

STOGURSEY NEWS



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December 2022

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Editorial

Welcome to our December edition, full of news and a great number of things to put in your diaries. There will be several carol services within the parish in our various churches. Those who don't normally attend church may well enjoy the atmosphere and the songs that may remind you of your early days of school!

What would you have thought the massive pumpkin weighed? Still on a food theme, well done for the Stogursey Lunches getting a 5-star rating from the unexpected food hygiene visitor!

The Safari Supper was very successful and enjoyed by all the participants. It is good to be able to see one another after our various Covid problems but we still need to be careful!

There are plenty of Christmas events to look forward to, all listed within.

The photographic Society has some thoughtful things to say to anyone who likes to record their images but doesn't want to produce yet more 'Holiday Snaps'. If you have an I-phone you have at your fingertips some amazing kit!!!

It is good to see such a focus (pun intended) on the love of books from the preschool contribution and we also love the pre-school's robin handprint.

Finally, there will be a wassail on 7th of January, keeping our rural traditions alive.

Also marvel at the sheer size and quantity in the latest HPC Update . . . that is a lot of rocks!

Happy Christmas and New Year
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.
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- * Write or type your contribution.
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- Submit your contribution by the deadline date.
- Please keep within the 500-word limit.
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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 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 Ukulele Sessions (second Wednesday of month)	Victory Hall Jubilee Rooms Youth Club The Greyhound Inn	10.30am 10.30am - 12 noon 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm
Thursday	Mobile Library visit (once every four-weeks) Youth Club (weekly) Film Night (monthly)	Shurton & Stogursey Youth Club Jubilee Rooms	as per schedule 6.30 pm - 8.30 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

DECEMBER

Sun 4 th	Christmas Lunch	Victory Hall	12 noon
Weds 7 th	Forget-me-Not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30 - 12 noon
Thurs 8 th	Stogursey Arts Photographic Society	Jubilee Rooms	7.00 pm
Fri 9 th	Fun Christmas Quiz	Jubilee Rooms	7.00 pm
Sat 10 th	Christmas Market	Jubilee Rooms	10.00 am - 12.30 pm
Tues 13 th	Citizens Advice Bureau	Youth Club	10.00 am - 12 noon
Tues 13 th	Parish Council Meeting	Victory Hall	7.00 pm
Weds 14 th	Christmas Bingo	Victory Hall	Doors Open 7.00 pm
Weds 14 th	SOS: Ukulele Session	Greyhound Inn	7.30 pm
Thurs 15 th	Film Night- <i>Downton Abbey: A New Era</i>	Jubilee Rooms	Doors Open 7.00 pm
Fri 16 th	Christmas Carol Concert	Victory Hall	Doors Open 7.00 pm
Weds 21 st	Forget-me-Not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10..30 am -

DIARY 2023

JANUARY

Weds 4 th	Forget-me-Not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30 am - 12 noon
Sat 7 th	Wassail	Details within	Details within

SERVICES IN THE QUANTOCK COAST BENEFICE : DECEMBER 2022					
CHURCH	4 th December ADVENT 2	11 th December ADVENT 3	18 th December ADVENT 4	24 th December Christmas Eve	25 th December Christmas Day
EAST QH		Sunday@3 Bring a Toy to Help a Child Service TBC at PCC NM			EQH Service TBC at PCC
DODINGTON		SATURDAY 10 th 2.30pm CAROL SERVICE NM/SC			
FIDDINGTON	9.00am Eucharist SC	9.00am Eucharist TS	4.00pm CAROL SERVICE SC	9.00pm Eucharist for Christmas TS	-
HOLFORD	6.30pm Evensong NM	9.30am Eucharist (CW) DB	11.00am Holy Communion (BCP) SC	3.00pm Crib Service SC	9.30am Holy Communion DB
KILVE	11.00am Eucharist DB	11.00am Family Service SC	9.30am Eucharist NM	-	10.00am Family Service SC
STOGURSEY	10.30am Eucharist TS	10.30am Family Eucharist NM	6.30pm BENEFICE CAROL SERVICE NM	4.00pm Crib and Christingle NM	10.30am Family Eucharist NM
STRINGSTON	11.00am Family Service SB	-	11.00am Eucharist NM	10.00pm Eucharist for Christmas AFT	-
WEST QH	9.30am Eucharist NM	9.30am Eucharist SC	9.30am Family Service With carols DB	11.00pm Midnight Mass NM	
Liturgical colour & Readings	PURPLE	PURPLE	PURPLE	WHITE	WHITE
1 st Reading	Isaiah 11: 1 - 10	Isaiah 35: 1 - 10	Isaiah 7: 10 - 16	Please speak to officiant	Please speak to officiant
Psalm	Psalm 72	Magnificat	Psalm 80		
2 nd Reading	Romans 15: 4 - 13	James 5: 7 - 10	Romans 1: 1 - 7		
Gospel	Matthew 3: 1 - 12	Matthew 11: 2 - 11	Matthew 1: 18 - end		

