

STOGURSEY NEWS



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April 2023

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Editorial

Welcome to the April edition of Stogursey News. As the days get longer and warmer you will be pleased to see that there are, as always, plenty of events to look forward to over the next few weeks in and around the village.

Those of you who are patients at Quantock Medical Centre will be interested to read about the career and life of the highly respected Practice Nurse, Helen Every, who has recently retired. What a shame that a day of late snow put paid to her afternoon tea party!

The school pages make a very interesting read this month - what a lot of different and exciting activities the pupils are engaged in, from writing stories about climate change using their Chrome-books, to finding out about sound waves using jelly and popcorn.

Our French visitors from Lonlay arrive at the end of this month. What a good idea that Caroline and Sukey, from the Twinning Association, also visited the school recently to tell the pupils all about Lonlay. The children were, of course, interested to hear of their biscuit factory.

We may not have a factory here in Stogursey, but maybe we can make equally tasty biscuits, Easter ones, in fact - see the recipe inside.

With Easter greetings from us all,

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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- * Send it to stogurseynews@hotmail.co.uk

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- * Put it into the 'Stogursey News' box in the Post Office.

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- Submit your contribution by the deadline date.
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- 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.
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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 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 2023

April

Sat 1	Karaoke	Victory Hall	8.00pm
Thurs 6	Mobile Library	Shurton & Stogursey	as schedule
Tues 11	W I: AGM & Easter Fun	Victory Hall	2.30pm
Tues 11	Parish Council	Victory Hall	7.00pm
Weds 12	Forget-me-Not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12noon
Weds 12	Ukulele Session	Greyhound Inn	7.30pm
Thurs 13	SAPS (Photographic Society)	Jubilee Rooms	7.00pm
Tues 18	Defibrillator/First Aid Awareness	St Peter's Stolford/Victory Hall	afternoon/early evening
Thurs 20	Film Night: 'Fisherman's Friends One & All'	Jubilee Rooms	Doors open 7.00pm
Fri 21	Quiz Night	Victory Hall	7.00pm
Sat 22	Boot & Tabletop Sale	Victory Hall	10.00am -12 noon
Sat 22	St George's Day Lunch	Jubilee Rooms	12 noon
Weds 26	Forget-me-not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30 am - 12 noon
Fri 28	French visitors from Lonlay arrive	The Gravel	approx 7.00pm
Fri 28	Carnival Race Night	Victory Hall	7.00pm

SERVICES IN THE QUANTOCK COAST BENEFICE : APRIL 2023

CHURCH	2 nd April Palm Sunday	9 th April Easter Day	16 th April Easter 1	23 rd April Easter 2	30 th April Easter 3
EAST QH	-	Sunday @3 RJ/BJ/NM		-	-
FIDDINGTON	9.00am Eucharist DB	9.00am Eucharist DB	9.00am Eucharist TS	-	-
HOLFORD	6.30pm EVENSONG NM	9.30am EUCARIST (Common Worship) SC	11.00am Holy Communion (BCP) SC	-	-
KILVE	11.00am Eucharist SC	11.00am Family Service SB	9.30am Eucharist SC	10.30am Benefice Eucharist SC	-
STOGURSEY	10.30am EUCARIST NM	10.30am Eucharist TS	10.30am Eucharist CM	-	
STRINGSTON	11.00am FAMILY SERVICE SB	4.00pm Easter Garden SB/NM	11.00am Eucharist DB	-	-
WEST QH	9.30am EUCARIST SC	10.30am Eucharist NM	9.30am Family Service SB		10.30am Benefice Eucharist NM
Liturgical colour & Readings	RED	WHITE	WHITE	WHITE	WHITE
1 st Reading	ALL	READINGS TO BE	Exodus 14: 10 – end; 15: 20 - 21	Zephaniah 3: 14 - end	Genesis 7
2 nd Reading	CONFIRMED	WITH	Acts 2: 14, 22 - 32	Acts 2: 14, 36 - 41	Acts 2: 42- end
Gospel	OFFICIATING	PRIEST	John 20: 19 - end	Luke 24: 13 - 35	John 10: 1 - 10

PLEASE NOTE THE EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE AT STOLFORD ON EASTER DAY:
FOR DETAILS SEE HOLY WEEK SERVICES.

