

STOGURSEY NEWS



The Gravel 60 years ago: Do you remember the "Big Freeze" of 1962/63?

January 2023

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Editorial

New Year's Greetings to all our readers! We wonder how many of our readers lived in Stogursey during the 'Big Freeze' of 62/63 and remember the scene on the front cover. Let's hope that early 2023 does not prove to be as cold as 60 years ago. It makes interesting reading, though. And just in case we do get a lot of icy conditions we certainly need grit and salt available. 'Do you have room for a bin outside your house?' asks the Parish Council.

George and Clare, at Stogursey Motors, must do some of the coldest jobs in the village. A lot of readers will be sad to see that they're planning to sell up, but their plans, as you will read inside, sound very understandable. We wish them well.

We seem to be living in such uncertain times, but within our pages we hope you find items both positive and familiar as you head into the new year. As you will read, the newly-formed Photographic Society has got off to a great start, and if you simply want to take improved photos on your phone, you don't even need to have a camera. There'll be some good photo opportunities at the Wassail on January 7th.

As always there are a range of volunteering activities. The Victory Hall is a great asset to the village, but the hard-working committee needs some help. Stogursey Community Network, as well as serving delicious meals on Tuesdays, are also opening the doors of the Jubilee Rooms to offer a warm space and refreshment to anyone who would like to come. What great news. More details inside, and if, in fact, you can also volunteer to help, you'd be keeping warm at the same time!

Finally, we at Stogursey News, hope that one of you, having read our ad in these pages, might feel tempted to join us on the Team very soon.

In the meantime, we wish you all a healthy and happy 2023.
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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Stogursey News

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- * 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.
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- Send your contribution for each and every month you would like it published.
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We look forward to receiving your contributions.

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Regular Events

Monday	Health Walks (weekly) Contact Ralph 07969777325 Short Mat Bowls (weekly) Contact: Ron 732688	Steart Marshes Car Park Victory Hall	2.00pm 7.30pm - 9.00pm
Tuesday	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 Tues 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	9.00 am 10.30 am Doors Open 12noon Eyes Down 2.00pm 2.30pm 7.00 pm 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 Jubilee Rooms	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) Stogursey Arts Photographic Society- SAPS (second Thursday of month) Film Night (monthly)	Shurton & Stogursey Youth Club Jubilee Rooms Jubilee Rooms	as per schedule 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm 7.00 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
Sunday	Quantock Tennis Club (weekly)	Multi-sport court, Victory Hall	10.00am - 12 noon

DIARY 2023

JANUARY

Tues 3 rd	Meditation Practice Meeting	Victory Hall	7.15 pm
Weds 4 th	Forget-me-Not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30 am - 12 noon
Sat 7 th	Wassail	Details within	Details within
Tues 10 th	Parish Council monthly meeting	Victory Hall	7.00 pm
Weds 11 th	Ukulele Session	Jubilee Rooms	7.30 pm
Thurs 12 th	Mobile Library Visit	Scheduled stops listed within	as per schedule
Thurs 12 th	Stogursey Arts Photographic Society	Jubilee Rooms	7.00 pm
Tues 17 th	Meditation Practice Meeting	Victory Hall	7.15 pm
Weds 18 th	Forget-me-not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30 am - 12 noon
Thurs 19 th	Film Night: <i>See How They Run</i>	Jubilee Rooms	Doors open 7.00 pm
Thurs 25 th	Burns Night Celebration	Jubilee Rooms	8.00pm

