 12 inches.
36. Fuchsia max pot diameter 12 inches.

SECTION C: FLORAL ART

Fresh or preserved flowers only, no artificial plant material may be used. Accessories may be used but flowers must predominate. Exhibitors may use their own self supporting backboard if they wish.

37. Flower Arrangement – Your favourite film. An exhibit of flowers and foliage, accessories can be used. Space allowed 2 feet wide, 2 feet deep, height unlimited.
38. An exhibit of Flowers and Foliage in an unusual container. Space allowed 2 feet wide and 2 feet deep, height unlimited.
39. Posy for the Jubilee not exceeding 9 inches in width, depth and height.

SECTION D: HANDICRAFT

- 40. Dressmaking – 1 garment
- 41. Piece of Needlework
- 42. Hand Knitted Garment or Article
- 43. Piece of Crochet
- 44. Photo Competition – Theme – Gardens
- 45. Homemade Toy - any media
- 46. Mixed Media – any other craft
- 47. Piece of Pottery
- 48. Jewellery – any Media 1 piece
- 49. Best Decorated Hat – For All Ages to compete
- 50. Painting – any Media
- 51. Piece of Sculpture Max 2 feet x 2 feet

SECTION E: HOMECRAFT

- 52. Fruit Cake – maximum 8 inch tin
- 53. Pot of homemade Marmalade
- 54. Homemade Scones – 6
- 55. Pot of Homemade Jam
- 56. Victoria Sandwich Cake – filled with raspberry jam
- 57. Pot of Homemade Chutney
- 58. Homemade Bread by hand – white or brown
- 59. Homemade Biscuits – 6
- 60. Small Fancy Cakes – 4
- 61. Quiche/ Savoury Flan – max 9 inch
- 62. Sausage Rolls, any pastry- 6
- 63. Cake with a Vegetable Ingredient eg Beetroot, Carrot, Courgette
- 64. Pot of Homemade Fruit Curd
- 65. A Jubilee Dessert – any type max 9 inch. Please provide a card with name of dessert eg Cheesecake, Tart, Trifle etc and just the main ingredients.

SECTION F: CHILDREN AGED UP TO 12 YEARS ON DATE OF SHOW

- 66. Carrots – 2 - with leaves attached
- 67. Vase of 5 Garden Flowers
- 68. Longest Runner Bean
- 69. Best Misshapen Vegetable
- 70. Cupcakes- 4 decorated any flavour
- 71. Model made from Beachcombing – max 12 inches (30cm)
- 72. An Original Model made from Lego – max 15 x 15 inches (45 x 45 cm)
- 73. Drawing/Painting of your favourite Tree A4 size
- 74. Scarecrow max 4feet high by 3feet wide (120 cm high x 90 cm wide)



SECTION G: CHILDREN AGED 12 – 16 YEARS ON DATE OF SHOW

- 75. Carrots – 2 with leaves attached
- 76. Vase of 8 Garden Flowers
- 77. Longest Runner Bean
- 78. Best Misshapen Vegetable
- 79. Cupcakes – 6 decorated any flavour
- 80. Model made from Nature – up to 12 inches (30 cm)
- 81. Drawing/Painting of a Water scene A4 size
- 82. Photograph of your favourite place
- 83. Scarecrow max 4feet high by 3feet wide (120 cm high x 90 cm wide)

RULES

All Entry Forms must be submitted by 5pm on Friday September 2nd : by paper form to 7 St Andrew's Rd Stogursey, or by email to fiona2591@gmail.com. Any entries after this date cannot be included.

Exhibits to be brought to the Victory Hall either Saturday 3rd September between 6pm - 8pm or Sunday 4th between 8am - 9.45am.

All exhibits to be grown by or the work of the exhibitor.

Exhibitors are responsible for obtaining a card from the Show Secretary and placing it under their exhibit. Exhibits without a card cannot be judged.

All exhibits must be in the Victory Hall by 10am on Sunday 4th September. The doors will close at 10am for judging and the doors will not open again until 2pm.

All exhibits to remain in place until after prize giving, then it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to remove

them on the day by 5pm otherwise they will be disposed of as necessary.

Exhibitors to provide their own vases, containers, plates.

The Judges may withhold prizes if there are insufficient entries or those submitted are unworthy of a prize.

