

# STOGURSEY NEWS



**A puddle outside the shop - for St Valentine's Day?** Photo MB

## February 2023

# Deadline for March 2023 contributions: 10.00 am Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023

## EDITORIAL

We hope you will enjoy reading February's Stogursey News.

At this time of year we find ourselves looking forward to spring and the brighter warmer days. Yet, in these remaining days of winter, we should not forget the opportunities to meet that events like the Soap Factory Cinema, WI meetings, Stogursey Lunches, Coffee Shop, the Forget-Me-Not Club and the Strummers of Stogursey regularly offer. In the long dark days meeting together can help us feel less lonely and isolated, so it is good to know that the Jubilee Rooms are open at various times in the week as a warm space. The times are given in the magazine.

There is helpful information about recycling unwanted household items via HOMEBANK, and a suggestion about "putting the boot in" to help keep the lanes around the village clear of surface water.

Finally, the Editorial Team would like to thank those people (often new to the village) who answered last month's request for help with the distribution of Stogursey News and with the Editorial Team. Thank you very much.

*the Editorial Team*

### Stogursey-Online.uk

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

You can post local upcoming events on the parish website [www.stogursey-online.uk](http://www.stogursey-online.uk)

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

### Stogursey News

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

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

## 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](mailto:stogurseynews@hotmail.co.uk)

### b) by hand:

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

### A few points to remember:

- Submit your contribution by the deadline date.
- 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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**SERVICES IN THE QUANTOCK COAST BENEFICE : FEBRUARY 2023**

<b>CHURCH</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> February 3rd before Lent</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> February 2<sup>nd</sup> before Lent</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> February Sunday Next before Lent</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> February Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> February 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>
EAST QH	-	Sunday @3 NM	-	There will be an online service at 10.00am	-
FIDDINGTON	9.00am Eucharist DB	9.00am Eucharist NM	9.00am Eucharist SC	An actual service will be planned somewhere for later in the day	-
HOLFORD	6.30pm Evensong NM	9.30am Eucharist (Common Worship) SC	11.00am Holy Communion (BCP) NM	-	Benefice Eucharist NM and others
KILVE	11.00am Eucharist NM	11.00am Family Service SC	9.30am Eucharist DB	-	-
STOGURSEY	10.30am Eucharist TS	10.30am Eucharist NM	10.30am Eucharist CM	-	-
STRINGSTON	11.00am FAMILY SERVICE SB	11.00am Café Church SB	11.00am Eucharist SC	-	-
WEST QH	9.30am EUCCHARIST NM	9.30am Eucharist DB	9.30am Family Service NM	-	-
Liturgical colour & Readings	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	PURPLE	PURPLE
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Isaiah 58: 1 - 12	Genesis 1: 1 – 2: 3	Exodus 24: 12 - end	TBC	Genesis 2: 15 – 17, 3: 1 - 7
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	1 Cor 2: 1 - end	Romans 8: 8 -25	2 Peter 1: 16 - end		Romans 5: 12 - 19
Gospel	Matthew 5: 13 - 20	Matt 6: 25 - end	Matthew 17: 1 - 9		Matt 4: 1 - 11

## Regular Events

Monday	Health Walks (weekly) Contact Ralph 07969777325 Short Mat Bowls (weekly) Contact: Ron 01278 732688	Stear Marshes Car Park Victory Hall	2.00pm 7.30pm - 9.00pm
Tuesday	Core Stability (Pilates-based) 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) Meditation (first & third Tuesday of month) Quantock Tennis Club (first Tuesday of month)	Victory Hall Victory Hall Jubilee Rooms St Audries Centre Victory Hall Victory Hall Victory Hall Multi-sport court, Victory Hall	9.00am 10.30am Doors Open 12 noon Eyes Down 2.00pm 2.30pm 7.00pm 7.15pm 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 Jubilee Rooms	10.30am 10.30am - 12 noon 7.00pm - 9.00pm 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Thursday	Mobile Library visit (once every four-weeks) Youth Club (weekly) Stogursey Arts Photographic Society- SAPS (second Thursday of month) Film Night (monthly)	Shurton & Stogursey Youth Club Jubilee Rooms Jubilee Rooms	as per schedule 6.30pm - 8.30pm 7.00pm doors open 7.00pm
Friday	Coffee Shop (weekly) Quantock Tennis Club (weekly) Contact John Nicholson 01278 732711 or jfnicholson@talktalk.net	Jubilee Rooms Multi-sport court, Victory Hall	10.30am - 12 noon 10.00am - 12 noon
Sunday	Quantock Tennis Club (weekly)	Multi-sport court, Victory Hall	10.00am - 12 noon