SERVICES IN THE QUANTOCK COAST BENEFICE : JANUARY DRAFT AND TBC

CHURCH	1st JANUARY CHRISTMAS 2	8th JANUARY THE EPIPHANY	15th JANUARY EPIPHANY 2	22nd JANUARY EPIPHANY 3 Week of prayer for Christian Unity	29th JANUARY Presentation in the Temple
EAST QH		Sunday @3 NM		10.30am Benefice Eucharist SC	
FIDDINGTON		9.00am Eucharist TS	9.00am Eucharist NM		10.30am Benefice Eucharist NM
HOLFORD		9.30am Eucharist Common Worship DB	11.00am Eucharist BCP SC	-	-
KILVE		11.00am Family Service SC	9.30am Eucharist SC	-	-
STOGURSEY		10.30am Eucharist NM (CARM as organist)	10.30am Eucharist CM	-	
STRINGSTON		Café Church 4 Time&Venue Contact Sally	11.00am Eucharist NM 4 Time & Venue Contact Sally	-	-
WEST QH	10.30am Benefice Eucharist NM	9.30am Eucharist SC	9.30am Family Service DB	-	-
Liturgical colour & Readings	WHITE	WHITE	WHITE	WHITE	WHITE
1 st Reading	Isaiah 63: 7 - 9	Isaiah 60: 1 - 6	Isaiah 49: 1 - 7	Isaiah 9: 1 - 4	Malachi 3: 1 -5
2 nd Reading	Hebrews 2: 10 - end	Ephesians 3: 1 - 12	1 Cor 1: 1 - 9	1 Cor 1: 10 - 18	Hebrews 2: 14 - 18
Gospel	Matt 2: 13 - end	Matthew 2: 1 - 12	John 1: 29 - 42	Matt 4: 12 - 23	Luke 2: 22- 40

STOGURSEY MOTORS

As you may now be aware, Stogursey Motors is on the market. This is something me and Clare have had in mind at this stage in our lives, we are not getting any younger, unfortunately, and bouncing around like 30-year olds now as we are nudging 60, is becoming harder and more exhausting with each passing year. During lockdown we were never busier, and it shows little sign of slackening off and is pretty relentless.

My recent fall through the workshop roof and fracturing my neck in February whilst repairing storm damage has not helped. It was incredibly lucky I did not kill myself or cause serious damage. Glad to say, I have mended well but am left with a bit less agility in turning it than before. So there goes my chance of becoming a world class ballet dancer too.

Since 1995 (27 years, OMG!) we have been running the garage, a lifetime, enjoyable but stressful. It's time to think about handing it over to someone new.

Our sincere hope is that it will continue as a garage and an ongoing asset to the village, and are advertising it accordingly.

We have had several offers for change of use, housing etc, but have declined this option, but this will only work if we have some genuine interest for the workshop in the future.

We are in no real mad rush to sell and are happy to continue working, we are still investing in equipment and have recently been on an electric car course to keep us up to date in current trends. It will be a cleaner future to be sure being a mechanic, less of that grubby oil everywhere; bring it on.

It may take some time to find a suitable applicant, but we do need to start reducing our workload now, and make/ take life a little easier. We have tried before, but life and business never ever seems to allow it, something always happens.

So we have decided to close one day a week (Mondays) as from 1st January to give us a bit more time to enjoy life, do some more sailing, work and ride on all our motorcycles and do oodles of DIY, gardening etc.

We may still wish to continue to work on some Mondays, but the doors will be closed with the answering machine on.

Our working hours will also reduce slightly from 9am to 5pm Tuesday to Friday.

Kind regards to all our beautiful customers, friends and fellow villagers.

George n Clare

Too Much to Chew?

Did it meet all expectations
With all elements to your taste,
Or was it a disappointment
And just end up in the waste?
With bits so hard to swallow
And so dry you needed a drink!
Or was it fruity and delicious;
Could you savour it and think -

Of the sweetness and rich softness?
Or was it heavy, dark and stodgy,
With some unexpected flavours
That made you gag or feel quite dodgy?
Did the bad outweigh the good points
- so unacceptable to the palate;
Coarse lumps so hard to chew on
That needed squashing with a mallet!

Was it just too large a portion,
After such a rich and varied platter?
Could you separate the dross
And concentrate on bits that matter?
After giving your best efforts
Did it please just as it should,
And is it life I am describing
Or that 'artisan' Christmas pud?

by Jan Ford



Happy New Year!

We are thoroughly looking forward to sharing another year of cinema magic with you all.

Our first offering of 2023 is set seventy years before, in the glamorous world of the 1950s London West End. **See How They Run** is a glorious whodunnit, centring around a world-weary inspector and an eager rookie who are faced with investigating the murder of a crew member behind the scenes of the latest stage smash hit.

This stylish and atmospheric British mystery is steeped in comedy, delivered by a large ensemble of familiar faces. Described by one critic as 'a movie genius work of art', this film is sure not to disappoint. Come and see for yourself on **Thursday 19th January** at the Jubilee Rooms.

