

# STOGURSEY NEWS



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## March 2023

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

## Editorial

Welcome to our March edition, as ever, full of news, information and communication within our community.

There are changes within the Benefice arrangements that you might want to respond to. Full details are to be found within.

Sadly, we said a final good-bye to Charlie Caple recently. He was born in Stogursey Castle and his ashes are buried in the graveyard here. Rest in Peace.

We include a soap-making demonstration from the W.I. on 14 March. Something this team member remembers from Primary School, a long time ago.

Reminiscences of the Big Freeze of '62/'63 are bound to stir memories in those of us of a certain age! Fascinating social history.

We thank Fiona for all her work in organising the Flower Show over the years and hope someone is prepared to step in to keep this wonderful event going into the future.

The Twinning Association is appealing for new hosts for our French visitors. Can you help? Details within.

Jan Ford has contributed a very moving poem concerning the recent earthquake in Turkey and Syria. Thankyou for your perceptive thoughts.

Stay safe and Spring is in the air!  
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)

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- \* Send it to [stogurseynews@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stogurseynews@hotmail.co.uk)

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- Submit your contribution by the deadline date.
- Please keep within the 500-word limit.
- Provide your contact details so that we can get in touch if we need to edit.  
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- Send your contribution for each and every month you would like it published.
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## 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 Quiz Night (third Friday of month)	Jubilee Rooms Multi-sport court, Victory Hall Victory Hall	10.30am - 12 noon 10.00am - 12 noon doors open 7.00pm
Sunday	Quantock Tennis Club (weekly)	Multi-sport court, Victory Hall	10.00am - 12 noon

## DIARY

### March

Weds 1	Forget-me-not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon
Tues 7	Community Employment & Citizens Advice	Quantock Room (Youth Club)	10.00am - 12 noon
Weds 8	Ukulele Session	Greyhound Inn	7.30pm
Thurs 9	Mobile Library Visit	Shurton & Stogursey stops	as per schedule
Thurs 9	SAPS (Photographic Society)	Jubilee Rooms	7.00pm
Tues 14	WI: Soap Making Demonstration	Victory Hall	2.30pm
Tues 14	Parish Council Meeting	Victory Hall	7.00pm
Weds 15	Forget-me-not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon
Thurs 16	Film Night: 'The Lost King'	Jubilee Rooms	doors open 7.00pm
Fri 17	Quiz Night	Victory Hall	7.00pm
Sun 19	Mother's Day Roast Dinner	Victory Hall	12 noon - 2.00pm
Tues 21	Community Employment & Citizens Advice	Quantock Room	10.00am - 12 noon
Fri 24	Somerset Opera: <i>The Gondoliers</i>	Victory Hall	7.00pm

### April

Weds 12	Forget-me-Not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12noon
Sat 22	St George's Day Lunch	Jubilee Rooms	12 noon
Fri 28	French visitors from Lonlay arrive	The Gravel	approx 7.00pm
Fri 28	Carnival Race Night	Victory Hall	TBC

SERVICES IN THE QUANTOCK COAST BENEFICE : March 2023				
CHURCH	5 <sup>th</sup> March Lent 2	12 <sup>th</sup> March Lent 3	19 <sup>th</sup> March Lent 4 Mothering Sunday	26 <sup>th</sup> March Lent 5 Passion Sunday
EAST QH	-	Sunday @3 TBC	-	-
FIDDINGTON	9.00am EUCARIST SC	9.00am Eucharist NM	9.00am EUCARIST SC	
HOLFORD	6.30pm EVENSONG SC	9.30am EUCARIST (Common Worship) SC	11.00am Holy Communion (BCP) SC	10.00am Eucharist in H&DVH Followed by APCMs and Hot Pot Lunch
KILVE	11.00am EUCARIST DB	11.00am Family Service SC	9.30am Eucharist NM	-
STOGURSEY	10.30am EUCARIST TS	10.30am Eucharist NM	10.30am Eucharist CM	-
STRINGSTON	11.00am FAMILY SERVICE SB	11.00am Café Church SB	11.00am Eucharist NM	-
WEST QH	9.30am EUCARIST NM	9.30am Eucharist DB	9.30am Family Service SB	-
Liturgical colour & Readings	PURPLE	PURPLE	PURPLE	PURPLE
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Genesis 12: 1 - 4	Exodus 17: 1 - 7	Exodus 2: 1 - 10	Ezekiel 37: 1 - 14
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Romans 4: 1 5, 13 - 17	Romans 5: 1 - 11	Colossians 3: 12 - 17	Romans 8: 6 - 11
Gospel	John 3: 1 - 17	John 4: 5 - 42	Luke 2: 33 - 35	John 11: 1 - 45

**PLEASE NOTE THAT, AT THE TIME OF GOING TO PRINT, THIS SCHEDULE HAD NOT YET BEEN CONFIRMED WITH PARTICIPATING CLERGY AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

## Changing Times for St Andrew's Church and the Quantock Coast Benefice

Within the next few months, those visiting the Parish Church in Stogursey will see a document pinned to the door outlining proposed changes to the parish groupings in Quantock Deanery. The PCC, and I, would be very grateful if you could take a moment to consider the proposals once they are published.