EVENTS & CAROLS FOR CHRISTMAS IN THE QUANTOCK COAST BENEFICE 2022

Saturday 10th	Carol Service	All Saints, Dodington	2.30 pm
Sunday 11th	Bring a Toy and Help a Child Carol Service, for Children in Need in the Bridgwater area	St Mary's, East Quantoxhead	3.00 pm
Weds 14th	Stogursey C of E School: Christmas Nativity	St Andrew's, Stogursey	6.00 pm
Friday 16th	Stogursey C of E School: Christingle Service	St Andrew's, Stogursey	2.00 pm
Saturday 17th	Carol Singing, and mulled wine.	St Mary's, Holford	5.00pm (tbc)
	Follow the Star/Find the Baby: a nativity trail around the village for all ages	beginning in St Mary's East Quantoxhead	5.15pm
Sunday 18th	Carol Singing, and mulled wine	St Mary's, Kilve	2.30pm
	Carol Service	St Martin of Tours, Fiddington	4.00pm
	Benefice Carol Service with the Benefice Choir	St Andrew's, Stogursey	6.30pm
Tuesday 20th	Carols by candlelight	St Mary's, East Quantoxhead	4.00pm (tbc)
Friday 23rd	Carols-on-the-Corner	Stringston	7.30pm
Saturday 24th	Carol and Crib Service	St Mary's, Holford	3.00pm
	Crib and Christingle Service	St Andrew's, Stogursey	4.00pm
	Christmas Eucharist	St Martin of Tours, Fiddington	9.00pm
	Midnight Mass	St Ethelreda's, West Quantoxhead	11.00pm
Sunday 25th	Christmas Family Service	St Mary's, Kilve	10.30am
	Christmas Eucharist for All	St Andrew's, Stogursey	10.30am

**You will be most welcome at events in any of these churches.
Please come along.
Happy Christmas.**



WI Halloween Guess the Pumpkin's Weight!

Stogursey WI promoted a "Guess the Pumpkin's Weight" competition to raise funds for Stogursey local charities. Thanks to all for your kind donations.

Patience and Ernest correctly guessed the weight of the monster!

Stogursey WI would like to give a huge thank you to Allan and Debs for kindly hosting our pumpkin competition, in the Post Office, and for once again supporting our village activities.

WI Diary date: 5th December Christmas Party

Interested in becoming a WI Member?

Contact Ann ✉ stogurseytyldesley@gmail.com

VICTORY HALL LOTTERY WINNERS October Draw 2022

1 st prize	£25.00	Maria Williams	No 89
2 nd prize	£15.00	Allan Oliver	No 82
3 rd prize	£10.00	Libby Hutton	No 99

SORRY IF YOU MISSED IT!

A great evening was had by all who went on Safari on Saturday 12th November. This wasn't a Big Game event but a three-course supper held across three different venues in and around Stogursey, including several of our members' homes in Spaxton. We were treated to a delicious selection of starters in the Jubilee Rooms, prior to setting off in different directions for a main course. Later on in the evening, it was another trek for dessert with a different combination of guests, making for a sociable and convivial evening. Many thanks for all the support, and especially to those providing a course – without whom the event would not be able to run at all!

Caroline Hawkes, Secretary Stogursey Twinning Assoc

ALTERNATIVE MEDICAL TREATMENTS?

Seeing that the winter will be difficult, or the NHS may be overwhelmed, how many of your readers are aware of the benefits of herbal, mineral and vitamin cures? The only diseases that I can think of (off hand) that do not benefit are Cancer and Herpes. I wish I had discovered it when I was young.