All exhibits are at the exhibitors' own risk, and although all care will be taken the Committee cannot accept any responsibility for loss or damage.

The Judges' decisions are final and binding.

Points to be awarded:

1st - 3 points, 2nd - 2 points, 3rd - 1 point

Please make sure you have correct number of items in your exhibit and it is the correct size otherwise it will not be accepted.

Exhibitors may only enter one exhibit in each class.

Stogursey Flower Show: Entry Form

ENTRIES TO BE SUBMITTED by 5pm 2nd September to Fiona Johnson: through the letterbox at 7 St Andrews Rd, Stogursey, or by email to: fiona2591@gmail.com

ENTRY FEE: ADULTS - 30 pence per class entry. CHILDREN - 10 pence per class entry

Please tick as appropriate:

☐ I will deliver my entry form together with my entry fee to 7 St Andrew's Road, Stogursey

☐ I will send my entry form by email, and pay my entry fee when I bring my exhibits to the Victory Hall

Exhibitor's Name:

Exhibitor's Address:

.....

Exhibitor's Contact Number:

Class Numbers	Class Numbers	Class Numbers	Class Numbers	Class Numbers

With thanks to Hinkley Point B for printing the Flower Show Schedule in August's Stogursey News

SUPPORT THE SOUTH WEST CLEAR UP PROJECT

Some of you who've lived in Stogursey a while may have seen our younger son Greg cycling around the village aged ten on his unicycle. Well he's now 23 and just back from a two-and-a-half-year break in Australia. He set off on a three month holiday in February 2020 but got stopped in his tracks, thwarting his onward travel plans to visit Bali and then do a trek in the Himalayas (as I did in my twenties.)

On his return he was struck by how "cute and small" everything seemed to him – and I don't think he meant his Mum! Unfortunately, he was also struck by the increasing amounts of litter everywhere, and announced to me the following morning that he'd set up a project on Instagram @SWCLEARUPPROJECT encouraging people to pick up litter as soon as they see it – as well as to not actually drop it in the first place.

I know a lot of us do this as a matter of course already. I usually have a large carrier bag on me (in addition to my smaller bags for the dog) which is frequently full of litter by the end of a walk in the local area. I think with Instagram the idea is to post a photo of you and your litter pick – or just the offending articles.



The photo shows a bumper crop from the Castle moat area. It's quite a sight to see me flat on my stomach 'fishing' with the dog's ball thrower! What is worse is all the recyclable litter on the ground and in the village bins – pity we haven't yet got more recycling friendly litter bins.

I mentioned putting something in Stogursey News about Greg's project and he dictated the following: "the basic idea of the project is to normalize picking up litter and to denormalize littering – essentially to just encourage people like you and me and the everyday person of the area to pick up litter and try and keep the area spotless as it should be cos the litter just does not belong here – it shouldn't be there and is completely out of place. We need to keep the South West beautiful and pick up litter. Start picking it up. Stop putting it down."

He's had some stickers printed as a reminder to others - so look out for them!

Caroline Hawkes

THE BISTRO Stogursey



The Bistro is situated at the foot of the Quantock Hills, close to Steart Marshes WWTs working wetland. We provide off-road parking and facilities for cyclists.

We are open from 10:00am – 17:00pm daily (except Wednesday) for light breakfasts, morning coffee, pastries and cakes, lunches and afternoon cream teas.

Saturday mornings we offer a full English breakfast between 09:00am – 11:00am. Saturday evenings will be a typical French themed menu. See our menu page on our website for more details.

Due to its popularity, we are now offering traditional Sunday lunches which can be pre-booked via our website table booking facility, or directly on: 07912885784

We are a family-run business with friendly staff, offering dishes prepared with locally-sourced seasonal ingredients.

We are dog-friendly but ask that they are always kept on leads in our outside seating area, in respect of our other customers.

Our venue is available for private hire, catering for birthdays, anniversaries, baby showers or private family gatherings.

Our catering staff can provide detailed information regarding food allergies upon request.