## DIARY

### February

Weds 1 <sup>st</sup>	Forget-me-not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon
Weds 8 <sup>th</sup>	SoS - Ukulele Session	Greyhound Inn	7.30pm
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>	Mobile Library Visit	Shurton & Stogursey (2 stops)	2023 times slightly altered
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>	SAPS (Photographic Society)	Jubilee Rooms	7.00pm
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	WI: History of St Valentine's Day	Victory Hall	2.30pm
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting	Victory Hall	7.00pm
Weds 15 <sup>th</sup>	Forget-me-not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	Film Night: <i>The Outfit</i>	Jubilee Rooms	Doors Open 7.00pm
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	Soup & Cake Social Event	Jubilee Rooms	12.00 noon - 2.30pm
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	Carnival Quiz Night	Victory Hall	7.30pm

### March

Weds 1 <sup>st</sup>	Forget-me-not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	WI: Soap Making Demonstration	Victory Hall	2.30pm
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting	Victory Hall	7.00pm
Weds 15 <sup>th</sup>	Forget-me-not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	Somerset Opera: <i>The Gondoliers</i>	Victory Hall	7.00pm
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	Stogursey Twinning Association AGM	Jubilee Rooms	7.00pm





Come and escape the winter blues in the company of friends with our next offering at the  
**Soap Factory Cinema.**

On **Thursday 16th February** we will be showing 'The Outfit', a timeless old school thriller starring the wonderful Mark Rylance. He plays a tailor who inadvertently gets caught up with a Chicago mobster family, needing all of his cunning to survive. The strong ensemble cast of familiar faces add to the classiness of this film, which has a wealth of positive reviews. The twists and turns of this intelligent drama, are guaranteed to keep you on the edge of your seat until the credits roll.

Enjoy this treat with our wide selection of wines and beers, all at very reasonable prices. The show kicks off at 7.30pm with the doors open at the Jubilee Rooms from 7pm. Tickets are available on the door or in advance from the post office.

See you all then!

*The Soap Factory Team*



## Stogursey WI

**January Meeting:** The Stogursey WI discussed various topics relating to how the WI interacts both locally and nationally to current events. Our campaigns have tackled issues that matter, from equal pay to climate change, mental health and violence against women. Over the past 100 years, our members have embraced a diverse set of challenges. The WI has brought real change to our communities.

### WI Diary dates:

- 14<sup>th</sup> February 2.30pm Stogursey Victory Hall –  
Do you know the history of Valentine's Day?  
14<sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm Stogursey Victory Hall –  
Soap Making demonstration

**Keep the date! 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 12 noon, St George's Day Lunch**, hosted by the WI, at the Jubilee Rooms, Stogursey.  
This is a ticketed event. Details to be posted.

### Interested in becoming a WI Member?

Contact Ann ✉ [stogurseytylidesley@gmail.com](mailto:stogurseytylidesley@gmail.com)

## Strummers of Stogursey

We have had some fun sessions over the past couple of months in the bar of the Greyhound Inn. There has been a regular core of strummers of all ability playing and singing a wide range of genres including rock and pop classics, sing-a-long, country, folk and more.

New members are welcome - we are keen to have more.

We're going to be able to continue meeting at the pub for the near future, so can confirm that the next get-together will take place in the Greyhound Inn on **Wednesday 8 February at 7.30pm.**

*Ian Elenor*



On Tour - in venues across the County  
from 16<sup>th</sup> March - 1<sup>st</sup> April.



[www.somersetopera.org.uk](http://www.somersetopera.org.uk) for details

## Stogursey Victory Hall

7.00 pm

**Friday 24 March**

**Tickets £12 Available from:**  
Stogursey Post Office  
Allen Searle 01278 732820  
Chris Ford 07552 610692

## COFFEE MORNING

East Quantoxhead Village Hall  
Saturday February 18<sup>th</sup> 10.00am -12 midday  
Café/Bricrac/Books/DVDs

## HOLFORD GARDENERS' GROUP

Holford and District Village Hall  
**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 7.30pm**  
**'Growing and Showing Sweet Peas'**  
a talk by Gill Hazell  
Members £1.00 Visitors £2.00  
All Welcome  
Contact 01278 741173  
for further details on the Group

# Stogursey Arts Photographic Society

## "Out of the Quantocks\* into Stogursey, out of Stogursey into the Sea" Anon

*We have taken the original quote, which said 'World'\* and substituted it with 'Quantocks'*

Our quote this month has been selected as a 'working title' for the SAPS exhibition, which the group have started working on in earnest. We felt the 'World' was just a bit too ambitious!

We want to build on the ideas behind the visual documentary work by early photographers, who recorded the local people and the area at the turn of the last century as camera technology evolved. We will reference the successful Stogursey Oral History Project, which we felt could provide some valuable starting points, as we begin to make our own photographic records.