D P Long

SUCCESS for STOGURSEY LUNCHES!



We had our busiest lunch session for some time yesterday (15 November). Our team of volunteers was working hard, preparing to serve lunch (steak & kidney/steak & mushroom pie followed by Danish apple dessert) to our 26 diners . . .

Then, guess what happened at 12.00 . . . The Food Safety Officer arrived unexpectedly to check us!

This is what he was checking:

- how hygienically food is handled – eg safe food preparation and procedures including cooking, re-heating, cooling and storage;
- the condition of the premises – eg cleanliness, repair, layout, lighting, ventilation and other facilities;
- how food safety is managed and documented. The officer also looked at the premises' history, and confidence in management to improve/maintain standards.

He was happy with what he saw, and we were very happy and excited when he gave us a rating of 5 - the highest rating! We are now very proud to have a Food Hygiene Rating certificate to hang on the wall in the Jubilee Rooms.

Helen Cuttell



This excellent result reflects much hard work that has gone on behind the scenes over the last two years, including all the cooks achieving a Level 2 Food Hygiene Certificate.

CORE STABILITY (based on Pilates)

Tuesday 9am
The Victory Hall, Stogursey
£6



Contact: SIANCOCKS@btinternet.com

Stogursey & District Victory Hall Committee News

New Trustees and Volunteers required

We need your help to bring our community together! The Victory Hall is a focal point for the village and surrounding areas. Do you have a passion for your village and think you can contribute to help to run our committee more effectively? We are actively seeking new trustees, with innovative ideas, to make the Village Hall more accessible to all. Get involved! We welcome help and ideas from all the community.

Do you have a few hours per week and would like to join as a volunteer? To join our existing team, either as a volunteer or a trustee, please email info@stogurseyvillagehall.org.uk. Whether you contribute your experience or time as an advocate for good, we would like to hear from you. Your generosity makes our work possible.

New website

We are ready to launch our new updated website <https://www.stogurseyvillagehall.org.uk>. The site is easier to navigate either for information or to book a venue. It is an ongoing initiative and will be regularly updated with added content.

The Social Club has now re-opened!

After a period of enforced closure, we are ready to open once again! To save expensive power and heating, the Social Club will open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Hopefully, we will be able to extend the days and opening times as the current economic situation eases.

Opening times are :

Friday: 6pm to 11pm;
Saturday: 12 noon-4pm, and 6pm – 11pm;
Sunday: 12noon – 6pm.

New Social Club cards will be ready for issue early January. Until then your existing ones will apply. We welcome Emma, Bar Manager, and her assistant Georgia, and wish them every success in their new venture.

Village Hall Events - Dates for your diary

We have regular sessions, during the day and evenings including Tai Chi, Pilates, Exercise and Balance, WI, Slimming World sessions and Cardiac Rehab group. For more details please see the website (Events)

December Village Events

4th Christmas Lunch 12noon-3pm
14th Christmas Bingo 7pm
16th Brass Band Carols 6pm

For any further information please email
info@stogurseyvillagehall.org.uk

FORGET-ME-NOT-CAFÉ

JUBILEE ROOMS, CASTLE
STREET, STOGURSEY



EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY
10.30 am – 12 NOON

WINTER & CHRISTMAS DATES:

Wednesday 7 th December:	Christmas Crafts
Wednesday 21 st December:	Christmas Celebrations
Wednesday 4 th January:	FMN Café's 4 th Birthday
Wednesday 18 th January:	Coffee, Chat, and home-made cake

Helen and Rose would like to thank everyone who has supported the Forget-me-Not Cafe throughout the year, especially Kay, Rosemary, Dot, Lynne, Rosamund, Jane, Sylvie, Philippa and Kelly: you are all wonderful.

And thank you to everyone who has helped our fundraising efforts including HPC, and SPS for buses for our trips out – it is very much appreciated by all of us in the group.