Contact details: 07912885784

www.thebistro-somerset.co.uk

VICTORY HALL LOTTERY WINNERS

June Draw 2022

1 st prize	£60.00	John Baker	No 177
2 nd prize	£30.00	Marge England	No 27
3 rd prize	£15.00	Allan Searle	No 16

Solution to Quick Crossword No. 26 - July 2022

ACROSS:

1. Blanked, 5. Sepal, 8. Identical, 9. Sun, 10. Epoch, 12. Nominee, 13. Recapitulated, 15. Nouveau, 17. Pilaw, 19. Obi, 20. Entranced, 22. Nancy, 23. Dogfish

DOWN:

1. Baize, 2. Ape, 3. Ketchup, 4. Deconstructed, 5. Salem, 6. Postnatal, 7. Linseed, 11. Occlusion, 13. Rangoon, 14. Lapsang, 16. Elegy, 18. Width, 21. Chi

Pizza Parties



The children (and staff!) have been enjoying pizzas cooked in the new pizza oven at school.

Expedition

Miss Dunwood organised the expedition for our whole school. The children met on the Quantocks at Dead Woman's Ditch and then walked all the way to school. They had a fun afternoon putting up their tents and playing games, and then all enjoyed a meal of sausage and chips cooked by Mrs Payne and Miss Barrett.



Football Match

The school has hosted a football match against Spaxton. The children in Beacon Class worked so hard as a team. There was great defending and goalkeeping from Olivia and Harry, and a big "well done" to our goal-scorer Max. Although we lost the match, we couldn't be prouder of our children! Well done Stogursey!

We also received a wonderful letter from one of the parents from Spaxton saying, *"I just wanted to say a massive thank you for the hospitality you showed the team and families on Friday. All of the children and the parents seemed to enjoy it and there was a really nice feel to the occasion. You all made us feel very welcome and I thought all of the children did brilliantly well considering it was both teams' first game, in extremely hot conditions"*.



We would like to also thank Miss Logan for organising this football match-you did a fantastic job!

Troy Story

In the last week of term there were two performances of Troy Story in the Victory Hall, a matinée on the Tuesday, followed by an evening performance the next day.

Leavers' Service

For the first time in several years, we held our Leavers' Service in St Andrew's Church. We said goodbye to the nine children in Year 6, and wished them every success when they start in their new schools in September.

New School Year

Pupils start on Monday 5th September.

Points from the Parish Council Meeting 12th July 2022

St Andrew's Well

Thank you to those who have given feedback on the history of St Andrew's Well, and for the interest shown in tracking down an owner.

Parking

There was a delegation of residents who would like to get involved in discussions around improving the parking, especially in the Burgage Road/Vicarage Road area of Stogursey. A meeting to involve as many as possible of those affected, hopefully with attendance from members of the Parish Council and County Councillors, HPC Community Safety Officer, Police and Highways, will be held probably in August at the Victory Hall to discuss the various options and ways that the situation may be improved. Information will be circulated of the meeting date. There being such a scant public bus service in parts of the parish, car parking will continue to be a necessity.

Hinkley Point B

The meeting was reminded that the last reactor of the station was to be shut down in early August, which will bring to an end the generating life of Hinkley Point B station.

Parish Lengthsman

The Parish Council welcomes the decision of Hinkley Point C to continue with their support for the services provided to the Parish by the Lengthsman. They have awarded a grant to enable the service to continue for another five years until mid-2027.

Use of e-Scooters

The Parish Council was disappointed to hear that an e-scooter was seen being ridden at speed through Burgage Road Play Area. There were concerns expressed for the safety of our young residents who should be allowed to play safely in the area. Such use is not permitted and some signs to remind e-scooter riders of their responsibilities will be placed at the entrances to the Play Area.

**The next Parish Council meeting will be on
Tuesday 9th August 2022 at 19:00 at the Victory Hall.
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 stogurseyppclerk@gmail.com

Richard Wand, Clerk to Stogursey Parish Council

Struggling with bills?

Support is available

Need help with buying food, paying for energy and water bills and other essential household items such as beds and white goods?

The Household Support Fund

Can provide short-term urgent financial help to Somerset residents who are struggling to afford household essentials.

To apply, you must:

- Live in Somerset
- Be over 16 and living independently of parents/carers
- Not have enough money to cover essentials
- Provide proof of identity:

Document showing your Somerset address and either proof of your benefits OR proof of your income (the most recent, last month's, bank statement)

Can I get help if I go to work or if I am retired, or if I do not work at all?