Thank you

Thank you, Pauline and David Webber, for all your years of delivering the Stogursey News. We hope you enjoy your retirement!

PART-TIME VACANCY

A vacancy has arisen for the part-time post of Steward to the Trustees of the William Paulett Charity which owns and runs the Stogursey Almshouses.

This is a varied and interesting post, covering day-to-day management issues plus general administration including simple book-keeping, attending and minuting meetings and acting as first point of contact for the almshouse residents.

Remuneration is £5,000.00 per annum

An Information and Steward's Role sheet is available upon request. If you are interested in finding out more about this vacancy, please contact:

Pauline Kaye
30 Lime Street, Stogursey TA5 1QR
Email: pfkaye@yahoo.co.uk

Applications by letter to Mrs Kaye by
Friday 21st April 2023

St George's Day Lunch

Jubilee Rooms, Castle Street, Stogursey

Saturday 22nd April - 12 noon

Tickets £10 each

Available from: Stogursey Post Office

Come and enjoy a Somerset Ploughman's Lunch,
followed by Dessert, Tea, or Coffee

Hosted by Stogursey WI

Ukulele Sessions

Come and join SOS (the ukulele Strummers of Stogursey), who will be getting together in the Greyhound Inn on **Wednesday 12 April from 7.30pm.**

We are meeting new participants every week, but there's plenty of room for more. What we sing and play depends on what people want to sing and play. There is no set menu, and spare ukuleles are available for anyone to have a go.

Come and experience an evening of joyful music making.

Contact: Ian Elenor at ianelenor@gmail.com



For an evening of laughter and joy, join us on
Thursday 20th April
for the screening of

Fisherman's Friends: One and All

This funny and poignant sequel to the much loved original film follows the real life exploits of a group of singing fishermen as they navigate the choppy waters of fame. Sail along with them to see how they cope with the pressures of life, love and the prospect of a debut performance at the Pyramid Stage at Glastonbury!

With an instantly recognisable cast of famous faces and the always stunning Cornish landscape as its setting, this lovely film is sure to charm you instantly. Come and enjoy an evening amongst friends with the promise of a warm welcome and a large selection of refreshments.

Doors at the Jubilee Rooms open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets are available on the night or at the post office in advance, all for the very reasonable price of £6.

We can't wait to see you there.

Love,
The Soap Factory Team



SUNDAY 28th MAY

9:00am - 9:30pm. Entry £1

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

Breakfast 9:00

Stalls / Games / Music 10:00 - 3:00

Bar 3:00 - 9:30

Dog Show 4:00 - 5:30 £1

Live Music 5:30 - 9:30

Food Available All Day
Limited Parking

Venue:
Burton Springs Holidays
Burton, Bridgwater
TA5 1QB
www.burtonsprings.co.uk

Last month's meeting welcomed Nic and Ben from Boo Cottage Botanicals who produce award winning natural botanical skincare products handcrafted here in Somerset. Nic demonstrated how she creates her handcrafted soaps and natural skin care products. (www.boocottage.co.uk) We are amazed that this fantastic company is on our doorstep!

WI Diary dates:

11th April AGM and Easter fun 2.30pm Stogursey Victory Hall

22nd April, 12 noon, St George's Day lunch at the Jubilee Rooms, Stogursey.

This is a ticketed event. Tickets are £10 each and are on sale at Stogursey Post Office.

Lunch includes a full Somerset Ploughman's platter, dessert, tea or coffee.

Interested in becoming a WI Member?

Contact Ann ✉ stogurseytyldesley@gmail.com

BRIDGWATER CHORAL SOCIETY'S

Harmonia Group, Summer Concert

"Poetry In Music"

Jackie Ayres: Conductor

20th May 2023

St Mary's Church, Bridgwater

Our Summer Concert is scheduled for 20th May in St Mary's Church Bridgwater.

This will be a most enjoyable evening, a culmination of the year's work.