At our January meeting we discussed themes, costs and some intentions, which could not only lead to our proposed exhibition, but also form the beginning of an ongoing 'social history project', illustrating 'The Village', its situation between the Quantocks and the Bristol Channel and how we see parish life now and current developments which point to the future.

The themes we identified are quite open at present, for example:

- The surrounding, significant landscape, near or seen from the village or towards the village.
- Portraits of local people, where they live or where they are at work.
- Significant landmarks, our homes, streets, our community buildings and places of work.
- Activities and gatherings, which make up the Stogursey year.
- Significant wildlife (flora and fauna).

Once we start to share and see ideas developing visually, we can begin to organise work into groups ready to curate the exhibition or exhibitions. To help keep each other informed of work in progress we are establishing a 'What SAPS' group.

In looking to the future, the team debated the frequency of exhibitions and concluded maybe twice a year would be achievable in the first instance.

This month's 15 minute visual presentations were introduced by Ken Arnold and Mike Bradshaw. Ken took us through the making of a fabulous piece of his work: a large print he had made from initial image capture, beautifully photographed on Exmoor and skilfully manipulated at home using Photoshop. The image, in black and white, had been 'cleaned up' using the computer software, enhancing the picturesque scene, its

textures and the drama of the original composition. For beginners it was a brilliant example of what can be achieved, and Ken has offered to help individuals in the group if they want to learn the software.

Mike had recently visited an exhibition of photography at Tate Britain, showing work by the late Bill Brandt. Brandt had sparked Mike's own interest in photography as a student back in the seventies. He had chosen Brandt's work to illustrate how close cropping of photos can abstract the 'figure' in photography. Brandt had created some brilliant photographic images of the figure, which looked as if they were part of a beach landscape. Legs, arms, hands and torso appeared as if they were pebbles or large rocks. He showed some earlier work showing the progression of Brandt's use of wide-angle lenses and large format cameras, and talked about the very obvious influence of Man Ray, the Surrealist artist and photographer (who Brandt had previously worked with).

Next month Dave Hathaway will be loaning his collection of local (photo) postcards to open up the evening's discussions. So if you are interested, come along and join in.

The next meeting is booked for **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February**, starting at 7pm in the Jubilee Rooms, Castle Street. There is a voluntary sub of £2 to cover running costs of the Jubilee Rooms.

*Mike Bradshaw*  
*SAPS for Stogursey Arts Trust*

## Getting to Grips with Winter (Putting the Boot In)

You will no doubt have noticed the puddles and streams of water lining the lanes and roads and causing flooding. This surface water also masks the potholes and over time affects the tarmac and degrades the road surface. The overall result is deterioration of the road network leading to increased cost of maintenance paid for by you know who.

Surprisingly, in many situations there is a ditch with capacity to accept this excess. The nub of the issue is the mud and leaves blocking the 'grips'. These are the short channels linking the road to the ditch. The Highways Authority is responsible for the road network, and should regularly check the verges, but the heel of a wellington boot can often clear the problem.

*Name supplied*



## Welcome to Mr Tyler

Mr Tyler joined the school in January, and is the classroom teacher for Triscombe Class (Reception, and Years 1 & 2 pupils.)

He says, "I am enjoying being at the school, and am settling in very well."

## Beacon Class is erupting!

We've only been back to school for a short while but Beacon Class is already whizzing away with their new learning journey.

Over the course of the Spring term, children in years 5 and 6 will be busy enquiring about how mountains and volcanoes are formed, conducting investigations to discover the impact of gravity and the forces that exist in our world.

They will use the knowledge they have gained from this to create models with levers and pulleys during Stogursey Adventurers.

## Dance Workshops

We are so lucky to have Miss Logan organise a 3-day dance workshop (led by dance professionals) for the whole school whereby the children (in their classes) are learning a dance routine which links to their geographical focus of the term.

Beacon is creating a fiery routine inspired by volcanoes; Alfoxton is inspired by places in Europe, and Triscombe has linked their dance to the local area - how lovely!

A big THANK YOU to Miss Logan for organising such a fantastic experience!

## New Books to Read



Beacon Class began reading two new books: *The Dam* by David Almond, and *The Last Bear* by Hannah Gold.

Each of these texts have connections with the pupils' geographical learning for the spring term.

*The Dam* touches on how the natural landscape influenced the location for the construction of The Kielder Dam which helped provide an adequate water supply to surrounding areas.

*The Last Bear* looks into the impact of climate change and the plight of endangered species. These two texts will influence the Year 5/6 writing, leading to a high-quality explanation essay, news report and story (with a focus on setting description).

Pupils are enjoying the texts so far and are keen to apply their learning to their written work and can't wait to show off what they can produce.