We wish all our friends and supporters
a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



*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
see what the Café is about.*

For more information please contact:
Helen: 01278 733451 cuttellhelen@gmail.com
Rose: 07507 374234 rosechalk@icloud.com

Pong

by Jan Ford

At first I thought it was drains that were smelly
But that Camembert certainly did give some welly!
I kept putting bleach down the sinks, soaked cleaning
cloths,
Cleansed the dishwasher filters, even corners with
moths!
I'd forgotten the cheese lurking close-by in the cool,
In the fridge near the sink. Now I do feel a fool!
So it now hangs outside, in a bag by the door.
I really don't want that pong any more!
I've found the solution - had done it before!
Of course we could eat it - and then buy some more



Stogursey Victory Hall Christmas Lunch

Sunday 4th December 2022

Open 12:00, lunch served at 12:30

Adults £20.00, Children £10 (10 years and under)

Phone 07453381844 to book
(menu on next page)

There are just a few days left to book your places for our

FUN CHRISTMAS QUIZ

taking place on **Friday 9th December**
in the Jubilee Rooms from 7.00pm

Book your team of 4 by Monday 5th December.

A ticket for £6.00 (per person) includes mince pies and mulled wine or cider so do come and join in. The lucky winning team receives a Christmas hamper.

We will again be supporting the charity 'Crisis' with some of the proceeds.

Contact: Sukey Elstob (Stogursey Twinning Association)
on 01278 732149 or sukey.elstob@btinternet.com

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

East Quantoxhead Village Hall

DECEMBER 10th 10.00am -12 midday

CAFÉ – Bacon/Sausage baps – mince pies

TOMBOLA

Books / DVDs / CDs



Don't miss the fabulous

CHRISTMAS MARKET!

in the Jubilee Rooms, Stogursey

on Saturday 10th December, 10.00 – 12.30

ENTRY: £2.00 to include a fresh hot drink (tea, coffee, hot chocolate) and mince pie (children under 12 free).

A range of Craft Stalls, including:

Locally produced honey and beeswax products,
Christmas Decorations and gift items, Original Paintings,
Christmas cards, Jewellery and other handmade items
AND

Homemade Bakes and Cakes Stall,
Homemade Chutney, and
the chance to win a decorated
CHRISTMAS CAKE!

Stogursey Victory Hall Christmas Bingo

Wednesday 14th December

Doors Open at 7pm

Eyes Down at 8pm

Lots of Good Prizes

Please come along and enjoy
an evening with family and friends

Christmas Carol Concert

with West Somerset Brass Band

Friday 16th December

Victory Hall, Stogursey
7.00pm

Tickets: £10 in aid of

Stringston Church &

Watchet & West Somerset Brass Band

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

I am sure there are many who remember and enjoyed the **Burnham and Highbridge Brass Band**, when they gave their concert in the Victory Hall last year.

German 'oompah' music, 'Last Night of the Proms' and plenty of good brass band favourites were enjoyed.

There will be another opportunity for audience participation in our Christmas Concert at:

THE PRINCESS THEATRE & ARTS CENTRE

Sunday 18th December at 7.00pm

Tickets £8 (Concessions £7)

Price includes theatre booking fee

Booking Office: 01278 784464

www.theprincesstheatre.co.uk

(You can book a table and a meal before the concert.)

Phil Griggs

HOLFORD GARDENERS' GROUP

DECEMBER 20th 7.30pm

at H&D Village Hall

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Members £1.00 Visitors £2.00

Tel 01278 741173 for membership information

Stogursey Victory Hall
Christmas Lunch 4th December
(see previous page for details)

MENU

Choice of Starter:

Christmassy Butternut Squash Soup
served with a bread roll
Traditional Christmas Pâte served with melba toast

Choice of Main Course:

Turkey and stuffing
Beef and Yorkshire pudding
Vegetarian option
All served with seasonal vegetables
and all the trimmings

Choice of Dessert:

Christmas pudding with brandy sauce or custard
Sherry trifle
Ice cream

To Finish:

Mince Pie
Coffee or tea



Come and escape the chill of these wintery evenings by visiting a world of aristocratic luxury and splendour in our December film: **Downton Abbey; A New Era**

The much-anticipated cinematic return of the ever popular global hit reunites the familiar cast as they go on a grand journey to the South of France in their quest to uncover the mystery of the Dowager Countess' newly inherited villa.

This is escapism at its finest and serves as a perfect start to the Christmas season. Come and join us on **Thursday 15th December** at the Jubilee Rooms, where you are guaranteed a warm welcome (and possibly a mince pie or two!)

Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets can be purchased on the night or in advance at the Post Office in Spar. We look forward to seeing you all there.

May we also take this opportunity to thank you for your support and patronage over the last year. It has been a joy spending time with you all.

Merry Christmas!
The Soap Factory Team



Stogursey Arts Photographic Society

"It's an illusion that photos are made with the camera ... they are made with the eye, heart and head" *Henri Cartier Bresson*

The first meeting of our new photography society set about discussing what we each wanted from the evening and what we thought it could develop into. Some of those interested in joining the group could not make meetings earlier in the week, due to work commitments, so it was decided to have meetings later in the week on Thursdays from 7pm. If you would like to join the society, missed the first meeting, but want to know a bit more about what we are intending to do, read on.

We decided that a good focus would be to work towards an exhibition of our work based on a local theme. Those present had various interests and levels of technical expertise ranging from wild life photography, society/people, landscape, digital manipulation, traditional wet dark room practice, colour and black and white compositional work. Those present had used a wide range of camera equipment from vintage film cameras to the latest digital camera phones.

It was good to see a broad range of approaches, which have the potential to promote lively discussion through introductions, talks and contributions by individuals in the group. We decided that the society: looks to develop an environment where each member can offer and be supported by others to improve their work and share ideas through 'critical friendship'. It was felt that we should aim at using a structure for meetings, to help focus discussion, showing work, sharing ideas, sharing techniques and bringing things to the table, for example as a starting point: prints, camera equipment, lighting and objects of interest.

The next meeting will start with a fifteen-minute talk introduced by one of the group about their work, followed by discussion. We will also be discussing our 'local' exhibition and the ideas that the group have had since the first meeting. Plans for sponsorship will be discussed, along with progress on costing framing and the printing of images. It is hoped that the society will generate a permanent exhibition for the Jubilee Rooms for the village, the wider parish and other visitors to enjoy.

So if you are interested, come along and join in. We are not expecting experts, just potential members who have an interest or who are maybe starting out and want to find more about the subject and all the different ways you can approach it, sharing knowledge with some like-minded interested enthusiasts, who are keen to put this new society at the heart of the village.

The next meeting is booked for **8th December**, starting at 7pm in the Jubilee Rooms Castle Street. There is a voluntary sub of £2 to cover running costs of the Rooms.

Mike Bradshaw
SAPS for Stogursey Arts Trust



**Stogursey Community Network
(SCN)
December 2022**

Stogursey Lunches ~ TUESDAYS, served in the **Jubilee Rooms, Stogursey.**

These delicious lunches are prepared by Food Hygiene certified volunteers, using fresh, local produce whenever possible.

Anyone can book to come along for a meal; you can bring guests, just be sure to book for everyone! A vegetarian option is always available, we can cater for special diets / preferences, on request.

Payment is by a cash donation of your choice, cheques accepted.

Advance booking please. Tel: 01278 733451

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, contact the Village Agent (for a Foodbank referral) and/or Home Start (for families with young children). You will find their telephone Numbers in Stogursey News.

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 is by cash donation.

Medical transport only: 07485 350560 (phone and leave a clear message).

SCN volunteers can collect your **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.

We are always looking for new volunteer drivers; could you join our team? You must have your own car, a clean driving license and undertake a DBS check (which we arrange and pay for), your mileage will be reimbursed. Please contact us for an informal chat.

How to contact SCN: Tel: **01278 732149** or message us via Facebook **StogurseyCN Facebook**.

DECEMBER MENU



Tuesday 6th December

(book by Friday 2nd December - phone 01278 733451)

Toad-in-the-hole (meat sausages) OR
Toad-in-the-hole (vegetarian sausages)
both served with potatoes, carrots & peas

Chocolate brownie and icecream

Tuesday 13th December

(book by Friday 9th phone 01278 733451)

Cheese & Onion Tart with baked potato and salad, OR
Hearty Chcken & vegetable soup with bread & butter

Nutty cheesecake squares and berry coulis

Tuesday 20th December

(book by Friday 16th : phone 01278 733451)

Christmas Lunch

(vegetarian option can be booked in advance)

with all the trimmings!

Christmas Pudding OR
Trifle

Tuesday 27th December

NO LUNCH TODAY

January 2023

Tuesday 3rd January

Lunches will start again on Tuesday 10th January
after the Christmas/New Year break.
The menu will be in January's Stogursey News.