We shall be singing music from

John Rutter's Requiem with Mary Morgan as our soloist, and lots more!

More information about Tickets and Timing will be available nearer the date.

HOLFORD GARDENERS' GROUP

April 18th 7.30pm

Holford and District Hall

'Bishop's Garden, Wells'

a talk by **James Cross**

Members £1.00 Visitors £2.00

Tel 01278 741173 for details

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 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.

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

Upcoming Café Dates:

Wednesday 12th April

Wednesday 26th April

Wednesday 10th May

Wednesday 24th May

Wednesday 7th June



Burton Springs/ Yellow Door Cottage Fete will take place again on Sunday May 28th. There will be lots to do and see including Stalls/Games, Dog Show, Bar, Music, Food available all day. Forget-me-Not is holding a fund Raising Tombola which was a big success last year. Any unwanted gifts or donations for prizes would be very welcome. Thank you.

For more information please contact:

Helen: 01278 733451 cuttellhelen@gmail.com

Rose: 07507 374234 rosechalk@icloud.com

Solution to Quick Crossword No 34

March 2023

ACROSS:

1. Montoir, 5. Rucks, 8. Guinea Pig, 9. LIU, 10. Alloa, 12. Redbush, 13. Seville Orange, 15. Carmine, 17. Agave, 19. Ojo, 20. Lee Majors, 22. Eilat, 23. Trefoil

DOWN:

1. Magma, 2. NSI, 3. Overall, 4. Rupert Everett, 5. Rigid, 6. Calpurnia, 7. Slushie, 11. Liverpool, 13. Sucrose, 14. Real Ale, 16. Inlet, 18. Easel, 21. Oxo

Stogursey & District Victory Hall Committee News

www.stogurseyvillagehall.org.uk

Two new committee members

At the meeting on March 9th, we welcomed and co-opted two new committee members: Mr Ian Corrigan and Mr Rob Mallett. We wish them every success in their new roles and thank them for the expertise and knowledge they bring to the Village Hall.

We urgently require more help to provide the community with a meeting place for events etc. Assistance is needed with fund raising, catering, the social club, events, and general maintenance. If you can spare any time, please contact info@stogurseyvillagehall.org.uk or 01278 732181.

Renew your Annual Social Club membership

2023 Social Club cards are ready for issue and the annual subscription is £5.00.

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

Your card will also entitle you to a discount off any events you may book. All proceeds go towards maintaining the Hall. To apply, please email info@stogurseyvillagehall.org.uk or 01278 732181.

You can also register at the Social Club Bar every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Spring Opening Times (as of 17th of March)

Friday: 5.30pm - 11pm

Saturday 5.30pm – 11pm

Sunday 12 noon – 6pm.

Events

Dates for your diary of upcoming village events

Saturday 1st April

Karaoke 8pm

Friday 21st April

NEW! Stogursey Victory Hall Quiz Night

7.00pm for 7.30pm start,

held the 3rd Friday of every month.

Saturday 22nd April

NEW! Boot and Tabletop Sale

10am to 12 noon

£5.00 per space.

Café serving food and refreshments.

Friday 28th April

Carnival Race Night, 7pm to close

Points from the Parish Council Meeting 14 March 2023

Hinkley Point B decommissioning

Drop in sessions are being organised by Somerset Council at the Stogursey Victory Hall on 28 March 2023 and 1 April 2023 to update on the decommissioning. Hopefully information on this has been delivered to your address and if you wish to know more feel free to attend the sessions.

Changes to the Quantock Coast Benefice

Members were updated on the changes by Revd Alison Waters, the Area Dean, and the consultation period, which will enable all to comment on the changes.

Rural Car Park Funding

The Victory Hall Committee is proposing an initial six-month trial to enable up to 10 vehicles to park as part of the Rural Car Parking initiative funded by EdF/HPC. Look out for the details of how you could apply for a permit.

Defibrillator and First Aid awareness sessions

18 April 2023 - a date for your diary if you wish to understand how the defibrillators we have across the parish can assist a casualty and what you can do to assist. There will be an afternoon session at St Peter's Church Stolford, followed by an early evening session at the Victory Hall.