## Stogursey Community Network (SCN)

### NEWS FROM THE QUANTOCK FOODBANK

Plans for the **Mobile Pantry vehicle**, which is intended to go out to the various locations so that users do not have to drive to Watchet to choose the items in their Pantry collection, is progressing well.

Thanks to the most incredible donations from people in the Quantock area and a Heart of the Community award, the fund nearly covers the contract cost of both the chassis and the insulated van interior. There are still excess inflation costs to find plus a suitable base for the vehicle and installation of a charging point, but overall progress is good!

The Mobile Pantry vehicle will be coming to Stogursey in the Spring on its commissioning trials. However, the same system will operate on this as with the Foodbank i.e. those who are struggling may seek a referral from the usual agencies which include Job Centres, NHS services, Social Services, Village Agents, and others too numerous to name.

Quantock Foodbank is a Registered Charity; Number 1189991 Tel: 07483 815122  
Email: [quantockfoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:quantockfoodbank@gmail.com)

### A WARM WELCOME

in the Jubilee Rooms, Stogursey



The Stogursey Jubilee Rooms are offering **Warm Welcome** sessions, with free hot drinks and refreshments throughout January - March.

Come along and join us for company and friendship.  
All ages welcome!

Meet your friends there, or bring them along with you.

We are looking forward to welcoming you on:

Tuesday afternoons from 3.00 – 5.00 pm;

Every second Wednesday morning,  
starting on 11<sup>th</sup> January, from 10.00 – 12.00

Thursday afternoons from 3.00 – 5.00 pm

Friday mornings from 10.00 – 12.00

*Funded by Somerset Community Foundation and  
Stogursey Community Network*

### You are invited to the Stogursey Jubilee Rooms' **Soup and Cake Social Event**

In the Jubilee Rooms on **Saturday 18th February**  
From 12.00 – 2.30 pm

Choice of delicious home-made soups, with bread/rolls,  
followed by a choice of scrummy home-made cake  
and tea/coffee.

Price: £7.00/person.

All proceeds to the Stogursey Jubilee Rooms.

(Pre-Booking not essential but advisable  
to avoid disappointment!

[sirbookings7@gmail.com](mailto:sirbookings7@gmail.com) or leave a message on Tel:  
07565 149966)

### **SOLUTION TO QUICK CROSSWORD No 32**

January 2023

ACROSS:

1. Wassail, 5. Foals, 8. Elaeagnus, 9. Par, 10. Elfin,  
12. Royalty, 13. Aqueous Humour, 15. Paisley, 17.  
Shard, 19. Oft, 20. Mayflower, 22. Ascot, 23. Donkeys

DOWN:

1. Where, 2. Sia, 3. Ataunto, 4. Lynyrd Skynyrd, 5.  
Fussy, 6. Appaloosa, 7. Sprayer, 11. Fluviatic, 13.  
Amphora, 14. Upsilon, 16. Limit, 18. Darts, 21. Wye

### **Blue Tits**

*by Phoebe Hesketh*

Bobbing on willow branches, blue and yellow,  
Acrobatic blue tits swing and sway  
In careful somersaults and neat gyrations  
Grub-picking deftly down each bending spray.

Now one rebuffs an alien intruder -  
Humdrum sparrow, drab among the gold -  
Churrs and scolds in azure-crested anger,  
Scuttles down a twig in blue and bold  
Defiance at this urchin gutter-haunter  
Till all the blues combine against one grey:  
Active whirr and flutter, feathered thunder  
Of tiny wings to drive the foe away.

Brave blue tit, white-cheeked like a painted toy  
Jerking to life from pavement-seller's string,  
Twirls round twigs, his natural trapezes,  
Darts to snap a moth upon the wing.  
Plum-as-willow-catkin, primrose-breasted,  
This sky-capped morsel magnifies the Spring.





## February 2023 Update

### STOGURSEY LUNCHES

**Delicious home-cooked meals, served in the Jubilee Rooms, Stogursey on Tuesdays.** If you haven't tried our yummy lunches, lovingly prepared by our Food Hygiene certified volunteers, what are you waiting for?

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

Payment is by a cash donation of your choice, cheques accepted.  
**Advance booking essential. Tel: 01278 733451**

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### 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 the Foodbank collection box (outside The Rectory) and now in local shops. Please note that medicines, fizzy drinks or food past its Best Before Date cannot be accepted.

**New! There is now a Foodbank Collection Box in the Spar Shop, and in the Corner Shop.**

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**.