Yes, provided you can show that you are struggling to pay for essentials.

Will a Household Support Fund affect my benefits?

No, it will not affect your benefits.

How do I apply?

Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/SupportFund22



If you don't have any support and need help to apply

Please phone Somerset County Council on **0300 123 2224**.

Somerset County Council will help you find an organisation who will help you make an application.

Open Mic Night

WANTED: Musicians, poets, singers, raconteurs, jugglers . . .

. . . to take a turn at Stogursey Festival's Open Mic night on Friday 9th September in the Jubilee Rooms.

If you are interested in performing, please get in touch with Ian Elenor on 01278 733052.



Stogursey Community Network (SCN) August 2022 Update

- ❖ Have you sampled the weekly Stogursey Lunches yet? Why not?! These delicious home cooked meals are prepared and served in the Jubilee Rooms (formerly the Church Rooms) every Tuesday. Stogursey Lunches are for all age groups in our community to enjoy. And in the August school holidays, children eat for free with at least one donation-paying adult! So, why not have a break from cooking and come and try our delicious home-made food cooked by our wonderful volunteer cooks, using top quality fresh ingredients? 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 a cash donation of your choice.

Please note that advance booking is essential - A phone number is given week-by-week on the SL menus.

- ❖ 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, fizzy drinks 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 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. Payment by donation.
- ❖ 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.

How to contact us:

- Medical transport only: 07485 350560

* All other requests: 01278 732149 or message us via Facebook: StogurseyCN Facebook.



AUGUST MENU

Tuesday 2nd August

(book by Friday 29th July - phone 01278 732149)

Canneloni, side salad and garlic bread
(Vegetarian or Meat option) OR
Home-made Fish fingers, potato wedges & peas/beans

Gooseberry & almond traybake with icecream
or *icecream in a cone/bowl

Tuesday 9th August

(book by Friday 5th August - phone 01278 732149)

Ham & Egg Flan, new potatoes and vegetables/salad OR
Baked potato with grated cheese/tuna mayonnaise &
vegetables/salad

Fruit dessert with custard/cream

Tuesday 16th August

(book by Friday 12th August - phone 01278 733052)

Focaccia Bread with Spinach & Ricotta or
Bacon & Ricotta topping, and coleslaw

Raspberry Tart

Tuesday 23rd August

(book by Friday 19th July - phone 01278 733052)

Creamy Chicken & green vegetable pasta
(vegetarian option available on request)
with garlic bread

Fruit compôte with icecream

Tuesday 30th August

(book by Friday 26th August - phone 01278 733052)

Sausage & Mash with onion gravy and vegetables/baked
beans
(choice of meat or vegetarian sausage)

Fruit salad and cream

* available every week in August

Cannington Health Centre - Summer Update

Appointment System

From September 2021 and due to unprecedented pressure and demand, we were forced to cease the availability of pre-bookable GP appointments. All GP appointments can only be booked on the same day. The surgery implemented this change as the demand has led to a waiting time of 4 weeks for a routine appointment. Many patients find this unsatisfactory and there have been increasing occasions where the receptionists are being subjected to inappropriate comments which is unfair and unacceptable. Having all 'on the day appointments', allows for all doctors to deal with what comes through on that day and give patients reassurance that they will not have to wait a month for a consultation.

We have not taken this decision lightly, however, we have to ensure that our team remain healthy to be able to provide services to you. We want our patients to be reassured that our consultations will continue to be a mixture of telephone calls and face to face.

Thank you - Drs Searle, Bobbett, Allen & Sheasby

Sun Safety

This year is whizzing by before our eyes, we have already been lucky enough to enjoy some beautiful sunny weather, but here is a reminder of the NHS Sun Safety tips:

- Spend time in the shade between 11am and 3pm.
- Make sure you never burn.
- Cover up with suitable clothing and sunglasses.
- Take extra care to protect children.
- Use at least factor 15 sunscreen.

For more information please visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/seasonal-health/sunscreen-and-sun-safety/>

NHS Covid Passport Certificate

You can now find proof of your COVID-19 vaccinations on the NHS App. This shows that you have been

vaccinated. If you cannot access the NHS App, please call 119 and they will be able to provide you with a paper version. Please do not call the surgery, as we are unable to provide you with one.