Further details will be circulated via the parish website, social media and noticeboards.

1 April 2023 – Somerset Council commences

All of the Somerset District Councils and the current County Council merge to form the new Somerset Council on 1st April. The hope from the implementation team is for business to be very much as usual for all residents and customers. The Council phone number – **0300 123 2224** - remains the same as does the

www.somerset.gov.uk website.

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.

The next Parish Assembly followed by an ordinary Parish Council meeting will be on

Tuesday 11 April 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 stogurseypcclerk@gmail.com

Richard Wand, Clerk to Stogursey Parish Council

Stogursey Arts Photographic Society

'Someday My Prince Will Come'

from Snow White (original lyrics - Larry Morey 1937)

Some of you will remember those days following a holiday break, dropping off your film at Boots (and only if you had finished the roll), waiting for your 'prints' to come. Just like Snow White, it all took ages before the 'prince' finally turned up. Holiday snaps came (usually) in a bright yellow (logo in red) Kodak folder, along with the negatives, which were always a bit of a nuisance and kept in case you needed a copy of something! This was a physical memory to look at, something to put in a frame on the mantle piece or in an album on a shelf, not on an imaginary cloud somewhere contactable by a computer or a phone.

The SAPS discussion this month was prompted by a number of these types of physical memory. Dave Hathaway's late wife Carol had collected many old photographic postcards of Stogursey, partly for interest, but also by way of research about the place she and Dave had moved to. The album Dave presented embodied his own personal connection and memories, but being a historical record it threw up several threads for discussion.

Here are just some of the threads, which were fed back after Dave's provocative talk:

People who featured in the old photos, had to stand very still or their movement would appear as a blur in the final photographic print. This added to the character of the image and raised questions about how photographic portraiture has changed radically with new technology. The formal portrait of the turn of the last century, mainly taken by a 'specialist' photographer in very controlled

conditions, versus the informal snap taken by anyone with a portable camera (device) anywhere, which can be sent to pretty much anywhere (in seconds); often never to be printed and end up on the mantle piece.

The noticeable changes in the village were more about our knowledge of the additions. Many historic buildings were still recognisable in the old postcards, but the roads were devoid of the traffic we now experience daily. Some buildings, caught in time, in the postcards are no longer there, but left questions as to what they were used for and why they have since gone. The commercial references showed a village that had most of the shops it needed, but no 'Stogursey Motors', which came later as motorised transport grew and enabled people to travel further afield to the neighbouring towns to shop.

As a social history, seen through this photographic record, it was thought the SAPS should think about re-photographing the village from the same viewpoints to illustrate the 'additions', emphasising the before and after. This would be our snapshot of how we are now, to be added to, in sequence over time, creating a record for our future generations to muse over.

Next month we will be looking at progress with our exhibition themes, if you are interested come along and join in.

The next meeting is booked for the 13th April, starting at 7pm in the Jubilee Rooms, Castle Street. There is a voluntary sub of £2 to support the charity and its running costs.

Mike Bradshaw

SAPS for Stogursey Arts Trust

News from The Quantock Medical Centre April 2023

A BIG apology to anyone who was looking forward to attending Nurse Helen Every's retirement tea party at the Church Centre on 8th March – unfortunately it was the snowiest day we have had for a while and we felt it was much safer to cancel and avoid all those slips, trips and broken limbs from the walk to the Church Centre!

Helen would like to say:

"Thank you so much for all your endeavours towards my retirement party for last Wednesday 8th March. Thank you also for the amazing flowers, cards and donations towards my retirement gift. It was so disappointing for all involved that the weather stopped the celebration.

I was very much looking forward to seeing everyone and enjoying a cup of tea and a natter (plus my speech!)

Thank you once again you wonderful, lovely people. I really appreciate all you have done and look forward to seeing you soon. Best wishes". *Helen Every*

A Little Piece about Helen Every's Nursing History:

Helen is a third-generation nurse. Her mother, Joyce, was a nurse and midwife as was her mother, Helen's grandmother, Florence.