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**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 Tel 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 licence and undertake a DBS check (which we arrange and pay for), your mileage will be reimbursed.*

## FEBRUARY MENU

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February

(book by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan - phone 01278 733451)

Turkey & Ham Pie with vegetables, OR  
Homity Pie (leek & cheese) with vegetables

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Greek crustless Honey Pie

### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February

(book by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb - phone 01278 733451)

Meat Chilli and Rice, OR  
Vegetable Chilli and Rice

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Fruit Crumble

### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February

(book by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb - phone 01278 733451)

Beef Cobbler with vegetables, OR  
Mushroom Cobbler with vegetables

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Chocolate Orange Mousse

### Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February

(book by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb - phone 01278 733451)

Sausage & Bacon Casserole and vegetables, OR  
Vegetarian Sausage Casserole & vegetables

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Lemon Layer Pudding

**How to contact SCN:** Tel: 01278 732149 or message us via Facebook [Stogursey Community Network | Facebook](#)

# Points from the Parish Council Meeting

10<sup>th</sup> January 2023

## Parish Councillor Co-option

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 as there is still one vacancy yet to be filled.

## Public Rights of Way

Somerset County Council is the lead authority for rights of way in Somerset. They maintain a register of such rights and have made an available online mapping system which can help identify the route and you can help by reporting issues on the routes online -

[www.roam.somerset.gov.uk/roam/map](http://www.roam.somerset.gov.uk/roam/map)

## Thank you

The Parish Council would like to record their thanks to all those who helped decorate The Gravel for the Christmas period, bringing a festive look to the area. The Parish Council is keen to encourage some younger volunteers to assist next Christmas and bring down the average age of the group.

Another thank you to those who have volunteered to hold a stock for road salt for use on the road outside their homes.

## Coronation Celebrations

May 6<sup>th</sup> 2023 is Coronation Day, and the following Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> May, has been declared a public holiday for celebrations. If you are intending to hold a street party please ensure you apply for the necessary permission some 6-8 weeks ahead. Please contact the current Somerset West and Taunton Council

[www.somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk/licensing/street-licensing/holding-a-street-party/](http://www.somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk/licensing/street-licensing/holding-a-street-party/)

Webpage will give you some advice and access to the road closure application form for your event.

**The next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023 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](http://www.stogursey-online.uk) or any of the parish noticeboards. If necessary, please contact the Clerk for any further information ahead of the meeting. My phone number is 01278 652534 or you can e-mail me at [stogurseyppccclerk@gmail.com](mailto:stogurseyppccclerk@gmail.com)

Richard Wand  
Clerk to Stogursey Parish Council

## FORGET-ME-NOT-CAFÉ

JUBILEE ROOMS,  
CASTLE STREET, STOGURSEY  
EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY  
10.30am – 12 noon



*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.*

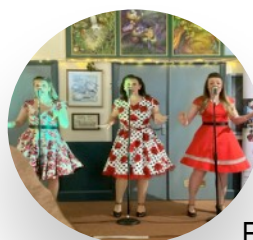
We had our Christmas Party on December 21<sup>st</sup> in the Jubilee Rooms.



The Strummers of Stogursey treated us to Christmas carols on the ukulele.

Santa and his Naughty Elf – (aka Nick & Jim from Somerset Passenger Solutions) brought presents for everyone.

Then we all had a festive turkey lunch.



In the afternoon we were entertained by the lovely Polka Dot Peaches from Daisy Chain Entertainment. Everyone joined in the singing and dancing and lots of fun was had by all.

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March

**As always a BIG THANK YOU from Helen & Rose to everyone who supports us, you are all wonderful!**

For more information please contact:  
Helen: 01278 733451 [cuttellhelen@gmail.com](mailto:cuttellhelen@gmail.com)  
Rose: 07507 374234 [rosechalk@icloud.com](mailto:rosechalk@icloud.com)

## Stogursey & District Victory Hall Committee News

### New Trustees and Volunteers required

We are seeking new trustees, with innovative ideas, to make the Village Hall more accessible to all.

Please email [info@stogurseyvillagehall.org.uk](mailto:info@stogurseyvillagehall.org.uk). We are also looking for volunteers to help with catering events, the bar and also events planning.

### Renew your Annual Social Club membership!

New Social Club cards are now ready for issue and the annual subscription is £5.00.

All proceeds go towards maintaining the Hall. For applications forms, please email

[info@stogurseyvillagehall.org.uk](mailto:info@stogurseyvillagehall.org.uk) or contact

Ann on 01278 732181.

### Social Club Winter Opening Times

Friday: 7pm to 11pm;

Saturday: 12 noon - 4pm, and 6pm - 11pm;

Sunday: 12 noon – 6pm.

### Village Hall Events

We are planning our events calendar and will be delighted to hear suggestions of any events you would like to be hosted.

We have regular sessions during the day and evenings.

For more details please see

[www.stogurseyvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.stogurseyvillagehall.org.uk)

### Dates for your diary of upcoming village events

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February Carnival Quiz Night  
7.30pm start, Teams of up to 5, £2 per person

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March Somerset Opera,

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April Carnival Race night

### Victory Hall Christmas Bingo

The Christmas Bingo proved to be very successful, raising a profit of £500 for the Village Hall funds.