In the challenging financial environment it faces post-Covid, the Diocese of Bath and Wells has taken the difficult decision to reduce its number of paid clergy. Every area of Somerset will be affected by these reductions and in our area (Quantock Deanery), we are required to reduce our number of those clergy from 5 to 4.

We have considered very carefully how this could happen whilst ensuring that the church continues to serve our rural communities such as yours, maintain regular worship in our church buildings, and provide pastoral care for those in times of sorrow and joy. There were no easy answers but after a great deal of consideration by representatives from across the Deanery, and consultation with all the church councils, the following proposals are being made:

- Quantock Coast Benefice (the grouping of parishes of which Stogursey is currently part) will be disbanded and the parishes moved to new groups.
- Stogursey and Fiddington parishes will become a new benefice with Cannington, Stockland and Combwich.
- Revd Alison Waters (me) (based in Cannington) will be the new Rector of these parishes, including Stogursey.
- Kilve, Holford and Stringston parishes will form a new grouping with the parishes currently known as the Quantock Villages Benefice with Revd Eleanor King (Nether Stowey) as their new Rector.
- Revd Nicky Morgan will move to Bicknoller. She will remain the Rector of East and West Quantoxhead, and will also serve the parishes currently known as Quantock Towers.
- Watchet and Williton Benefice will remain as it is.

In addition, all the parishes of our Deanery will form a new Group Ministry. This is a means by which we can work much more closely together as clergy and church communities, supporting one another, and especially those invaluable and incredibly hardworking wardens and volunteers who keep our churches open and available to villagers and visitors.

The consultation period, once it begins, will last for six weeks during which all residents are welcome to respond to the proposals. If you would like to know more please do not hesitate to contact a Churchwarden or other member of the PCC (contact details to be found on the church noticeboard) and you are welcome also to contact me direct. If it is thought it would be helpful, the PCC will happily arrange an open meeting in the Village Hall to discuss these changes further. Just let them know if you would like this.

Getting to the point of this proposal has been difficult, and we are very aware that it will be painful for some. We are glad, though, to have been given the opportunity to put the plan together ourselves, knowing as we do the needs of our churches and our communities, and we believe that this proposal does offer the best potential for our churches going forward.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Revd Alison Waters, Area Dean  
cannington.benefice@gmail.com, 01278 652953

## Charles William Caple

1945 – 2022

*Charlie did not have any family left alive and had named Rose, his kind and caring neighbour who lives opposite in Castle Street, as his 'next of kin'/emergency contact number. Over the years he built many friendships locally and Rose was determined that he be given a fitting tribute. She worked hard to keep as many of us as possible well informed as to arrangements and the events leading up to his final passing. Rose delivered this moving eulogy at his well-attended funeral at Sedgemoor Crematorium on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023.*

Caroline Hawkes, Castle Street

Charles had links with Stogursey all his life and loved the village and its castle, where he was born on 21<sup>st</sup> June 1945, a fact he proudly told everyone.

With the help of my good friend Helen, we traced his family back to his grandparents William and Fanny. They had three children, Percy, Robert and Albert. Percy was born in 1907. He was Charlie's father. His mother Gertrude was born in Bridgwater in 1911. She was working as a grocery assistant in 1939. They married in 1941. Percy was a Police Support Officer in the village and in later life became the lollipop man at Stogursey School. He also planted the chestnut trees on the gravel, another fact Charlie was proud of. Charlie left the local school and went to work at the Poultry Packers<sup>1</sup> in Nether Stowey, Later he worked at Bordens, now Sharpak, in Bridgwater as a machine operator. As he got older he stayed past retirement as a cleaner.

He supported the local Youth Club by going into Bridgwater each week and buying the latest hits for them to listen to. He was an active, outdoor man whose hobbies included canoeing and hiking.

He had a Robin Reliant car and went on holiday to the continent. Charlie was a full-time carer for his parents as their health declined. His mother died in 1992 aged 82 years, and his father in 1999, aged 92 years.

He had a long term relationship with his partner David lasting 46 years, though they were frequently parted due to work commitments. They bought a static caravan on a Naturist site in Devon and enjoyed many holidays there. David now resides at St Benedict's Care Home in Glastonbury and Charlie was his full-time carer until April 2022. Charlie also helped many elderly residents in the village so it was quite fitting that when ill health struck he was able to call on the community to help him.

I myself only had the good fortune to know him in the past couple of years and tried to help him as much as possible, introducing him to Stogursey Lunches, Forget-Me-Not Café and Friday Coffee Mornings. He often came across for coffee and to enjoy the sunshine in our garden. My husband's family knew him for much longer – over forty years.

Charlie was a very private man but had a great sense of humour, even remarking to Carole Mallet, on being asked if he was going to Lunches the following week: "Yes, you can be my Tuesday date!"