Helen started her training in 1980 aged 17. She trained as an orthopaedic nurse at the Princess Elizabeth Orthopaedic Hospital in Exeter.

The training was 20 months and after qualifying she went to Yeovil District Hospital in 1982 to commence her training as a State Registered Nurse, as it was called back then!

In 1985, Helen was awarded the Sir John English Memorial Shield for Outstanding Nurse of the Year and she started her career as a staff nurse on the orthopaedic wards at Yeovil. Helen moved to Oxford in 1986, to work as a senior staff nurse on a rheumatology ward in an orthopaedic hospital, before leaving the NHS to work in the Sanatorium at Eton College, Windsor, for a year, where she cared for the sons of some famous people.

In 1989 Helen moved to Allhallows school near Seaton, Devon to run her own school Sanatorium. Many a night was spent looking after boys with rugby injuries, hangovers from illicit parties and multiple health issues. While at Allhallows, Helen met and fell in love with the school Catering Manager, Geoff Every. They married, settled down in Chard and had a son, Harry.

While Harry was young, Helen worked nights in a Nursing Home and locumed as a Practice nurse around Somerset before she was offered a permanent post at Taunton Road Medical Centre in Bridgwater in 1998. During her time in Bridgwater, Helen gained many skills and undertook a lot of training and many courses.

In 2008 she achieved a Bachelor of Science, First Class Honours Degree, as a Nurse Practitioner.

During her time at Taunton Road MC, she became the Clinical Lead for Nursing. She also arranged training courses, supported practice nurses throughout the Bridgwater Federation and lectured a couple of times at Bournemouth University.

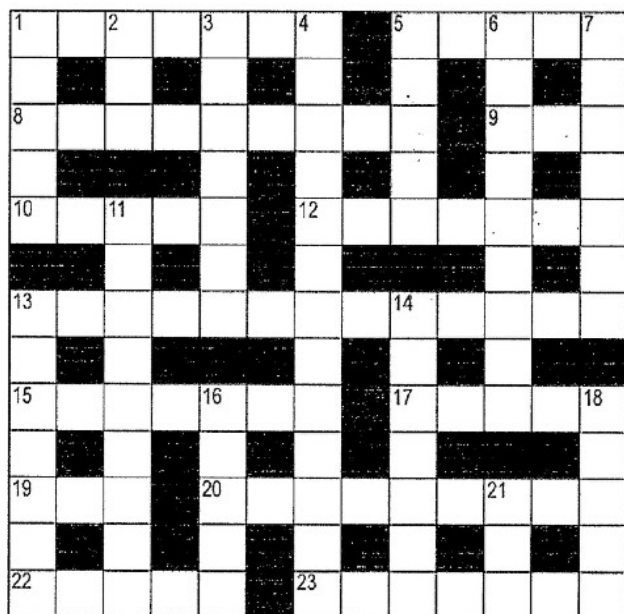
After Geoff retired Helen was thrilled, following 18 yrs at Taunton Road, to be offered a post as Lead Nurse and Advanced Nurse Practitioner at the Quantock Medical Centre in Nether Stowey, where she lives.

In 2022 Helen was awarded the Alan Nabarro Medal for having Type 1 diabetes for 50 yrs. Shortly after this, Helen caught Covid and unfortunately while recovering, she had a heart attack. Because of this and other health issues, Helen decided to retire after 42.5 years as a nurse. She wants to spend more time with Geoff, her family and to enjoy her hobbies, especially travelling!

On a different note, since my last article we have been very fortunate and had amazing offers of support to fund equipment and to put on fund-raising events over the year, so we have very much to be thankful for and we will update you as things occur. Reaching out for help has been amazing and shown the generosity of the local community. I have been really heartened by this.