Did you know that you can order your repeat prescriptions online?

If you have an NHS account, you can order repeat prescriptions using the NHS website or the NHS App from a smartphone or tablet. If you prefer not to use the internet, please use the printed slip that comes with your medication to place your next order. Please allow 3 working days and only tick the items that you require. Order Monday – collect Thursday; Order Tuesday – collect Friday; Order Wednesday – collect Monday; Order Thursday – collect Tuesday; Order Friday – collect Wednesday.

We would prefer you to use the above methods to order your prescription, but if you do need to order over the phone, please use the dedicated phone line, 01278 655464, which is open 9.30am – 12.00pm Monday to Friday.

If you have not received a text message within 3 days of your request, please contact us to check the status of your prescription before coming to collect. Prescriptions can be collected anytime from 8am – 1.30 and 2.00 - 6pm Monday to Friday. During this time we are unable to dispense controlled drugs or answer any medication queries and you will be asked to return to the surgery during the dispensary opening hours.

Covid Booster Information

Most people have had their COVID booster, but some people will require a fourth. If you have been told you are eligible to receive a fourth dose, please book an appointment via the Government website or by calling 119. As a practice we are not providing this service, and we are unable to assist with any booking requests.

Sarah Davey, Deputy Practice Manager

Avon and Somerset Police

NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

Rural Affairs Unit

We are aware there has been a concerned and perceived fear of an increase in theft of fertiliser nationally since the conflict in Ukraine, but the Avon and Somerset Rural Affairs Unit would like to reassure our rural communities that, at this time, we have had no significant increase in reports of theft of fertiliser.

The items most likely to be stolen are trailers, plants and

machinery; items less likely to be stolen are Fences, livestock, firewood and fuel; and items unlikely to be stolen are feed, fertiliser and cables.

Did you know, rural crime can be reduced using Watch schemes?

By using your knowledge and awareness of what is happening on and around your land, you can help to reduce crime and deter criminals. *cont'd on next page*

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We are encouraging all our farming communities within the Avon and Somerset area to sign up to our successful rural watch groups – Farm Watch and Horse Watch – which are both free to join! The schemes are a partnership between police and communities to reduce crime and provide an early warning system for the farming and equine communities. Suspicious people and vehicles can quickly be reported to the police and we can send live updates, alerting members of theft or criminal activity in the area.

You can join the watch schemes by emailing ruralandwildlifeunit@avonandsomerset.police.uk

PROTECTING RURAL PROPERTY - WHAT CAN I DO?

Farm and plant vehicles

Fit tracking devices on your agriculture and plant vehicles. You can also mark them using security or forensic markings. Check with your insurance provider as some will offer discounts once a tracker is fitted. Lock your vehicles and plant in secure outbuildings or containers. Record vehicle and machinery serial numbers and take photographs for reference. Secure your vehicle (quad and ATVs) using suitable locking

devices and fixed ground anchors, secured to the floor using the correct gauge in security chains and padlocks. Protect your vehicles, trailers and plant by registering them on the Immobilise Property Register. Fit a key safe, so keys to vehicles are kept in a secure place. Remove all GPS from your machines when not in use and store securely. Ensure all trailers are fitted with a good standard wheel clamp and hitch lock.

Livestock, equipment and tack

Carry out regular counts on all your livestock, maintaining concise records of your stocks and tag numbers. Make a note of any distinguishing marks or features on your livestock. Consider the use of wildlife cameras if you keep your livestock in isolated areas. Mark all tack with your postcode using metal punches, engraving tools, or forensic marking. Photograph your tack, keep a comprehensive list of all items.

Get in touch

In an emergency, call 999.

For non-emergency matters, call 101 or report online via www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report

To report crime anonymously, contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or visit www.crimestoppers-uk.org



MACULAR SOCIETY EXMOOR SUPPORT GROUP, DULVERTON

Summer is always a lovely time for our group, thanks to our sponsors Hazel and Steve, who run the Exeter Inn at Chittlehamholt/ Devon. During the month of October, they organise fundraising fine-dining experience with the aim to give their guests an experience of what it is like to live with Macular Degeneration. After all, well over one million of people above retirement age are diagnosed with the condition.