Tickets are available at the Post Office in advance or on the door which opens at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. A range of refreshments is always available. We can't wait to see you all there.

The Soap Factory Team

Stogursey Arts Photographic Society

"You don't make a photograph just with a camera. You bring to the act of photography all the pictures you have seen, the books you have read, the music you have heard, the people you have loved." Ansel Adams

The second meeting of SAPS (Stogursey Arts Photographic Society) was a good reflection on the above quote by the great American photographer Ansel Adams. We began with a presentation of the work of local photography Andy Baker who introduced his motivation and journey of discovery through the photos he had carefully selected.

Andy gave us an insight into his journey from using traditional film cameras through to some of the latest digital advances in making images. From capturing the subject, through to panoramic 'stitching', he demonstrated how the final result enabled the viewer to look/scan the photograph, much like being in the landscape itself, where you move your head and eyes to take it all in.

Other photos taken on safari marked the start of his fascination for animals. He described these photos as ones where you were defining/seeing the creatures in the wild or alternatively, the landscape and the scale of it, defined by the presence of the animals. He is now specialising in wildlife photography and gave us some great examples of his work. Some brilliant shots were simply taken from observing birds gathering in his garden (on a specially constructed platform). These were photographed during the pandemic, when travel was restricted.

He concluded his talk with some photos, which he felt were topical, both in his own understanding of the technical challenges and the pictorial subjectivity, but also in his desire to find out some answers for himself by throwing this out for discussion by the group.

It was a very intelligent and thoughtful presentation, which promoted discussion throughout and I think all present agreed it was a brilliant start to getting SAPS off of the drawing board and onwards to our planned projects and discussions.

Other positive outcomes were:

- We had some additional members, some of whom appreciated the change to a Thursday evening gathering
- One new attendee was offered a technical tutorial to support making a digital archive for their old slide format photos
- More ideas about the SAPS 'Local' themed exhibition
- A request for a session on making better photo compositions on camera phones
- A request for a session on how to work in black and white photography
- A tip on photographing stags; if you are in the wild, make sure the wind is in the right direction or they will run off!
- A positive response to the idea of sharing the workload on project work, so the members work as a team to achieve collective outcomes where this is the focus
- Establishing the esteem and credentials of the Society to enable access to sites of specific photographic interest

The next meeting will discuss our 'local' exhibition theme and plans/resources needed to generate a permanent exhibition for the Jubilee Rooms. We hope that members of the group will bring some work for discussion. This can be if your searching for answers or just wanting to show us what you do. So if you are interested, come along and join in.

The next meeting is booked for the **12th January**, 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

Are you a bit of a bookworm?



If you can't get to the library or the mobile library did you know you can have books and other media brought to you at home? This includes resources for the sight impaired. For more information phone 07814 079 831 or go to www.somersetlibraries.co.uk

Somerset Libraries would love to hear from you if you are interested in volunteering to help choose and deliver books. If so, please contact them as above.

COFFEE MORNING

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

HOLFORD GARDENERS' GROUP

TUESDAY JANUARY 17th at 7.30pm

Holford and District Village Hall

'Gardening for Birds' - a talk by Greg Glendell

Members £1.00 Visitors £2.00



Stogursey & District Victory Hall Committee News

Call to action!

Do you have a passion for our village and think you can help in the running of our Village Hall? Please contact us if you are interested in joining our committee or volunteering to help our over worked trustees.

Social Club - Bar opportunity - HELP!

Do you have a few hours to spare for occasional bar duties? We are looking to extend both our Bar team and opening hours.

Email us at info@stogurseyvillagehall.org.uk.

Stogursey Social Club – Events opportunity

We need your input!

Please let us know what kind of events you would like to see hosted at the Hall in 2023. We are currently putting together our 2023 Calendar.

Do you have skills in planning, marketing, and local knowledge? If so, we desperately need your help.

Please email info@stogurseyvillagehall.org.uk

Social Club Winter Opening times

To save expensive power and heating, the Social Club will operate reduced hours on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday over the winter period, unless an event is booked.