Helen Stacey – Practice Manager

Quick Crossword No 35: Compiled by Helen Cuttall



CLUES ACROSS

1. Bits of wood & rubbish found floating in the sea (7)
5. Make or repair something badly (5)
8. Formal promise to marry someone (9)
9. Sound made by a dove or pigeon (3)
10. Planned public occasion (5)

12. A great victory or achievement (7)
13. Liable to unreasonable changes of mood (13)
15. A sovereign head of state (7)
17. At right angles to the length of a ship (5)
19. A cheer of encouragement or approval (3)
20. Place of refuge & protection (9)
22. Strong, flexible artificial fibre (5)
23. Narrow edged tooth at the front of the mouth (7)

CLUES DOWN

1. Short story conveying a moral (5)
2. Make a choice (3)
3. Breed of small terrier (7)
4. 20th Century Indian spiritual and political leader (7, 6)
5. Spicy meal cooked in a karahi (5)
6. Unit of length equal to 10 metres (9)
7. Relating to extremely important or significant events (7)
11. Swiss cheese with many holes in it (9)
13. Squirrel sized monkey (7)
14. Stretchy (7)
16. Thick sticky substance produced by some trees (5)
18. The elected leader of a city or town (5)
21. Domesticated animal related to the horse (3)

Beacon

Beacon Class are really excited to have started reading a new book, 'The Last Bear' by Hannah Gold. It is about a little girl who travels to an island to monitor weather changes with her father - a meteorologist. They are the only humans on the island and all bears on Bear Island have been wiped out by the actions of mankind. The children were asked what they would like to achieve as their goal for writing stories linked to this text. They came up with the idea of creating stories with a moral message regarding human impact on climate change. The children have expressed the wish to send these stories to national care homes, hospitals as well as international schools to educate people around the world about how they can make a difference to protect the environment and save the world. The children are going to produce their work on Chromebooks then translate the texts using Google Translate so they can send a bilingual version (having both English and the native language) of their stories to other countries.



Beacon class visited the Gurdwara, a Sikh temple in Bristol. The children learned about and saw the four main rooms of the temple, listened to stories of the Sikh faith and learnt about the Guru Granth Sahib (holy book). The priest and his daughter played music and sang hymns. Georgie said, "It was a very peaceful place . . . it felt very calm and relaxing . . . it was very interesting to hear about the stories."

Can you help?

Reading volunteers – We are looking for parents, carers, grandparents or friends of the school to help with hearing children read in all classes at various times throughout the week. If you are interested, please contact the school office.

Alfoxton

In Geography, we planned questions that we could ask the Twinning Association about Lonlay L'Abbaye. We asked questions such as, 'Does your land flood?' and, 'What is the closest city?' We are also looking at geographical features and similarities and differences.

The children then had a visit from Sukey and Caroline from the Twinning Association who answered their questions and shared lots of information about the village. The children learned all about Lonlay L'Abbaye – including that the village even has its own biscuit factory! "It was interesting because I didn't know about that place," said Alexzander, "It was very interesting learning about the different climate as it's hotter and it doesn't get as much rain", said Harry.



Alfoxton very much enjoyed the visit and are looking forward to meeting the children of Lonlay L'Abbaye village school in a video call soon.

The children have also been looking at sound, and conducted an experiment to see what effect sound waves have on popcorn and jelly. We were surprised to see that the popcorn appeared to be jumping around at the end of the experiment whereas the jelly just vibrated and wobbled a lot. Chloe said, "The popcorn was bouncing around because of the sound waves and the vibrations they caused." We now understand more about how soundwaves work and help us hear.

We have been planning and writing out our own chapter about the Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane.

In Maths, we are learning to divide 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers. In Science, we are going to plan an experiment to observe sound waves.

Triscombe

Continuing our Florence Nightingale topic, a special visitor showed the children how to apply bandages on Monday. Triscombe was taught how to use bandages in the hospital play area, and talked about the importance of keeping things clean. The children said, "We learned how to do bandages so that if we want, we can be a nurse when we are older."

The focus for English is a book called 'Lila and the Secret of Rain'. We have been learning the texts, exploring who Lila is and using adjectives to describe her. We have been using the story map we made last week to retell the story.

In Maths, year 2s have been working with money and counting. Year 1s have been subtracting and exploring 1 less and 2 less, and Reception have been using the song Five Little Speckled Frogs to explore the number 5.