We love books!



Books are our favourite way to start our learning. We have enjoyed many books this term such as 'Farmer Duck' where we explored autumn changes; and 'Pumpkin Soup' which explored friendship. We also made our own butternut squash soup. 'Fireworks' triggered lots of questions about stars and space which led to all of us learning about the solar system.

We have found some great books to continue the children's interests.

We LOVE books - they ignite curiosity and questions.



helps children
communicate
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Accredited Setting
Supportive Level

We are really proud to have achieved our ICan accreditation - our strengths outlined by the licensed mentor were noted to be:

1. Core staff encourage back and forth conversations and use contingent language skills to support children's language development.
2. The setting values each child and offers individualized support.
3. Photographs and pictures are used effectively to encourage independence and support learning.



Little Acorns Preschool
wishes you all a
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year.

Points from the Parish Council Meeting 8th November 2022

Grants awarded

The meeting awarded a grant of £500 to help the Friends of Stogursey School (FOSS) with the Fireworks event and also awarded the Youth Club Committee £2441 to help keep the Club running until the end of March 2023. The Councillors were pleased to hear how the Youth Club Committee is working hard to ensure the Club remains financially stable to ensure that it continues to support the young people of the Parish.

Parish Councillor Co-option

Members co-opted Gregor Millar onto the Parish Council, but there is still another empty seat to be filled. If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor please contact the Clerk or any of the Parish Councillors to find out more about the role and how you may be co-opted on to the Council.

Hinkley Point B De-Commissioning

Members had a presentation on the de-commissioning of Hinkley Point B and how the various stages will be managed over the coming decades.

National Grid

A second presentation to members updated them on the work to be done on the various pylons in the Stolford area that are to be either installed, or removed, over the coming year, with work set to commence in early 2023.

Budget for Parish Council 2023

Members reviewed the responsible financial officers' proposed budget for the coming financial year and resolved by a majority to increase it by £615 to £31,425 (a 2% annual increase). This will enable the Parish Council to continue to maintain the Burgage Road Play Area, and other public areas as well as consider the implications of the move from the four district Councils and the County Council into the one unitary Somerset Council, which will commence operation on 1st April 2023. It is also likely that in the new year the long-awaited transfer of the two parcels of land at the entrance to Paddons Farm may well happen.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 13th December 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 stogurseyccclerk@gmail.com

Richard Wand, Clerk to Stogursey Parish Council

Good health to you, "was hael"

In 1686 John Aubrey recorded the events of 'Twelve Eve':
"... the ploughmen have their Twelve-cake, and they go into the Ox-house, to the oxen with the Wassell-bowle and drink to the ox with crumpled horn, that treads out the come; they have an old concerned rhythm: and afterwards they go with their Wassell-bowle into the orchard and goe about the trees to blesse them, and put a piece of toste upon the roots. . ."

But the cider for the wassail bowl had to be made, and for that apple juice was needed.

Cy and Mary Bartlett kindly invite you to "wassail" their orchard on **Saturday 7th Jan 2023**

We are leaving the "The Babbling Brook", Shurton at 1.30pm, then following the "Big Noise" street band through the fields to the orchard where the celebrations will take place:

Mulled cider . . . hot soup . . . live music . . . dancing . . .
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HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL!

from Marion and Royce

Next meeting on Thursday. January 26th 2023, 2 p.m. at the Community Room in Dulverton.
For More information ring 01398 371 450