As you all know by now, it begins with seeing waves, where there should be straight lines, and suddenly, when we develop holes in our vision and can't read easily even with reading glasses, that is when the opticians send us to the Ophthalmology Department of our nearest hospital. Our eyes will be scanned and, if the macula shows damage, we are given a course of injections into the affected eye - which is not as horrifying as it sounds - to stop the bleeding at the back of the eye.

However, it often is a big shock to the patient and heralds a change of lifestyle: we can't drive, read a book or newspaper, watch television, write letters, go for walks on our own; it's safer to walk around with a white stick to warn motorists; and often, we can't even recognise our family and friends because their faces look to us like blank surfaces. Hence our Macular Society support group.

Therefore, our members are, like all MD sufferers, dependent on others to take them out and make us feel part of 'the living' as one of our members put it so succinctly after our latest excursion. Rosemoor and Valley of the Rocks, here we come!

Our most sincere thanks go to Jan Ross, who organises our Community Bus transport, Kevin, our volunteer driver and Hazel and Steve of the Exeter Inn who make it all possible.

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Village Agent News

What is a Village Agent?

CCS Village Agents are local, problem-solving solution finders. There are over 60 Village Agents all over Somerset.

Sounds interesting but WHO can they help?

A Village Agent can help if...

- You are an unpaid Carer or looking after someone else informally & need a little help & support – for you and the person you care for.
- You are struggling with a problem, big or small, but don't know where to turn.
- You are feeling lonely and isolated.
- You are part of a community with a collective problem & need a kick start to solve.

It doesn't matter how big or small the problem is, CCS Village Agents are here to help.

If you receive help from Adult Social Care, you may be referred to a CCS Community Agent, who works directly with referrals from the ASC team. They are very similar to a Village Agent but may have different experiences and knowledge in specific areas, such as mental health or learning difficulties. All CCS Agents work closely with local GP surgeries and the Adult Social Care team, so a person has well-rounded, co-ordinated support.

but HOW exactly can a Village Agent help?

It's very difficult to pin down exactly how a Village Agent can help, as each person's situation is unique. In short, they can help make life better with the right connections, and practical community-based solutions. Here are a few recent examples of how they have helped people:

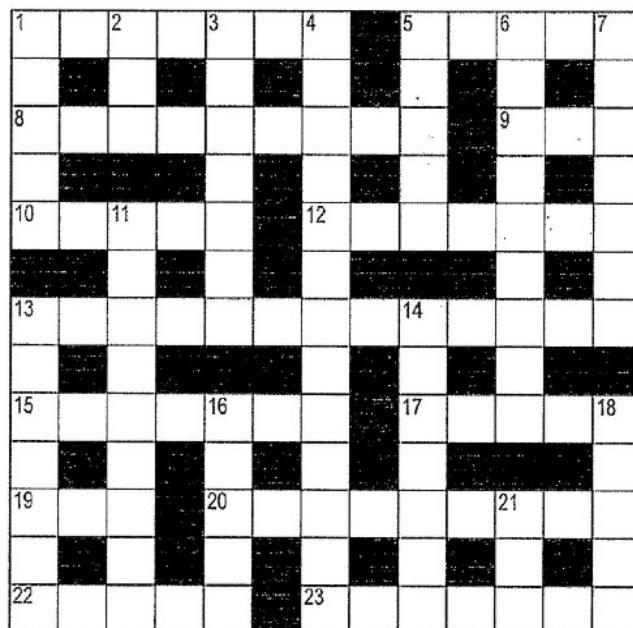
- Source & arrange delivery of white goods, furniture & household items to people in need.
- Made sure that the clients are supported to get the financial help they need.
- Conducted welfare calls on behalf of local GP's to ensure clients are safe and well.
- Gave emotional support to people who are feeling isolated and lonely.
- Gifted refurbished mobiles to people who are cut off from their family & friends.
- Helped people to get home from hospital or temporary accommodation.

If you think your local CCS Village Agent help you in any way, please call Izzy on 07931 0180455, or email izzy@somersetcc.org.uk, or phone Ruth on 07947 901240, or email Ruthw@somersetcc.org.uk.

Our main helpline is 01823 331 222 or visit www.somersetagents.org/agent-call-back and request a call back.