In IT, Years 1 and 2 have been focussing on data collection and Reception enjoyed exploring Mini Mash. All children are making great progress in IT.

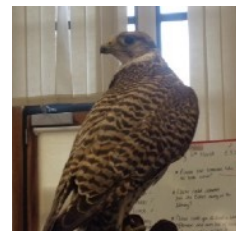


Adventurers

Following a recipe themselves, children in Alfoxton made a delicious sweet and sour curry. The children selected all the equipment and ingredients they needed, peeled, chopped and cooked the ingredients on hobs, taking it in turns to stir the curry. "It was really fun slicing the pineapple," said Harry. Next week the children will be making chow-mein.

Triscombe have been making moving toys this week and have designed and decorated boxes to make all sorts of toys including planes, cars and monsters. Next week the children will be putting the wheels on!

In Beacon we have been thinking about animal welfare, and this week enjoyed our special visitors Fury the falcon and ferrets, Rosie and Sandy. The children asked many questions about them and looked at the difference between domesticated and wild animals.



Children in Alfoxton are learning about the Chinese New Year, so for the next three weeks the children will be cooking food originating from China. This week the children made spring rolls which were delicious. This involved peeling, chopping and slicing vegetables before wrapping them in filo pastry. A shout out to our parent helpers - without them Stogursey Adventurers would not be able to take place.

Snow Day



Our thanks to Miss Dunwood and the Stogursey staff team who helped keep the school open for as long as possible during snow day!

Children who were able to make it into school had a wonderful morning making snow angels, snow balls and snowmen in the field, and warmed up afterwards with hot chocolate. Beatrix said, "It was really, really fun that we got to go in the snow and have some hot chocolate!" Jasmine said, "It was really fun - I threw some snowballs."



Stogursey Community Network

APRIL 2023 Update

STOGURSEY LUNCHES

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

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.

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.

Do you have a few spare hours a week? Would you like to join our wonderful volunteers? Maybe as a driver, for the Lunches team (lots of jobs needed, not all cooking!)? For driving, 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 APRIL MENU

Tuesday 4 April

(book by Friday 31 March -
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Creamy chicken and bacon pasta, OR
Creamy vegetable pasta

Chocolate cheesecake

Tuesday 11 April

(book by Friday 7 April -
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Fish Pie with vegetables, OR
Cauliflower cheese with potatoes & vegetables

Poached fruit salad with greek yoghurt/cream
and shortbread

Tuesday 18 April

(book by Friday 14 April -
phone 01278 733451)

Chicken traybake with potatoes and green veg,
OR
Butternut squash and spinach lasagne

Creamy coffee dessert

Tuesday 25 April

(book by Friday 21 April -
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Somerset Pork Casserole, OR
Somerset Mixed Bean Casserole

Lemon Meringue Pie

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

NEWS FROM STOGURSEY JUBILEE ROOMS

The management committee is very pleased to report that we are now starting to receive more, and regular, bookings for this popular central village community facility. Wherever possible, we do our very best to provide the Rooms at the very low Not For Profit Community donation charge, in order to facilitate and support such activities. However, from time to time we do need to raise additional funds to cover our ever-increasing costs (like everyone's!), so we do appreciate the support of our regular users and supporters at our fund-raising events.

More improvements to the fabric of the Rooms, in addition to those made over the past 2-3 years, are planned. In particular, we intend to address the heating issues by installing effective insulation and an improved heating system which can maintain an ambient temperature. It is also intended to improve the ventilation in the Rooms. These plans are in progress but such work takes time, so we hope all our users and supporters will be patient with us once the works begin..

In the meantime, we would especially like to thank the volunteers who have given up their time over the past two months to hosting the **'Warm Welcomes'** in the Rooms. We are very grateful to you (you know who you are!) and we hope that the few people who took the opportunity to pop in for a warm drink, cake and a chat enjoyed themselves. This funding finishes at the end of March, we are very grateful to the **Somerset Community Foundation** for providing this funding.

The **Friday Coffee Mornings** are now being coordinated by Rose Barrett, with thanks to the previous coordinators, Hilary Jones and Belinda Crowther. Rose has great plans for herself and her volunteer team to develop the Coffee Mornings as users would like, so why not pop in on a Friday morning and have a chat?