The Management Committee wish to thank all those who attended and donated prizes, and who continue to support us and our events throughout 2023. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

## December Victory Hall Lottery Winners

1<sup>st</sup> prize £100.00

No 43 L Dunwood,

2<sup>nd</sup> prize £50.00

No 26 C White

3<sup>rd</sup> prize £25.00

No 36 J Manly

## 2023 Victory Hall Annual Lottery Subscriptions

Stogursey & District Victory Village Hall is a registered charity, and all profits from lottery subscriptions help towards its running costs. Prizes are drawn monthly, with bonus draws in June and December. Results are published monthly in Stogursey News.

Prizes (10 months) £25 £15 £10

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Please get in touch if you have any goods you would like to donate. I can arrange collection, and then take them to Bristol when I next visit my sister.

Teresa on 01278 733052



## News from the Quantock Medical Centre

I want to start by wishing all our readers a Happy and Healthy New Year!

We have had a very busy few months seeing a huge increase in cases of Flu, Chest infections and Strep Throats. We still have Flu vaccinations available. If anyone over 50 years old would like to book an appointment please call reception on 01278 732696.

Unfortunately, Helen Every our Advanced Nurse Practitioner has had to step down from her role due to ill health. She has been an amazing member of our team since 2015 and helped so many patients over the years. I know her patients will want to say a HUGE thank you to her and we will be organising, with our Patient Participation Group, a Thank you event for her in March, so please look out for the date and time.

Our Patient Participation Group has been resurrected following all the lockdowns over the last 2 – 3 years, and we had a very interesting meeting in December with over 12 attendees at the Nether Stowey Library. If you would be interested in joining our group, or coming along to find out about what's happening, you are welcome to join us. We will be meeting at the Nether Stowey Library at 10.15am on the following dates: 15<sup>th</sup> February, 21<sup>st</sup> June, 13<sup>th</sup> September and 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023. We discuss many issues affecting the Health Service and our local Practice. We would also like to raise awareness about the variety of different health professionals we have working with us at the Practice.

We have a First Practice Physiotherapist (FPP) who is available for patients to book directly in to see him on a Tuesday afternoon, with any NEW Musculo skeletal problems (not to be confused with ongoing Musculo or Orthopaedic problems you are already being seen and treated for). He is able to assess your NEW problem, and treat you through: specific exercises, joint injections, organising X-rays and scans, and referring on to the Orthopaedic Team if required. If your NEW problem is likely to require physiotherapy support, you would be advised to book in with our FPP rather than see a GP as this will help get you seen and treated a great deal quicker.

We have a new Health & Well Being coach on a Wednesday morning at the Practice, who is able to spend time with you; exploring what you would like to change or improve on, able to find out what motivates you, and help you access services and groups you might be interested in. This process helps you look at all aspects of your health including your mental and physical health, and can help with pain management, weight management, loneliness and isolation, as well as getting fit and back in to being more active. To find out more about what Health Coaches are able to offer go to <https://www.sasp.co.uk/> or call us and book into an appointment with our Health Coach.

I would also like to mention that we have been having a number of supply issues with obtaining medication stocks (as have the rest of the country) so we are requesting that patients order their repeat medications at least 3 working days in advance (not including weekends and bank holidays) in order for us to make every effort to complete your request. We hope you are able to understand and appreciate your support with this change.

I would also like to remind people that there are many ways to order your repeat medications:

**Drop off** your request to the Dispensary Box, or over the counter, these are collected twice a day. Doors to the surgery are open from 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday & Saturday 8.30am to 11:30am.

**Call** the dispensary on 01278 733385 Monday to Friday from 10:00am to 11:30am and 4pm – 5pm

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**To collect your Prescription:**

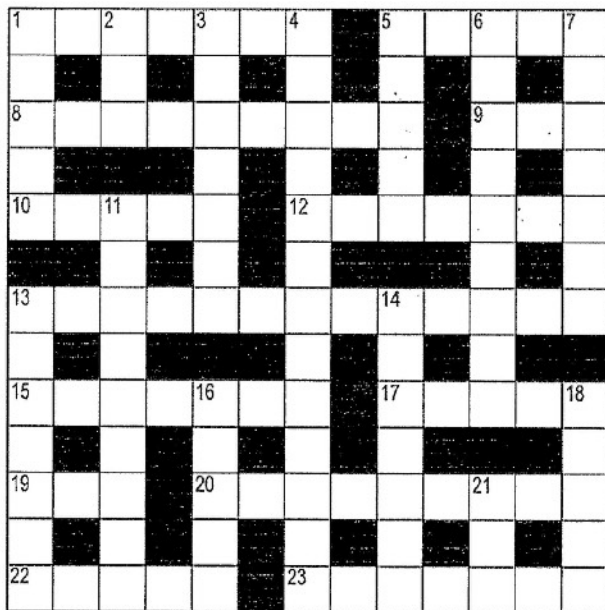
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Thank you for your support