Quick Crossword No. 27

compiled by Helen Cuttall



CLUES ACROSS

1. Biennial yacht race (7)
5. Imitating (5)
8. Game played with a cue (9)
9. Perceive with the eyes (3)
10. Third planet from the sun (5)
12. A tapering stone pillar (7)
13. Clearing large areas of trees (13)
15. Large insects found in warm countries, which make a high pitched buzz (7)
17. To adorn with precious stones (5)
19. Relating to life (3)
20. Relating to muscles and joints (9)
22. A hen that produces eggs (5)
23. Fatty substance found naturally in sheep's wool (7)

CLUES DOWN

1. Short story conveying a moral (5)
2. Monetary unit of Peru (3)
3. Not one or the other (7)
4. A cat colouring (13)
5. Passage between rows of seats (5)
6. Causing you to feel confident about yourself (9)
7. Small green fruit related to cucumber (7)
11. A room used for meals in an educational or religious institution (9)
13. Unit used to measure the intensity of a sound (7)
14. Protein contained in egg white (7)
16. German artist of the Renaissance period (5)
18. Wine produced in the south Burgundy region of France (5)
21. Abbreviation for phone number (3)

Contacts and Parish Information

Parish Council:

Chris Morgan (Chair), Sue Goss (Vice-Chair), Chris Ford,
Susan E Jones,
Tim Kaye, Scott Nurton,
Jenny Ody, Allan Searle, Helga Staddon

Clerk: Richard Wand 01278 652534

Meetings: held monthly in the Victory Hall, Stogursey
7.15-7.30pm Public Forum for parishioners to ask
questions;
7.30 Councillors' meeting starts - parishioners welcome to
attend and listen.

Somerset Unitary Authority: Watchet & Stogursey Division
Hugh Davies, Rosemary Woods

Site Stakeholders Group Representatives:

Sue Goss, Chris Morgan

Community Venues

Victory Hall & Youth Club - Allan Searle 732820

Jubilee Rooms - sjrbookings7@gmail.com

07565 149966 for messages only - leave name & contact details

St Peter's Church, Stolford - Susan E Jones 652287

Stogursey Community Network (SCN)

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/StogurseySCN

Phone: 01278 732149

Medical Transport: 07485 350560

Health Centres

Cannington 01278 652335

Quantock (Nether Stowey) 01278 732696

Out-of-hours (for both centres) 111

Defibrillators - 3 in the parish:

♥ Stogursey - on wall outside Stogursey Motors

♥ Shurton - side entrance of Babbling Brook

♥ Stolford - church of St Peter.

Parish Neighbourhood Welcome Pack

Burton & Knighton: Sue Goss 733405

Wick & Stolford: Susan E Jones 652287

Stogursey & Shurton: Chris Morgan 734887

EdF Main Site Neighbourhood Forum

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Stogursey Parish Council

Chris Ford and Sue Goss

EdF Contacts

Hinkley Point C Drop-ins/Main Site Forums

Phone 0333 009 7070 or

email: hinkley-enquiries@edf-energy.com

HPC Hotline for enquiries or complaints: 0333 009 7070

POLICE

Non-Emergencies - Call 101. Emergencies - Call 999

Community Policing & Speed Watch Volunteers

Jamie Munro. PC 4376 Neighbourhood Beat Manager

Williton & Watchet (AW052) Mobile: 07889 659436

Email: jamie.munro@avonandsomerset.police.uk

Mobile Library - Route G

The library van visits on Thursdays - every 4 weeks

Shurton

Babbling Brook Inn 12.05 - 12.30 pm

Stogursey

Greyhound Inn 1.10 - 1.50 pm

Town Close (No 30) 1.55 - 2.25 pm

Next scheduled Visits in 2022

11 August, 8 September

For more information, contact Libraries Direct:

Telephone 0300 123 224, or

email www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

If you see any ASB or criminal damage incidents
happening in public spaces, **phone the police on 101.**

If you are disturbed by out-of-hours noise problems or
ASB relating to businesses, **phone 01823 351411.**

Give as much information, including names, as you
possibly can. The more complaints that are received, the
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Vicki's Update

At Hinkley Point C we encourage our workforce to take part in local volunteering activities within the community to help give back to the area that we live and work in. It has been fantastic hearing about some of the volunteering and community support work that has been taking place over the last few months.