Friday: 7pm to close

Saturday: 6pm – 11pm

Sunday: 12noon – 6pm

The Social Club will **close from 23rd December through to New Year's Eve** when we will welcome you to a New Year's Party with music and dancing!

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

Please support our Social Club – it contributes funds to keep the Hall open and heated.

Regular updates on Stogursey Pulse, www.stogurseyvillagehall.org.uk or email info@stogurseyvillagehall.org.uk

Christmas Lunch 4th December

A big thank you to Denise Oliver, Kitchen Queen, and her team of helpers, Karen, Janet, Shelley, and Emma, for producing a stunning, delicious three-course Christmas Lunch with all the festive trimmings. Your hard work and time are very much appreciated. A total of £435.00 was raised towards the Victory Hall funds. The Committee thank you for your support. Denise and her team of volunteers produce monthly Sunday lunches throughout the year.

Victory Hall Lottery Results-November 2022

1 st prize	£25.00	Maria Williams	No 89
2 nd prize	£15.00	Ian Elenor	No 130
3 rd prize	£10.00	Joan Moore	No 80

Village Hall Website

We launched our new, updated website in November :

<https://www.stogurseyvillagehall.org.uk>.

It is easy to navigate, events can be booked online, and you can see all the latest events.

Village Hall Events

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

www.stogurseyvillagehall.org.uk/events

Solution to Quick Crossword

No 31 December 2022

ACROSS:

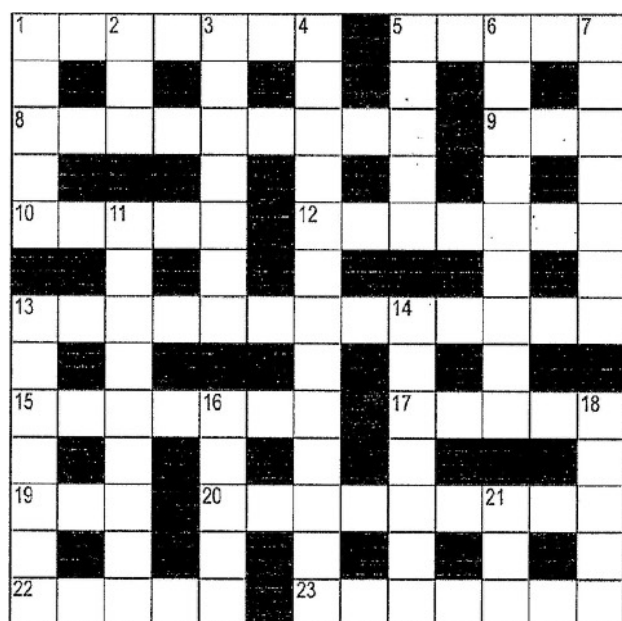
1. Aquatic, 5. Caber, 8. Draftsman, 9. Dye, 10. Sable, 12. Aconite, 13. Coniston Water, 15. Oregano, 17. Goner, 19. Pau, 20. Philately, 22. Ready, 23. Tolkien

DOWN:

1. Andes, 2. Uma, 3. Tiffers, 4. Campanologist, 5. Congo, 6. Badminton, 7. Roedeer, 11. Benbecula, 13. Chopper, 14. Wagtail, 16. Amply, 18. Rayon, 21. Eli

Quick Crossword No 32

Compiled by Helen Cuttell



CLUES ACROSS

1. Beverage made from hot mulled cider (7)
5. Young horses (5)
8. Silverberry or oleaster (9)
9. An average or normal amount (3)
10. Small and delicate person (5)
12. Sum paid to an author for each copy of a book sold (7)
13. Fluid inside the eye (7,6)
15. Colourful design printed on cloth (7)
17. Tallest building in the UK (5)
19. Frequently (3)
20. Ship that carried English Pilgrims to the US (9)
22. Town in Berkshire famous for its racecourse (5)
23. Domesticated hoofed mammals (7)

CLUES DOWN

1. In or to what place (5)
2. Australian singer/songwriter (3)
3. Full rigged as a vessel (7)
4. US rock band known for Sweet Home Alabama (13)
5. Fastidious and hard to please (5)
6. American horse with spotted coat (9)
7. Device to drive a fluid through the air (7)
11. Belonging to rivers or streams (9)
13. Ancient Greek or Roman jar or jug (7)
14. 20th letter of the Greek alphabet (7)
16. Restriction on the size or amount of something (5)
18. Game where small pointed missiles are aimed at a circular target (5)
21. River which transverses the border between England and Wales (3)

STOGURSEY TWINNING ASSOCIATION (STA)

A very enjoyable evening was hosted by the STA on Friday 9th December. Well done to the 10 teams who took part in the Christmas Quiz in the Jubilee Rooms. We all enjoyed a challenging, fun quiz with delicious mulled wine, mulled cider and mince pies provided in the interval.