## Quick Crossword No 33

Compiled by Helen Cuttell



### CLUES ACROSS

1. Thickset Spaniel with longish silky hair (7)
5. Port city on the Red Sea coast of Yemen (5)
8. Dive into and hit the water with your stomach (9)
9. Norwegian pop band (3)
10. Mountain Ash (5)
12. Nordic island country (7)
13. Person who composes the sequence of steps for a dance performance (13)
15. Hardy British white faced sheep (7)
17. Musical set in an orphanage (5)
19. An untruth (3)
20. City in the North West of England (9)
22. A metal made by combining two or more metallic elements (5)
23. A triangle with sides of unequal length (7)

### CLUES DOWN

1. Relating to computers and IT (5)
2. The address of a web page on the World Wide Web (3)
3. American singer, songwriter and dancer (7)
4. English rock band formed in 1962 (7,6)
5. Leaf featured on the flag of Canada (5)
6. Traditional Scottish dessert with oats, raspberries and whisky (9)
7. A judge or umpire (7)
11. Flour containing all the natural features of the grain (9)
13. The patron Saint of music (7)
14. South American desert (7)
16. Island in the Hebrides known for its whisky (5)
18. Nest of an eagle (5)
21. Connect or fasten (3)

Why not come and try the new

## Gentle and Nourishing Yoga Class

at Stogursey Victory Hall?

Having recently relocated to the Quantocks, Sookhi is excited to share her gentle and nourishing yoga with the local community. Sookhi has been deep-diving into the world of yoga for over the past decade. She completed her yoga diploma at the renowned school of Kaivalyadhama, in India in 2012, and she has since been enhancing her techniques and taught people all over the world. Her skills are constantly developing and incorporating the latest cutting edge findings in health and wellbeing.

The classes which Sookhi leads not only focus on the physical aspect, they also provide tools and techniques to manage one's emotional and mental layers as well. Her style includes embodiment meditations and breathing exercises (Pranayama), combined with a gentle physical routine to nourish the body mind system, helping one combat stress and feel energized and soothed after each class. Her classes are also played with soft music with the addition of aromatherapy to relax, revive and soothe.

If your idea of yoga is just about putting the body in pretzel like postures, I'm afraid this is what her classes are not. Sookhi's wish is to not only help one become stronger and flexible in the physical body, but flexibly emotionally and mentally also. Improving one's quality of life and reducing stress is her primary goal. With today's challenges, Sookhi wants to help equip people with tools to maintain calm and relaxed, with however stormy life may be; strengthening the nervous system, and thereby increasing the ability to adapt and weather any turbulence.

For Sookhi, it is connection and community that comes first; this is the core of Sookhi's ethos. And by sharing yoga with the local community here at the Stogursey Victory Hall, is her way of sharing and connecting with the greater community. When Sookhi is not practising yoga, she loves to cycle, take cold-plunge dips, enjoy vegan food, work in the allotment, and spend time connecting with nature.

Sookhi currently resides with the Buddhist community at Alfoxton House in Holford, where the class profits will be donated. Sookhi is working alongside the core team and volunteers to help restore the historic and special residence of William and Dorothy Wordsworth.

The Yoga class will start on **Thursday at 6pm-7pm, from 2<sup>nd</sup> March**, and is open to people of all ages, and abilities. She would love to answer any questions on her classes, or any queries you may have, if you are considering joining her class. Please contact Sookhi on 07784956105 or at [Sookhi@protonmail.com](mailto:Sookhi@protonmail.com).

## Andrew's Update

A very happy new year to all readers from the team at Hinkley Point C. As you may have already seen, the final weeks of 2022 were very busy with a number of key components lifted into place within the first reactor building. Big Carl lifted the final steel ring liner into place and the reactor building is now ready for the installation of its iconic domed roof.

In the final days of 2022, more progress was also seen away from the site. The first nuclear reactor built for a British power station in more than 30-years was completed and is now ready to be delivered to Hinkley Point C after teams spent 80,000 hours on its construction.



**ABOVE.** Hinkley Point C's Reactor Pressure Vessel. It will contain the nuclear reaction that will provide 3 million homes with low-carbon electricity.

The "reactor pressure vessel" is the high strength steel cylinder that contains the nuclear fuel and the chain reaction needed to make heat. The heat is used to create high pressure steam for the world's largest turbines. At just 13m long and weighing in at 500 tonnes, each of two reactor pressure vessels at Hinkley Point C will help power around 3m British homes. They are designed to run continuously for 18 months at a time between refuelling.