Solution to Quick Crossword No 30 - November

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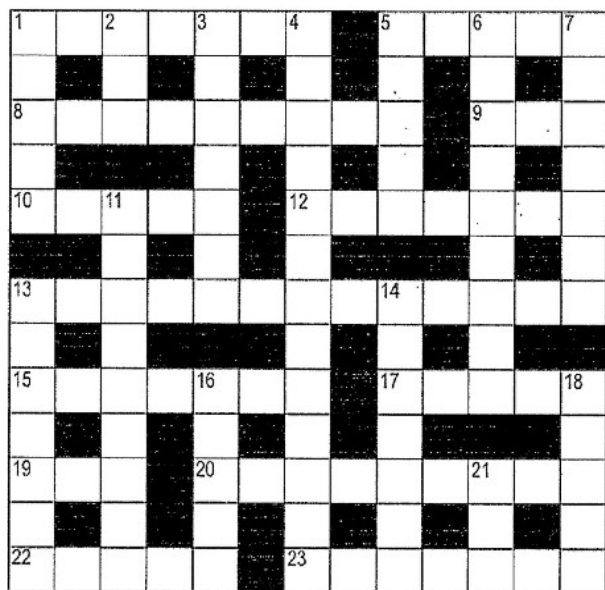
1. Batiste, 5. Carts, 8. Squibbing, 9. DNA, 10. Akela, 12. Maybugs, 13. Aesthetically, 15. Cryptic, 17. Ryder, 19. Ups, 20. Paleology, 22. Doses, 23. Yangtze

DOWN:

1. Basra, 2. Tau, 3. Sabbath, 4. Enigmatically, 5. Cagey, 6. Redoubled, 7. Spassky, 11. Essayists, 13. Accrued, 14. Cardoon, 16. Tapas, 18. Rhyme, 21. Oat

Quick Crossword No 31

compiled by Helen Cuttall



CLUES ACROSS

1. Living or growing in water (7)
5. Heavy wooden pole tossed at Highland Games (5)
8. Someone who draws plans (9)
9. Substance used to change the colour of something (3)
10. Fur used for making artists' brushes (5)
12. Monkshood (7)
13. 5th largest of the lakes ----- / ----- (8,5)
15. Mediterranean herb (7)
17. Something that is doomed (5)
19. City in SW France (3)
20. The collection & study of postage stamps (9)
22. Fully prepared (5)
23. English writer of The Hobbit (7)

CLUES DOWN

1. Mountain range in South America (5)
2. --- Thurman - Actor (3)
3. Hats! (7)
4. Bell ringer (13)
5. 2nd longest river in Africa (5)
6. A racquet sport (9)
7. European deer (7)
11. Island in the Outer Hebrides (9)
13. Helicopter (7)
14. Small songbird (7)
16. More than sufficiently (5)
18. Semi-synthetic fibre (5)
21. Biblical figure (3)

Quantock u3a

Quantock u3a now has nearly 100 members. We have many interest groups – Calligraphy, Canasta, Genealogy, Bird Watching, Walking, Mahjong, Wellbeing, Lunch Club, Local History, Chess, French conversation and Card Making. In the next few months we hope to add Embroidery, Ambling and The Opera Voice to our list.

For information about joining please contact our Membership Secretary, Dave Simpson: dave@simbright.co.uk. For information on u3a in general: <https://www.u3a.org.uk/>

Quantock u3a's October meeting was held at Stogursey Village Hall. Jessica Harris, Environmental Engineer at Hinkley Point C gave us a very relevant talk on 'Meeting the Challenges of Climate Change and Energy Security'. Quantock u3a is in the process of arranging a visit to Hinkley for our members early next year.

Our January meeting will be held at 2pm on Monday 23rd in Crowcombe Village Hall. Our talk will be by Ben Totterdell from Exmoor National Park on 'Dark Skies'.

Non members are most welcome to attend our monthly meetings. Quantock u3a is very relaxed and friendly and everyone is made to feel welcome.

Mo Young, Chair Quantock u3a

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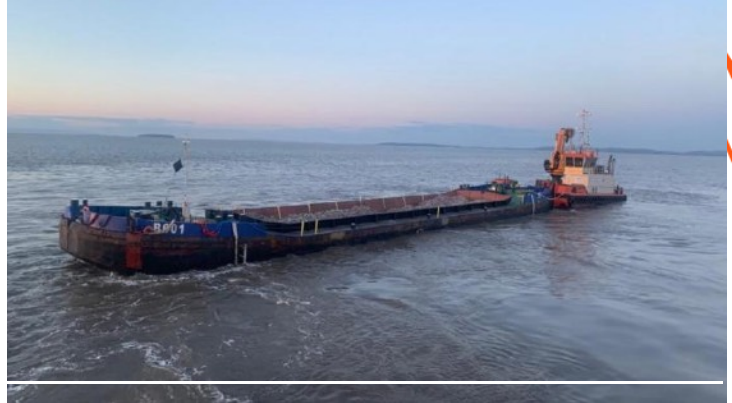
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Andrew's Update

Many of you will know that Vicki has started a new chapter in her career which leaves me to bring you the latest news from Hinkley Point C this month. I will be joined by a new member of the team early next year but please do continue to get in touch with us using the contact details below with any questions or concerns you may have.