I still look across each day as I always did to see if his curtains are open. He always sent me a text if he wasn't feeling well saying he was resting so I wouldn't worry. He would have been touched that so many people turned out for him today. I sincerely hope that we have done the best for him at the end, and as no flowers were requested a donation box will be available to go to Stogursey Lunches in his memory, a place he enjoyed and looked forward to each week.

God Bless You Charlie  
Rest In Peace

Rosemarie Barrett

*<sup>1</sup>long since demolished and now the housing estate at the top of Stogursey Lane*



### Solution to Quick Crossword No 33

February 2023

#### ACROSS:

1. Clumber, 5. Mocha, 8. Bellyflop, 9. Aha, 10. Rowan, 12. Iceland, 13. Choreographer, 15. Cheviot, 17. Annie, 19. Lie, 20. Lancaster, 22. Alloy, 23. Scalene

#### DOWN:

1. Cyber, 2. URL, 3. Beyonce, 4. Rolling Stones, 5. Maple, 6. Cranachan, 7. Awarder, 11. Wholemeal, 13. Cecilia, 14. Atacama, 16. Islay, 18. Eyrie, 21. Tie

## The Big Freeze of 1962/63

My answer to the question on the front of January's edition is Yes, I most certainly do remember the "Big Freeze". My birthday being in the first week of December, at the start of that event in 1962, I had just turned 9 years of age.

After Christmas on Boxing Day our parents took the family up to London to see a special festive edition of "Sunday Night at the Palladium" with a very young Bruce Forsyth as the compère. (Who remembers his centerpiece, 'Beat the Clock' forerunner to 'The Generation Game'?)

We lived in Crayford Kent, just 35 minutes on the train to Charing Cross in the City, and as we did not have a car, it was all by train, bus, or Shanks' Pony in those days. It was on the way home on the train that it first started to snow, and every station the train stopped at the snow seemed deeper, and deeper; it was relentless. After we arrived at Crayford station we had to walk half a mile across the town to our house near the top of the High Street and, as usual, took the narrow alley from the station that circumvented the greyhound track to the town centre. The snow was virgin all the way home and as it was by now nearing midnight, only us about; both my older brother, sister, and I had a fantastic time and made so many snowballs, and the snow was still coming down thick and fast.

The next morning my mother opened the kitchen to garden door to let the three cats, Mickey, Bootsy, and Cindy out (no cat flaps then so they stayed in all night after feeding) and she was faced with a frozen wall of snow right to the top where it had drifted. I can still remember her exclamation which brought us all to see the problem. My father was home and pushed the drifted snow out, but it was still very deep, so he went out to the Anderson Shelter which was now a shed, and with a shovel cut a path for the cats. They were so funny tip-toeing in the snow. Then he had to get the fire going; no central heating but coal fire chimneys to all the main rooms, including bedrooms. After breakfast we couldn't wait to wash, dress, and get out to play all day in the snow. For us children it was heaven and up to Shenstone Park we went with our homemade toboggans.

As the snow lasted for so long my father and older brother made a Bob Sleigh with a steering bogie controlled by two ropes, handles at the rear to push off and a front cowling made with chicken wire and paper mâché. It was remarkably strong, and they painted it in the same blue as our winter Olympic team. Also they painted Great Britain and our Union flag on the nose cowl.

*Geoff Hart, 5 Paddons Farm*

## MOTHER'S DAY ROAST DINNER

at the Victory Hall

on

**SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

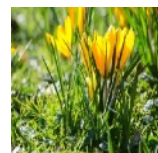
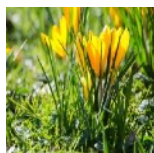
LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM  
12 NOON TO 14:00

1 course £9.50 / 2 course £12.50  
Child's course under 11 years £7.50  
Child's pudding £1.00

CASH ONLY PLEASE

Bookings are required:

Please contact  
Denise Oliver  
01278 733594



Spring is in the air and what better way to celebrate than with a wonderful British comedy-drama based on the events which led to one of the historical finds of the century.

In **The Lost King**, Sally Whittaker, the Academy Award nominated actress of 'The Shape of Water' and 'Paddington' fame, brings to life the amateur historian who discovered the remains of Richard III in a Leicestershire car park. With her private and professional life in tatters, she uses her new found connection to the much maligned king to bring some kind of order and meaning to her own existence.

A stunning ensemble cast add warmth and depth to this lovely film which is sure to satisfy, and perhaps, lead to you reaching for the history books!

Come and join us on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March** at the Jubilee Rooms where you will be guaranteed a warm welcome. Doors are open from 7pm for a 7.30pm start. There will also be a super selection of very reasonably priced refreshments available for you to enjoy. Tickets are priced at just £6 and are available at the door or from Spar in advance.

See you then!

*The Soap Factory Team*

## Interested in Visiting France or Hosting French Visitors? YOUR TWINNING ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOU!

At the end of April we're looking forward to hosting around forty people from the delightful village of Lonlay L'Abbaye in Normandy, France, famous for its delicious biscuits, and we're going to need some new hosts. They'll arrive by coach at around 7.00pm on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April and leave on Monday morning 1<sup>st</sup> May. Friday night will be spent with hosts (some people arrange to meet with others to share cooking and facilitate communication.) On Saturday there will be a whole group outing for the French, while in the evening we'll have a special dinner altogether in the Victory Hall, French guests paid for by the Association. Sunday is a 'free' day.