Huge thanks to our quiz setters this year. Great teams, great quiz, great fun!

Make sure you don't miss next year's quiz!

JANUARY STA EVENTS:

Wassail – Saturday 7th January 2023

(weather permitting).

Meet at the Babbling Brook, ready for departure on foot, making noise, *en masse* at 1.30 pm.

Wassailing is a traditional ceremony where apple producing communities gather to sing and drink to the health of cider trees to encourage a good crop of apples, pears and any other fruit. According to tradition the Wassail wakes the cider apple trees and scares away evil spirits to ensure a good harvest of fruit in the Autumn.

Come join the Wassail procession and enjoy a cup of cider and a piece of wassail cake!

Burns Night Celebration - 25th January 2023 at 8 pm.

Look for posters and information on Facebook/Nextdoor! This year, to celebrate the birth of the great Scottish Bard, you are invited along to the Jubilee Rooms, Stogursey to enjoy some traditional Scottish entertainment. Bar and refreshments. More information nearer the time. For more details please contact Sukey Elstob on 01278 732149 sukey.elstob@btinternet.com

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST A FRENCH FAMILY?

Our visitors from Lonlay will be visiting Stogursey from Friday 28th April to Monday 1st May. The Stogursey Twinning Association welcomes new members; we can match you with a French visitor or family and support you throughout the weekend, which is usually fun and action-packed!. For more details contact Sukey Elstob on 01278 732149 sukey.elstob@btinternet.com

Meditation

Meditation practice meetings are the first and third Tuesday of the month.

7.15pm for 7.30pm start. Village Hall, Stogursey.

January: Tuesday 3rd and Tuesday 17th
February: Tuesday 7th and Tuesday 21st

Points from the Parish Council Meeting 12th December 2022

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 currently one vacancy.

National Grid works

The Parish Council are to consider the implications of the s106 agreement which applies to the Hinkley Connections project. This could see up to £30,000 available in grant funding for land within a 3km radius of the works. The area could benefit from offsite planting and enhancement scheme funding. This will allow for the softening of the effects of the new overhead line and provide screening to enhance the landscape character. The work is likely to be carried out by the local authority subject to the agreement of the land owner. I expect to be able to update further on this next month.

Precept for Stogursey Parish Council 2023/2024

Having set a slightly increased annual budget at the November meeting, members were updated that the effect on the level of precept applicable to a Band "D" property in the parish would be an increase of twenty nine pence (29p) per annum.

Can you accommodate a grit bin outside your home?

The recent cold snap which caused many of our local roads to become icy following a freezing night and a shower of rain have highlighted the need for additional grit bins. As highlighted in our October update we have a stock of road salt, for use in the Community, which can be used to help alleviate the situation, but currently only one site (Priory Hill) where it is stored for use. If you live beside the road and have a safe space to accommodate a grit bin or store some bagged road salt which could be accessed by road users then please contact the Parish Clerk.

**The next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday
10th January 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 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

Stogursey Oil-buying Group

The Stogursey Oil Buying Group's next order will be in January. The scheme is open free of charge to all households within the Stogursey News distribution area except those whose oil delivery has to be made through the house. The minimum order is 500 litres. We usually get oil for 3 to 4 pence per litre less than the price quoted for individual orders.

The next order after this one will be in March. If you have any questions about the oil buying group, I can be contacted on 0755 261 0692.

Chris Ford

To place an order please leave the form in the Post Office, or telephone (01278 732191) or email stogurseyford@gmail.com by **10am Monday 9th January** with the following information:-

Stogursey Oil-buying Group

Name

Address

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Postcode

Email (if available)

Tel:

Amount of oil required litres

Note: PLEASE specify an amount of oil required, and not an unknown quantity such as 'top up'.