The reactor has been built in France by Framatome; the same nuclear engineering company which built Britain's last nuclear reactor, at Sizewell B in 1991. Since it went into operation in 1995, that reactor has provided 247 TWH, which is enough to power every home in Britain for 2 and a half years.

The centre of the reactor will have an average temperature of around 300°C and can withstand five times more pressure than a submarine at normal operating depths.

The completion of the first reactor pressure vessel marks a major milestone in the construction of Hinkley Point C. Together, the two nuclear reactors will offset 600-million tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions over its 60 year lifetime – driving Britain towards net zero and stronger energy security.

There is also change to the team here, and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Stacy Walker, the projects new Stakeholder Relations Manager. Stacy joins us from the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office, lives locally and will be a great addition to the team. Stacy will take on future newsletters and I am sure will introduce herself in the next edition. In the meantime, Stacy can often be seen running the local hills and will likely see many of you at future events and community meetings.

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

# Hinkley Point C - Monthly Update

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

### 2022 End of Year Film

2022 was a year of substantial progress and success at Hinkley Point C. Amongst a wealth of milestones we saw the completion of the power station's water-cooling tunnels, delivered a hugely complex marine engineering operation successfully placing the seawater intake structures into the Bristol Channel and opened our reactor simulator and training centre.

In the final weeks of 2022, Big Carl lifted the final 11-metre prefabricated steel ring into place and added key internal components to the reactor building itself. Hinkley Point C's first reactor building now stands at over 40m and is ready for the installation of its iconic domed roof.

The progress of the year is reflected in our end of year film - You can watch it at [www.edfenergy.com/hinkleypointc](http://www.edfenergy.com/hinkleypointc)



### Hinkley Point C's reactor completed

The first nuclear reactor built for a British power station in more than 30-years is complete and ready for delivery to us here in Somerset. The "reactor pressure vessel" is the high strength cylinder that contains the nuclear fuel and the chain reaction needed to make heat.

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### Supporting our community at Christmas

Teams from across Hinkley Point C stepped up to show their support for local charities over the Christmas period. Our campus restaurants opened their doors for charities and vulnerable people whilst the projects main civil engineering partner BYLOR helped the Bridgwater Salvation Army with their "Be a Star" appeal. Meanwhile, Unite the Union South West branch donated to the Bridgwater foodbank and mechanical and electrical teams lent a hand to Open Door Taunton, a day centre for the homeless community.





## Contacts and Parish Information

### Parish Council:

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

**Clerk:** Richard Wand 01278 652534/  
stogurseyccclerk@gmail.com

Meetings: held monthly in the Victory Hall, Stogursey 7.15 - 7.30pm Public Forum for parishioners to ask questions;  
7.30pm 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

**Somerset County Council:** All services 0300 123 2224

### Parish Neighbourhood Welcome Pack

Burton & Knighton:	Sue Goss	01278 733405
Wick & Stolford:	Susan E Jones	01278 652287
Stogursey & Shurton:	Chris Morgan	01278 734887

### EdF Main Site Neighbourhood Forum Representatives for the hamlets:

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#### Wick

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#### Stogursey Parish Council

Chris Ford and Sue Goss

### EdF Contacts

Hinkley Point C Drop-ins/Main Site Forums

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### POLICE

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### Community Venues

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Jubilee Rooms - sjrbookings7@gmail.com

07565 149966 for messages only - leave name & contact details

St Peter's Church, Stolford - Susan E Jones 01278 652287

### Stogursey Community Network (SCN)

Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/StogurseySCN](https://www.facebook.com/StogurseySCN)

Phone: 01278 732149

**Medical Transport:** 07485 350560

### Homestart - supporting families & young children.

Tel: 01643 707304

Email: [admin@homestart-westsomerset.org.uk](mailto:admin@homestart-westsomerset.org.uk)

### Village Agent - Sarah Bennett 07985 680269

[sarahb@somersetccc.org.uk](mailto:sarahb@somersetccc.org.uk) - NetherStoweyCare

### 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.

### Mobile Library - Route G

The library van visits on Thursdays - every 4 weeks

#### Shurton

Babbling Brook Inn 12.05pm - 12.30 pm

#### Stogursey - *slightly altered times for 2023*

Greyhound Inn 1.10pm - 1.40pm

Town Close (No 30) 1.45pm - 2.10pm

#### Next scheduled Visits in 2023

**9 February; 9 March; 6 April; 4 May**

For more information, contact Libraries Direct:

Tel: 0300 123224, or email [www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries](http://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.**

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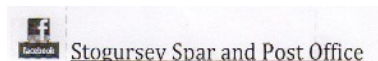
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