The connection between our two villages dates back to Norman times when monks from the Abbey at Lonlay L'Abbaye were granted land in 'Stoke Courcy' (and 2 other UK locations) and built a Priory here. (Its thirteenth century thatched dovecote still stands and is one of our listed buildings.)

Our Twinning Association is built on friendship and community, both with each other and within our own communities, and we are very keen to welcome all ages to our association. Even if you may not want to get involved in the longer term, please let us know if you think you would be able to host someone this year (likely to be a couple or family).

As for membership, anyone (18 years or over) is welcome to join on payment of an annual subscription £5.00 per individual or £10 per household, due each year by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Some members choose not to travel to France or to host visitors and you don't need to be able to speak French – just to socialise! We hold several village events throughout the year such as a Wassail, Burns Night and St George's Day celebrations, summer BBQ and Cream tea, Safari Supper and Christmas Quiz.

Learn more at our **Annual General Meeting on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March** at the Jubilee Rooms, Castle Street, Stogursey. Doors will open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. Everyone is welcome and you are invited to contribute to a bring and share finger buffet. Liquid refreshments will be available on a donation basis.

**More info from:**  
**Twinning Secretary Caroline Hawkes 01278 733162**  
**stogurseytwinningassociation@gmail.com**

## Stogursey Flower Show

### HELP NEEDED!

Last September the village hosted a very successful Flower Show in the Victory Hall, with marvellous entries of vegetables, fruits, home-produce, handicrafts . . . and much more.

Fiona Johnson, who has been the Show Organiser for several years, is stepping down from the role. Thank you Fiona for all your hard work over the years.

We would love to have another show this year, and Fiona has said that she would be happy to give guidance, but new volunteers are needed to help plan, prepare and run the show.

If you would like to get involved, please send an email to [stogurseynews@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stogurseynews@hotmail.co.uk)



## FORGET-ME-NOT-CAFÉ

Jubilee Rooms, Castle Street,  
Stogursey

EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY  
10.30 – 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 enjoy all sorts of activities including music, bingo, singing, puzzles, and art and craft, in a friendly environment.

We also offer a friendly and confidential chat if you need it.

*Please note that our guests with memory issues must be accompanied by a family member, friend or carer.*

### Upcoming Café Dates:

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April

All are welcome to come along for coffee and a chat.  
Helen and Rose look forward to seeing you soon.

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)

## Survivor

by Jan Ford

Drifting now  
Between sleep and consciousness:  
Dreaming - as I often do!  
Hearing unfamiliar noises:  
- rumbling, creaking, crashing,  
wood splintering, glass shattering;  
Feel I'm falling helpless into an abyss.  
Frightening, but it's not real!

It's quiet at last  
Am I awake? I think so.  
Can't move my arms;  
I really need to pinch myself!  
It's so dark and cramped,  
I'm breathing dust,  
Feeling pain and pressure  
- and warm body fluids - down there!

A shout  
"Can you hear me?"  
More voices - can't be far away.  
More screams and shouts  
- Try to add mine;  
Tell them of my pain,  
But drift off again.

I'm so cold, so thirsty;  
It's been so long.  
Minutes? hours? days? nights?

Sounds of activity around me.  
Machinery, excited voices  
Getting closer.  
"Can you hear me?"  
Is that voice only in my head?

Then light, faces,  
Help all around me - Such joy!  
I'm alive to greet my new-born

### Ukulele Session Strummers of Stogursey

Following a really fun-filled session in which we recruited some new members, we are looking forward to our next get-together on Wednesday, **8 March - Greyhound Inn - 7.30pm.** Come along to sing, strum, shake a tambourine.

*Ukuleles are available to try out.*

## Stogursey Arts Photographic Society

**"I am an amateur and I intend to stay that way for the rest of my life."  
Andre Kertesz**

I discovered the photographs of Andre Kertesz more than thirty years ago and although his work has its place in history, his approach remains very relevant to photography today.

Kertesz was internationally famous during his lifetime and unlike many personalities in the public eye today, he never sought celebrity status, he just felt the subject matter he explored was enough motivation for his work. There is pure modesty in how he approached making photographs. Later in life, when he was unable to venture outside his apartment in New York due to ill health, he remained the 'brilliant amateur', photographing the park below him and the simple beauty of objects on his windowsill.

The apartment photos are a great example of his approach. Kertesz draws the viewer to consider these ordinary objects on his windowsill, purely because, in the first instance, his documentation of them makes us curious to look further. These ordinary objects are simply given more than a glance, because he has presented them to us for consideration via the viewfinder of 'his camera'. We find ourselves looking for a deeper meaning, even if there is not one, but in looking to try and understand why and what he sees in them, we have engaged in something quite special. It makes us think!

The technology of auto exposure and digital adjustment of today's modern 'camera phone' means that taking photos as an 'amateur' is much easier. We don't have to worry about all the technical stuff, as the 'phone does it for us; all we have to do is concentrate on taking the 'picture', composing it with a mind to record what it was we saw.