Special instructions.....

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**Delivery will be in the 2 week period commencing
16th January**



QUANTOCK u3a MONTHLY MEETING

CROWCOMBE Village Hall

MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS VERY WELCOME
MONDAY, 23rd JANUARY, 2.00pm

A talk by BEN TOTTERDELL from EXMOOR NATIONAL PARK

“Dark skies full of stars have been an essential inspiration for culture throughout human existence, and an important element of the natural world that all animals, including humans have evolved with. Today our dark skies are increasingly threatened by artificial light. Find out why Exmoor is a special place for dark skies and why they are important for people and wildlife.”

FREE ENTRY AND REFRESHMENTS AND A WARM WELCOME!

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/Quantocku3a/>

The Big Freeze of 1962/63

On 29th and 30th December 1962, a blizzard swept across South West England and Wales. Snow drifted to more than 6.1m (20 feet) deep in places, driven by gale force easterly winds, blocking roads and railways. The snow stranded villagers and brought down power lines. The near-freezing temperatures meant that the snow cover lasted for more than two months in some areas. By the end of the month, there were snow drifts 4.6m (15 feet) deep in the west.

January 1963 remains, for most parts of the UK, the coldest month since January 1814. The average temperature was -2.1°C.

Snow continued to fall in February 1963. A 36-hour blizzard caused heavy drifting snow in most parts of the country. Drifts reached 20 feet (6.1m) in some areas and gale-force winds reached up to 81mph.

6 March 1963 was the first morning of the year without frost in Britain. Temperatures rose to 17°C and the remaining snow disappeared.

(Taken from *Winter of 1962–1963 in the United Kingdom* - Wikipedia)

New Team Member Needed

Have you a couple of hours to spare once a month?

Maybe you are new to the village and would like to get more involved with what's going on? If so, the Stogursey News Editorial Team would love to hear from you, as we are now looking for someone to join our small team.

What does it involve?

There are a range of very straightforward tasks, eg: taking notes at the short monthly meetings; helping to proof-read the Stogursey News each month; taking turns with others to write a brief editorial, and assisting with distribution around the village. We would welcome someone who might bring some new ideas, too. We are a happy, friendly team who enjoy working together, whilst doing our best to ensure the Stogursey News meets the needs of its readers.

Please ring 01278 733052, or email stogurseynews@hotmail.co.uk if you are interested or just have a question.

WARM WELCOMES IN THE JUBILEE ROOMS



Worried about the cost of heating your home in the daytime? Looking for company and a warm welcome in the winter months?

Stogursey Community Network has secured funds to offer FREE Warm Welcome Sessions in the Jubilee Rooms throughout the week from January 2023. Come along and join others in a warm environment, with complimentary hot drinks and other refreshments on offer.

But, we need your help. **First**, we want to run these sessions at times to suit you. So, please would you either complete the **Warm Welcome Sessions survey** available in the Spar/Post Office, or contact us on Facebook, Nextdoor Stogursey or by phone (Tel: 01278 732149) to tell us your preferred times.

Everyone is welcome, including families (all children must be accompanied by a responsible adult please). We plan to provide puzzles, toys and possibly other activities for people to enjoy together, or just sit and have a chat over a hot drink and some cake.

Second, we need Volunteers to staff the Warm Welcome sessions. Could you spare a few hours to do this? Again, please get in touch if so.

Look out for posters and online information about our Warm Welcomes from the first week of January.



January 2023 Update

STOGURSEY LUNCHES

Delicious meals, served in the Jubilee Rooms, Stogursey on **Tuesdays**. These home-made lunches are lovingly prepared by our Food Hygiene certified volunteers, using fresh, local produce whenever possible.

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 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 medicines, fizzy drinks or food past its Best Before Date can not be accepted.

New from this month! There will also be a Foodbank Collection Box in the Spar Shop, with the kind cooperation of Allen and Deb.

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 on the '**Contacts and Parish Information**' page in this magazine.

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.