October has been a busy month of progress with many more elements completed as we head towards the end of 2022. There are plenty of changes to be seen on the ground, with the reactor buildings and turbine halls continuing to rise out the ground. Over the past month we have also seen the completion of key elements of our marine works programme. You may well have noticed this work taking place offshore, with a number of vessels in operation.



Balfour Beatty have now officially completed their 2022 programme of works, with an operation to protect the water intake heads that were successfully lowered onto the seabed in August. Each of the intake heads was set down on a gravel bed but this could be washed away by the strong currents that are present in the Channel without additional protection. Over the past two months, the team have been working to place larger gravel pieces – known as a filter layer – on top of the gravel beds to protect them from the harsh tidal conditions.

To do this, the team used large split hopper barges moved into position by tugboats. The barges have the capability to drop up to 1,100 tonnes of rock onto the seabed in less than two minutes, which is equivalent in size to around 150 African elephants per placement! In total, 62 placements took place.

Heidi Fisher, Offshore Section Engineer within Balfour Beatty's Technical team, said: "We made several rock placements per Head and ran progress surveys to check that the rocks have landed correctly.

"We worked through a period of spring tides, which only gave us a short time window to make the rock placements. It can be quite a challenging environment to operate in."

The rock placement for the filter layer took place at a safe distance away from the Heads to prevent damage to them. A larger vessel called Naseem, which carried an excavator equipped with a levelling tool that was specially designed for the Project, was used for any necessary levelling work on the filter rocks to cover the gravel bed.

The Next Phase: Tunnel Connections

In 2023 the team will be moving into the next important phase of our marine work as the underground cooling water tunnels are connected up to the water intake heads themselves. This highly complex piece of engineering is expected to begin in the spring of next year and we will bring you more news of progress in 2023.

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Hinkley Point C - Monthly Update

A round up of the latest news from Hinkley Point C

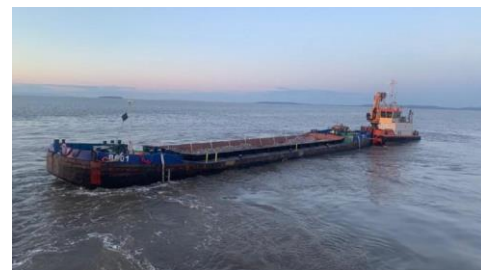
Reactor dome works complete for 2022

Another key milestone has been reached as the first phase of works on Unit 1's Dome have been completed. Our mechanical and electrical teams have now finished the internal pipe welding and successfully conducted a pressure test of the containment heat removal system. Ahead of lifting the dome into position next year, we will be completing the final painting of the structure whilst also making sure the most sensitive pipework is ready.



2022 Marine Works Programme Completed

The marine works team have officially completed their 2022 programme just off-shore of the Hinkley Point C site. Following the placing of the intake heads in August, the team have now completed the work to create robust, scour resistant gravel beds that will protect the intake heads from the strong currents in the Bristol Channel.



BBC Documentary: The Women Building Nuclear

A recent documentary aired on BBC One focussed on the diversity of the Hinkley Point C Project and specifically the women involved in a diverse set of roles across the site. The "We Are England" production team visited Hinkley Point C in the Spring, to film the episode which was broadcast at the end of October.

You can find out more about the work of Janaan, Aurelia and Courtney for a limited period of time whilst the documentary is available on BBC iPlayer.

[Watch the documentary on BBC iPlayer](#)



A Focus on Respect

A new scheme has been launched to recognise people from across the project who embody our culture of respect – both for each other in our work on-site and as part of the local community. The first recipients of the new award represented individuals from our security, site operations and catering teams and were given special pin badges to recognise their actions in doing the right thing.



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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
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Stogursey

Greyhound Inn	1.10 - 1.50 pm
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Next scheduled Visits in 2022

1 December

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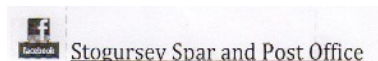
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