It sounds easy, but it's not. Kertesz had a natural ability to select and compose his images, and although he had an intuitive skill to make his memorable photos, what made them great was the modest way in which he approached the task. The images are sensitive, they are not flashy, they are extremely honest. Today, we can still relate to these images, even though they are now dated; the subjects they portray are still fresh and retain their curiosity. See if you can find his book in the library: 'Kertesz on Reading' or if you have a computer, seek out his images on line.

After only a few meetings, we have established a regular group of SAPS, but I am sure there will be more of you out there, who may want to improve your skills or find out how you can improve as 'amateurs' through sharing your experiences and skills with the group.

If you missed Dave Hathaway's collection of local (photo) vintage postcards, we will be repeating this presentation at the next meeting of SAPS. You are welcome to come just for the talk, but you are also encouraged to stay and join in our discussions and get involved.

So if you are an interested 'amateur' or a 'modest professional', do come along and join in.

The next meeting is booked for **9th March, starting at 7pm** in the Jubilee Rooms, Castle Street. There is a voluntary sub (entry to the talk) of £2 to cover running costs of the Jubilee Rooms.

Mike Bradshaw,

SAPS for Stogursey Arts Trust

## Stogursey & District Victory Hall Committee News

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

### THANK YOU to Somerset Community Foundation

Stogursey & District Victory Hall would like to thank Somerset Community Foundation for its kind award of a £5,000 grant. This grant will help keep the hall open and heated throughout the cold weather. Our energy and utility costs per annum are circa £18,000 and rising - more than double last year.

### Volunteers required:

#### Can you spare any time to help ?

The Village Hall is manned by volunteers and urgently requires help to continue to provide the community with a meeting place for events etc. We need assistance with fund raising, catering, the social club, events, and general maintenance. If you can spare time, please email [info@stogurseyvillagehall.org.uk](mailto:info@stogurseyvillagehall.org.uk) or contact Ann on 01278 732181

### Renew your Annual Social Club membership.

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

Produce at the Social Club Bar for a 10% discount during March & April.

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.

### Spring Opening Times (as of 17<sup>th</sup> of March)

Friday: 5.30pm – 11pm

Saturday 5.30pm – 11pm

Sunday 12noon – 6pm.

### January Victory Hall Lottery Winners

1 <sup>st</sup> prize £25.00	No 24	T Touchin
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize £15.00	No 181	D Webber
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize £10.00	No 158	R Nurton

### Village Hall Events

#### Dates for your diary of upcoming village events

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March

#### Community Employment Hub and Citizens Advice

10am-12 noon

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March

#### NEW! Stogursey Victory Hall Quiz Night

7.00pm for 7.30pm start,

This will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month.

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March

#### Community Employment Hub and Citizens Advice

10am-12 noon

NB Held in the Quantock Building (Youth Club)

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March

#### Somerset Opera: The Gondoliers -7pm

Tickets £12 available from Stogursey Post Office

☎Allan Searle 01278 732820,

or Chris Ford 07552610692

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April

#### Carnival Race Night -

Details posted as soon as available.

### Polite Notice – Fly Tipping.

It is an offence to fly tip waste. We have installed CCTV - you will be seen!

The waste bins at the hall are NOT for public use. The hall is charged for incorrect recycling which we can ill afford. Do not leave rubbish bags of clothes on the ground if the Air Ambulance bin is full.

**Please leave your rubbish at home and dispose of it thoughtfully.**



### Stogursey WI News

#### February Meeting

From small beginnings our group is growing! We welcomed three new members who have recently moved to the village.

As we met on Valentine's Day, Liz Edgar, President, had researched the origins of this special day and gave an interesting talk concerning its progress from its gruesome beginnings hundreds of years ago to how we celebrate the love of today.

This was followed by tea and beautifully decorated valentine cupcakes and cake made especially by a member. Thank you to Mrs P G.

### WI Diary dates:

14<sup>th</sup> March 2.30 pm Stogursey Victory Hall – Soap Making demonstration.

### Keep the date! 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 12 noon,

#### St Georges 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 ✉ [stogurseytyldesley@gmail.com](mailto:stogurseytyldesley@gmail.com)



## Stogursey Community Network

### March 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, do come along!

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 in our two local shops, but please note that medicines, fizzy drinks or food past its Best Before Date cannot 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 on the **Contacts and Parish Information** page in this magazine.

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#### Medical Transport

For residents in the Stogursey parish, our DBS-checked 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 of your choice, cheques accepted.