JANUARY MENU

Tuesday 10th January

(book by Friday 6th Jan - phone 01278 733451)

Shepherd's Pie and vegetables OR
Lentil Pie and vegetables

Gooseberry Fool and finger biscuit

Tuesday 17th December

(book by Friday 13th Jan - phone 01278 733451)

Anglesey Eggs with vegetables

Apple and Mincemeat Jalousie with cream

Tuesday 24th January

(book by Friday 20th Jan - phone 01278 733451)

Lasagne with side salad & garlic bread OR
Cauliflower Cheese with side salad & garlic bread

Apple Pie and custard

Tuesday 31st January

(book by Friday 27th Jan - phone 01278 733451)

Lancashire Hot Pot OR
Leek & Potato Cheese Bake
with green vegetables

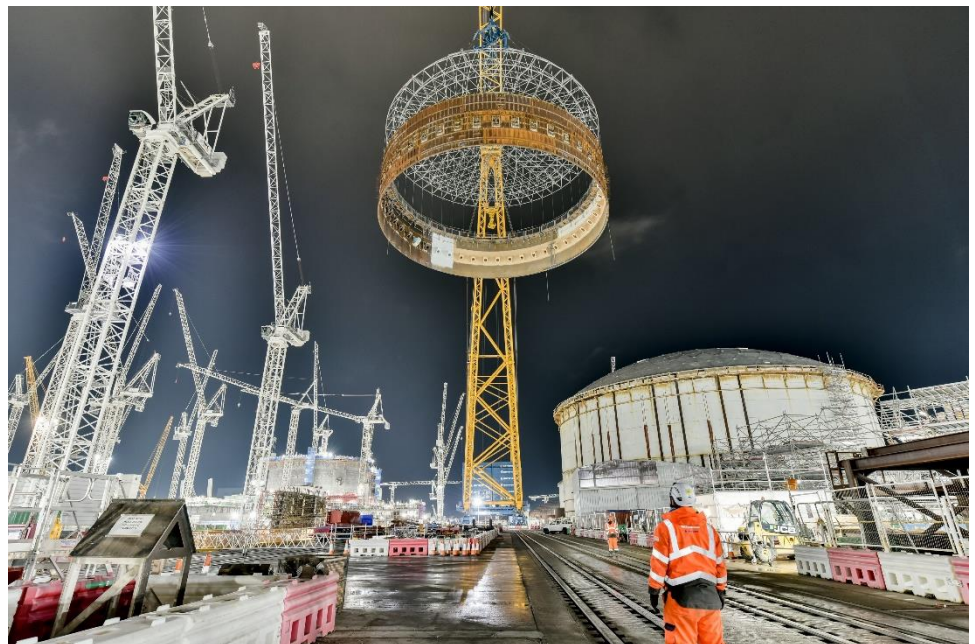
Dorset Apple Cake with custard

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

Andrew's Update

As the end of another year draws closer, we've been reflecting on what a busy 12 months it has been for the team here - 2022 has certainly been a year of substantial progress and success at Hinkley Point C. Amongst a wealth of milestones, we have seen the completion of the power station's water-cooling tunnels, delivered a hugely complex marine engineering operation to successfully place the seawater intake structures into the Bristol Channel and opened our reactor simulator and training centre. Earlier this week we also saw Big Carl lift the final 11-metre prefabricated steel ring into place onto Unit 1. Hinkley Point C's first reactor building now stands at over 40m and is ready for the installation of its iconic domed roof next year.

The project also continues to provide substantial, long-lasting benefits to our local communities, region and to Britain as a whole. We have now exceeded our original targets for local investment and training - having now spent over £4 billion with regionally based businesses and have trained 1,100 apprentices in a huge breadth of different skills. Using newly opened centres of excellence and our own on-site simulator and training centre, our focus will remain on supporting everyone, no-matter their age, background or skill level in benefitting from the training and the exciting employment opportunities available from our nationally important project.



ABOVE. The first reactor's final steel ring liner that sits within the containment building was successfully lifted into place by Big Carl on 12th December.

Looking at the bigger picture, the tragic war in Ukraine this year has elevated the issue of energy security for nations across the globe. Our work at Hinkley Point C and now increasingly at Sizewell C is more important than ever in helping the UK become less reliant on imported gas – which is driving high energy bills and making lives across the country more difficult.