Somerset Passengers Solutions have kindly supported some of those closest to site with two pro-bono bus trips- a school trip for Little Acorns Pre School in Stogursey and the Quantock Hills 2022 Walking Festival for the third time in recent years.

We've also had some volunteers providing support to local charity CHARIS Refugees, helping them to tidy and decorate their new welcome centre in Taunton ready to support incoming refugees from Ukraine.

Volunteering ideas welcome

I recall some years ago when myself and a group of volunteers helped Stogursey School with a new outside learning space and some allotments, I would welcome some suggestions from the communities closest to site on potential upcoming volunteering opportunities. Please contact me through: hinkley-enquiries@edf-energy.com with any ideas that you might have and I would be happy to discuss. I've included some suggestions below to get the ideas flowing!

What type of projects are good for volunteering? Ideally the projects are local (close to Hinkley Point C site), can be undertaken by anyone (with no specific specialist training required for the work) and will be of benefit to the community. Suggested projects including:

- Litter picking
- Clearance and improvements to a community space
- Painting and decorating of community spaces
- Planting, digging of earth, weeding
- Beach clean
- Area refurbishment / minor general maintenance

Will you fund the project materials and equipment? Volunteering projects provide the time and efforts of the volunteers but do not include the funding for large amounts of materials or equipment.

Projects that require funding should continue to be submitted for consideration via the HPC Community Fund with a wide range of projects considered through four grant programmes. Don't forget that there is now a *Small Grants programme* awarding funding of up to £5,000 to charities, voluntary groups and social enterprises that normally operate on less than £100,000 each year.

Visit www.hpcfunds.co.uk to find out more.

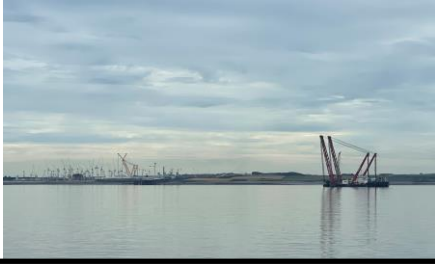
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Hinkley Point C - Monthly Update

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

Hinkley Point C Gears up for a Summer of Heavy Lifting



Heavy lift crane "Gulliver" has arrived offshore of HPC site

Hinkley Point C is preparing for another spectacular engineering feat with the precision placement of 5,000 tonne cooling-water intakes on the seabed. Four times longer and twice as high as a double-decker bus, each intake head will be connected to five miles of tunnels used to circulate cooling-water for the new power station. The first heads have been carefully loaded onto barges at Bristol Port's Avonmouth docks, ready to be towed out to meet two floating heavy lift cranes "Gulliver" and "Rambiz" which will work in tandem to lower the structures into place.



One of the four "intake" heads

Each platform is the size of a football pitch and the cranes have a combined lifting capacity of 7,300 tonnes.

The four "intake" and two "outfall" heads have been built by Balfour Beatty in Avonmouth. Each "loading out" operation, carried out by lifting specialists Mammoet, takes several hours, with the water levels being adjusted at the dock, to ensure the barge can receive the load safely and securely.

Chief Medical Officer visits Hinkley Point C

The Chief Medical Officer, Chris Whitty and his team visited HPC Site to learn more about how the health and welfare of our workforce is being looked after and how the project is alleviating health impacts on the local area. The group were given a tour of Hinkley Health where the team shared their experiences of working on site and explained how the centre is making a difference in alleviating pressure on local NHS resources by providing the workforce with ready access to GP, physio and nurses and the on-site covid vaccination clinic. Professor Whitty was also keen to hear about the extensive mental health support available on the project. The group met with HPC's Lead Chaplain, Ewen Huffman, who explained his role in providing a listening ear to the workforce. They also met with representatives from the project's Mental Health Buddies scheme, which is making such a positive impact across the site.



Professor Chris Whitty visits HPC



From Little Acorns big adventures grow

Somerset Passenger Solutions recently supported pre school children from Little Acorns Pre School in Stogursey by providing a coach and drivers for a trip to Tropiquaria Wildlife Park and Dunster Castle. The drivers, Jim and Nick had a great day bussing the children for a an exciting day out- with many of the children enjoying their ever first trip on a coach! They didn't even mind being of bag duty during the fun.



SPS Driver, Jim, on bag duty

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