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

Also, 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. Training is provided for the Lunches team.*

*Please contact us for an informal chat.*



## Stogursey Lunches MARCH MENU

### Tuesday 7 March

(book by Friday 3 March - phone 01278 733451)

Salmon Fishcakes OR  
Winter vegetable Fritters, both  
with vegetables or coleslaw

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Treacle Tart with custard or cream

### Tuesday 14 March

(book by Friday 10 March - phone 01278 733451)

Chicken Casserole OR  
Chickpea Casserole;  
both with mashed potatoes

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Lemon Meringue Pie

### Tuesday 21 March

(book by Friday 17 March - phone 01278 733451)

Baked Meatballs with butterbeans in a creamy  
tomato sauce, OR  
Parsnip & Carrot Soup with bread roll and butter

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Pear Custard Pie

### Tuesday 28 March

(book by Friday 24 March - phone 01278 733451)

Quiche Lorraine, OR  
Leek Flan;  
both with potatoes and vegetables

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Sticky Toffee Pudding

### Tuesday 4 APRIL

(book by Friday 31 March - phone 01278 733451)

Creamy Chicken & Bacon Pasta, OR  
Creamy Vegetable Pasta

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Chocolate Cheesecake

**How to contact SCN: Email: [stogurseycommunitynetwork@gmail.com](mailto:stogurseycommunitynetwork@gmail.com), Tel: 01278 732149,  
or message us via Facebook [Stogursey Community Network](https://www.facebook.com/StogurseyCommunityNetwork) | Facebook**

# BurtonFete

**SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MAY**

9am - 9:30pm. Entry £1

Burton Springs / Yellow Door Cottage  
will be hosting our annual Village fete

Everyone welcome

**Breakfast 9am**

**Stalls / Games / Music 10 - 3**

**Bar 3 - 9:30**

**Dog Show. 4 - 5:30 £1**

**Live Music. 5:30 - 9:30**

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## COFFEE MORNING

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**SATURDAY MARCH 18<sup>th</sup> 10.00 - 12 noon**

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## HOLFORD GARDENERS' GROUP

Holford and District Village Hall

**Tuesday March 21<sup>st</sup> 7.30pm**

**'Fruit Gardening' a talk by Claire Forster**

Members £1.00 Visitors £2.00

A Warm Welcome to All

## QUANTOCK U3A

Quantock u3a have booked two bus tours to Hinkley, but may have a few extra seats. We would welcome more members and non-members to fill up the bus.

The tours start in the Visitor Centre then we are taken by coach round the Hinkley site.

The dates are:

Thursday, 13th April in the afternoon

Thursday, 11th May in the morning

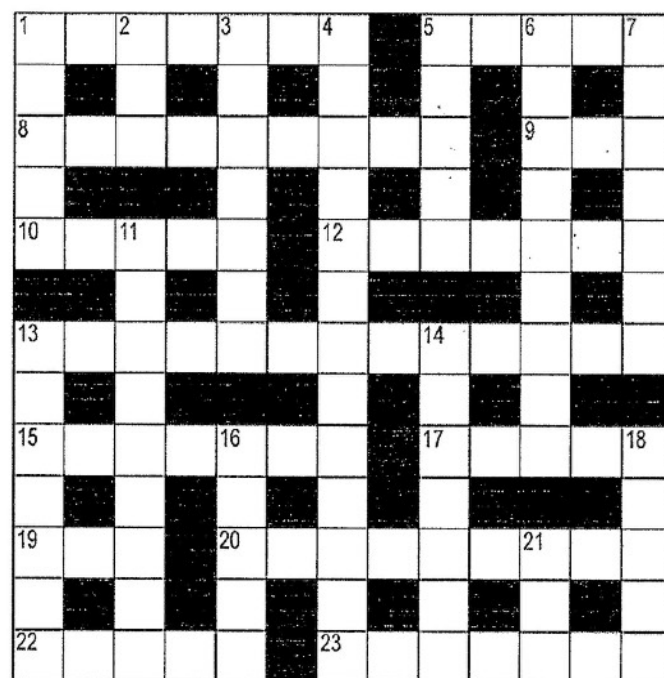
Please email me asap to reserve your place:

[Maureenyoung@hotmail.com](mailto:Maureenyoung@hotmail.com)

Thank you, Mo Young

## Quick Crossword No.34

Compiled by Helen Cuttell



### CLUES ACROSS

1. A stone used to mount a horse (7)
5. Throngs or crowds of people (5)
8. Rodent of the cavy family (6,3)
9. Look it up! (3)
10. Town in Clackmannanshire (5)
12. Rooibos (7)
13. Used to make marmalade (13)
15. Bright red pigment (7)
17. Succulent plant native to tropical America (5)
19. A Spanish eye! (3)
20. Actor who played the Six Million Dollar Man (3,6)
22. Israeli port and resort town (5)
23. Ornamental design like a clover leaf (7)

### CLUES DOWN

1. Molten material from which igneous rocks are formed (5)
2. National Savings and Investments (3)
3. Taking everything into account (7)
4. English actor, was in Shrek. Also a director & producer, (7,6)
5. Not flexible (5)
6. The last wife of Julius Caesar (9)
7. A drink made from flavoured ice crystals (7)
11. City in Merseyside (9)
13. Naturally occurring sugar found in plants (7)
14. Beer brewed from traditional ingredients (4,3)
16. A small arm of the sea, a lake, or a river (5)
18. A frame used by an artist to hold a canvas (5)
21. A brand of stock cube (3)

## News from the Quantock Medical Centre

Our main news is that Helen Every, our Advanced Nurse Practitioner, has had to retire prematurely for health reasons and the Patient Group would like to thank Helen for all her support, hard work and dedication to the practice by putting on an afternoon tea party for patients to come and say a big THANK YOU and Good Luck with your Retirement. Helen has been working as a nurse for 43 years, and we have been very lucky to have her working with us for the last 7 Years.