The progress of the year is reflected in our end of year film which will be released on the 14th December. You will be able to watch it at www.edfenergy.com/hinkleypointc or by following us on Twitter or Instagram.

And finally, a very Merry Christmas from the whole team here at Hinkley Point C. We wish you all the best for the festive season and look forward to an exciting year ahead in 2023.

Email: 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

Jason Waring

You will no doubt have heard the tragic news that an incident took place at Hinkley Point C last month that resulted in the death of one of our colleagues.

Jason Waring, a supervisor working for Bylor, suffered a serious injury after coming into contact with a piece of plant machinery and sadly died. The news is a terrible blow that will be felt across our project and our industry. We are determined to learn from this tragic event and are working with the Office for Nuclear Regulation to fully investigate the incident and to identify changes for the future. In the meantime, our thoughts are still very much with Jason's family, friends and colleagues at such a difficult time.



Apprentice of Year - Anna Gates

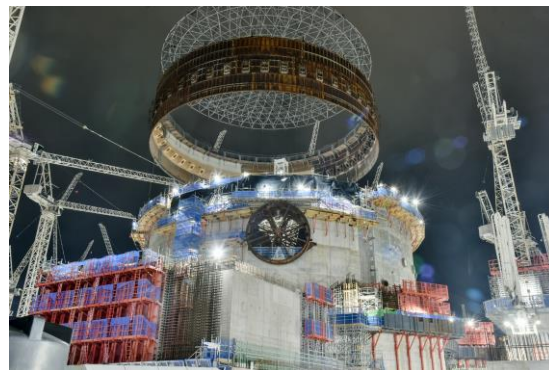
One of the project's top apprentices, Anna Gates, has won the prestigious Apprentice of the Year accolade at the 2022 Institute of Civil Engineers, South West awards. Anna is a Civil Engineering Degree Apprentice and was recognised for the fantastic development she's made whilst working on the Project



Final Ring Liner Lifted onto Unit 1

In the early hours of 12th December, Big Carl lifted the 304 tonne third Liner Ring into place on the Unit 1 Reactor Building.

The liner ring is the fourth of five pieces that make up the steel containment. It follows the previously installed Liner Cup plus first and second Liner Ring, taking the height to +43 metres (see right) and changing the skyline at HPC.



Sizewell C Confirmed

Our sister project, Sizewell C has taken a big step forward with the Government's decision to directly invest in the project. The £679m commitment is the first direct state investment in nuclear for more than 30 years. It represents a major vote of confidence in the EPR in Britain – confidence underpinned by the work already taking place here in Somerset. The investment will enable the project to continue towards a Final Investment Decision.

And finally, a very Merry Christmas from the whole team here at Hinkley Point C. We wish you all the best for the festive season and look forward to an exciting year ahead in 2023.



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/
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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
Hugh Davies, Rosemary Woods

Site Stakeholders Group Representatives:

Sue Goss, Chris Morgan

Somerset County Council: All services 0300 123 2224

Community Venues

Victory Hall & Youth Club - Allan Searle 732820

Jubilee Rooms - sjrbookings7@gmail.com

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

Stogursey Community Network (SCN)

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Phone: 01278 732149

Medical Transport: 07485 350560

Homestart - supporting families & young children.

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Email: admin@homestart-westsomerset.org.uk

Village Agent - Sarah Bennett 07985 680269

sarahb@somersettrcc.org.uk - NetherStoweyCare

Health Centres

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Out-of-hours (for both centres) 111

Defibrillators - 3 in the parish:

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♥ 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 12.05 - 12.30 pm

Stogursey

Greyhound Inn 1.10 - 1.50 pm

Town Close (No 30) 1.55 - 2.25 pm

Next scheduled Visits in 2023

12 January; 9 February; 9 March; 6 April; 4 May

For more information, contact Libraries Direct:

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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.**

Please make phone calls at the time of the disturbance. The more complaints that are received, the more likely it is that the police will respond.

Complainants' names are not given to the perpetrators.

Parish Neighbourhood Welcome Pack

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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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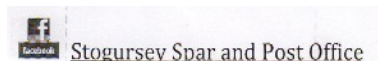
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