The tea party will be at **St Marys Church Centre on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March from 3pm – 5pm.**

All are welcome, so please come along and join in. If you would like to make a donation towards a leaving gift you can drop this into the practice for safe keeping.

## AGE UK Walk & Talk

We are aware of many residents in the village who have become increasingly isolated and lonely since Covid; many have lost their confidence, become weaker through not leaving their homes, and not joining in with the activities they used to.

Age UK Somerset offer a number of services including a Walk and Talk service for anyone over 60 years old. This free 'Walk and Talk' service aims to support older people who would like to get out and benefit from fresh air and being more active, but don't feel very confident about going out by themselves or would just appreciate some company.

After clients have registered, they will be matched with a suitable volunteer. Then over an initial 16-week period, clients will be called for by the volunteer each week, who will then go out with them for a short walk starting from (and returning to) the client's home.

The pace of the walks will be set by the client and will not be strenuous. Every client is different and so the duration of the walks will be tailored to their needs and wishes.

The social aspect of having a friendly chat during the meeting is seen as just as important as the walk!

### What are the benefits of the service?

- An increase in confidence
- An increase in fitness
- A reduction in feelings of loneliness or isolation
- An improvement in physical, mental and emotional wellbeing
- Meeting new people, making new connections
- Being introduced to new activities in the area

Age Concern are also in need of Volunteers to support this service in our area. If you might be interested in becoming a Volunteer for this service they would be delighted to hear from you! Please [learn more on our Volunteering page](#) of AGE UK Somerset or email [volunteers@ageuksomerset.org.uk](mailto:volunteers@ageuksomerset.org.uk) or call 01823 345627.)

## FUND RAISING FOR EQUIPMENT

On another note altogether: we would like to organise some fund-raising events this year to raise money for new equipment at the surgery. There are many new devices that would help save clinical time and free up additional appointments particularly for our nursing team. For example, one procedure we are required to do for patients with leg ulcers and compression hosiery is to take annual Doppler readings. This process can take over an hour with our current Doppler machine. However there is a new machine on the market which costs approx. £3500 and will only take 20 minutes instead of an hour, with improved readings, and a much better experience for the patient.

We also maintain the village Defib which costs the practice approximately £1000 a year including heating and lighting to maintain the battery life, its annual health check, defib pads for children and adults (£300 each time they are used) and a new battery (£350).

Could you support us by holding a fund raising event to help? Maybe you could put on a coffee morning, a tea party in your garden when the weather is better, a beetle drive, a quiz night, or support an auction of skills and promises. If you are interested in supporting your village surgery please do get in touch to discuss.

Thank you for your support.

*Helen Stacey – Practice Manager*

## BRIDGWATER CHORAL SOCIETY

**Come and join us for a sociable, uplifting and satisfying musical experience.**

The choir is bouncing back after the pandemic, and has doubled in size since September, with several very successful and enjoyable concerts which have been recognised by Classic FM. Our conductor is Jackie Ayres, who graduated from the Guildhall School of Music London, and is a very experienced professional musician and teacher.

**A Singing Day is planned for Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March**, from 11.00 until 4.30, and anyone who is interested will be made very welcome. The repertoire will include Rutter's Requiem, as well as smaller secular items, such as Stanford's Bluebird, the Seal Lullaby, and some Elgar. There will be vocal coaching, and help with music reading for those who feel they need it. Music, tea and coffee included. The cost will be £15.

If you are interested in either coming along to join us, or to offer your help and support in any other way, please email the secretary, SuePow, [hydeparkpows@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hydeparkpows@yahoo.co.uk), or the conductor, [jackieanddavidayres@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jackieanddavidayres@hotmail.co.uk).

We rehearse Wednesday evenings, 7.00 - 9.00pm in St Mary's Church, Bridgwater. Please email first.

## Points from the Parish Council Meeting

14<sup>th</sup> February 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.

### Planning

The new unitary authority, Somerset Council, is consulting on its planning process which will be brought in after 1.4.2023 when the Council starts its function replacing the four district Councils including Somerset West and Taunton. We would encourage all to partake in the consultation to ensure that your views are heard and taken into account on future planning matters, it **closes on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023** <https://somerset.inconsult.uk/sci/consultationHome>

### Grit bins

The recent cold snap highlighted areas that may benefit from a grit bin to assist road users, and the Parish Council is to purchase four new ones for use in locations across the parish. A thank you to those who responded and have taken delivery of some bags of road salt for use on the road as an interim measure. We thank those residents who actually take some time to spread the salt when it is needed to help others on the roads.

### Potholes/ Worn out road signs/lines

The winter has also caused several issues on roads across the parish. Anyone can report a road surface defect directly with Somerset Highways - [www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem-on-the-road/](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem-on-the-road/) this system reports the matter directly and gives feedback to the informer on the action taken by Somerset Highways.

### Parish Welcome Pack

The Parish Council are seeking to update the welcome pack that is delivered to newcomers to the Parish. The current version is available to view on the parish website – [www.stogursey-online.uk/welcome-packs](http://www.stogursey-online.uk/welcome-packs). If you wish to suggest any amendments or additions please contact the Parish Clerk

**The next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 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 [stogurseyppclerk@gmail.com](mailto: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 March. 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 May. 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](mailto:stogurseyford@gmail.com) by

**10am Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

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Amount of oil required ..... litres

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

Special instructions.....

**Delivery will be in the 2 week period  
commencing 7<sup>th</sup> March**

## 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:

#### Burton & Knighton

Mike Laver, m\_laver@btinternet.com 01278 732069  
Sue Jones, suekibjones@yahoo.co.uk 01278 732275

#### Shurton

Richard Cuttell, cuttellrichard@gmail.com 01278 734818

#### Stolford

Susan E Jones, suejones279@btinternet.com  
01278 652287

#### Wick

Dick Blomfield, richie.blomfield@btinternet.com  
01278 653302

#### Stogursey Parish Council

Chris Ford and Sue Goss

### EdF Contacts

Hinkley Point C Drop-ins/Main Site Forums

Phone 0333 009 7070 or  
email: hinkley-enquiries@edf-energy.com

HPC Hotline for enquiries or complaints: 0333 009 7070

### POLICE

Non-Emergencies - Call 101. Emergencies - Call 999

### Community Venues

Victory Hall & Youth Club - Allan Searle 01278 732820

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 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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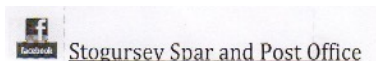
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Open mic: last Saturday each month;

Karaoke: every Friday 8 - 11pm

Ukulele session: 2nd Weds of month

## Stacy's Update

Spring is almost here, and I have enjoyed seeing the daffodils adding colour to my local cycle rides.

Andrew kindly introduced me in the February newsletter. I am delighted to join the Hinkley Point C team and the steep learning curve that comes with it!

I have lived in the area for over 15 years -often seen walking, running and cycling around the country lanes. Outside of work my young daughter keeps me on my toes.

I hope to meet many of you in person but also looking forward to keeping you updated through this newsletter and always welcome feedback. If you are keen to cover areas of the project or the wider nuclear industry, please let me know via the email address at the foot of the page.



**ABOVE.** Heavy Lift Success.

*The Lance Storage and Transfer Compartment Pools*

Here on site, we have now successfully completed the heaviest lift of the project to date.

The Lance Storage and Transfer Compartment Pools emerged slowly out of its pre-fabrication building to be set down by Big Carl in the Unit 1 Reactor Building.

Weighing in at around 780 tonnes, the lift marked the end of more than 12 months of intense assembly work by the EDF project team and our Contractors Darchem.

The assembly work included the installation of large, prefabricated stainless steel panels, falsework and rebar for the surrounding walls, a transfer control hut, and 14-tonne sluice that controls water in the Reactor's pools during different stages of operation, such as refuelling.

The panels were lifted into position, then welded and checked using X-ray radiography techniques to make sure the weld quality was to the required standard.

Before the lift, two beams were installed at the bottom of the pools to give Big Carl the right leverage. The Lift team then dropped the pool onto a set of "mega-props" that will support the structure while its being "stitched" into position.

## About the pools and bunkers

- Several pools will be installed in the reactor building. These pools are used during outages to make sure that radioactive components, and fuel moved in and out of the Reactor, always remain covered with water.
- The Lance Storage Pool is used for storing the Reactor's internal sensors and detectors, which are housed in long tubes called instrumentation lances.
- The pre-fabrication buildings, known as "bunkers," were constructed to provide a weatherproof environment that helps increase efficiency and ensure the exceptional quality a nuclear power station needs.

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# Hinkley Point C - Monthly Update

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

### Apprenticeship News

Four EDF apprentices from Hinkley Point C were invited to parliament to attend a Skills and Apprenticeships Fair as part of Nuclear Week in Parliament.

The event brought together apprentices from across the nuclear industry. The event highlighted the industry's brilliant impact across education, skills and apprenticeships. HPC is proud to have already trained over 1,000 apprentices on the project so far.



### Heavy Lift Success

One of the Project's heaviest lifts was completed successfully, when the Lance Storage and Transfer Compartment Pools emerged slowly out of the East Pool Bunker to be set down by Big Carl in the Unit 1 Reactor Building.

Weighing in at around 780 tonnes, the lift marked the end of more than 12 months of intense assembly work in the bunker by the EDF Project team and specialist contractor Darchem.

### New Partnership with Bridgwater Food Bank

The Exyte Hargreaves team joined the project in late 2021, undertaking vital design, procurement, manufacture, delivery and installation of the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems across five areas of Site.

Earlier this month the team started a partnership with Bridgwater Foodbank and is now encouraging team members across the Project to donate dry food and toiletries, which will help tackle food poverty and hunger in our local community.