With very best wishes from the Stogursey Jubilee Rooms Management Committee.

Please contact us at sjrsecretary@gmail.com or sjrbookings7@gmail.com if you have any comments or suggestions, or wish to make a booking.

Thank you from HOMEBANK

This is a thank you to all of you who got in touch, and donated unwanted household goods.

The items have been delivered to Bristol, and my sister (who is a volunteer with Homebank) said that on the day she took them to the distribution centre, many of them were flying out of the door to very grateful recipients.

Foodbank's Homebank Service supports those who need help with household goods; and distributes donated goods to referred families.

Homebank are happy to receive:

- ☑ Toasters, plates, bowls, mugs & cutlery (not sharp knives)
- ☑ Ovenproof dishes, pans, baking trays, kitchen utensils
- ☑ Towels & bath mats
- ☑ Sheets, pillow cases & duvet covers
- ☑ Duvets, pillows & blankets

All items must be in good working order, in a clean condition without any tears, stains or other damage.

It isn't too late to donate. Please get in touch if you have any goods that you no longer need or use. I can arrange collection, and then take them to Bristol.

Teresa, 01278 733052

COFFEE MORNING

East Quantoxhead Village Hall
Saturday April 15th 10.00am - 12.30 noon
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Easter Biscuits

According to some sources, it is a tradition to make Easter biscuits with oil of Cassia because this scented oil was used in embalming Christ's body. The tradition of using Cassia oil is linked to Somerset, and not known in other parts of the country. (*Does anyone know why?*)

Ingredients

- 125g butter, softened
- 125g caster sugar
- 1 egg
- 6 drops cassia oil (or ½ tsp ground cinnamon)
- ½ tsp mixed spice
- Zest of 1 lemon
- 80g currants
- 100g plain flour
- ½ tsp baking powder
- pinch of salt
- freshly grated nutmeg for sprinkling

Method

Cream the butter and sugar together and then beat in the egg, cassia oil (or cinnamon) mixed spice and lemon zest. Tip in the currants, flour, baking powder and salt, and mix it all into a soft, pliable dough. Roll out on a floured surface to 3mm thick and cut out rounds with a 5cm fluted biscuit cutter. Place on a greased baking sheet and refrigerate for 30 minutes. Bake in a pre-heated oven (180°C) for 12-15 minutes. Immediately sprinkle with sugar and a grating of nutmeg. Leave to cool on a wire rack.

from 'The Almanac 2022' by Lia Leendertz

Stacy's Update

It was fantastic to meet new faces as I watched the arrival of the Reactor Pressure Vessel into Combwich Wharf.

Described by many as the heart of Hinkley Point C, the arrival of the reactor marks a significant milestone for project and the first new nuclear reactor for a British power station for more than 30 years.

At just 13-metres long and weighing 500-tonnes, the “reactor pressure vessel” will create the heat needed to make steam for the world’s largest turbines.

It is the first of two nuclear reactors which will be installed at Hinkley Point C. Each reactor will help provide enough low carbon electricity for 3m homes.

The reactor made by Framatome in France first arrived in Britain at Avonmouth Docks, before being transported by barge to Combwich Wharf. The final journey was a 5-hour trip by transporter to the construction site.



First Internal Ring Propping (IRP) installed

Balfour Beatty has successfully installed the first Internal Ring Propping (IRP) into the Intake Tunnels. This is part of the work to connect all three tunnels to the Intake and Outfall Heads which were lowered to the bottom of the Bristol Channel last year.

The IRP system provides safety bracing for the previously installed tunnel concrete rings. In turn, this will allow the team to cut a hole in the side of the tunnel and mine towards the liners that’ll be installed this year through the Heads.

Being new to the project, I questioned “what are IRPs”?

The IRPs are a series of steel supports manufactured millimetres smaller than the tunnel’s dimensions. Each IRP is 14m long and features built-in emergency bulkhead door, which can be closed if large volumes of water are encountered, designed to withstand forces of up to 900 tonnes.

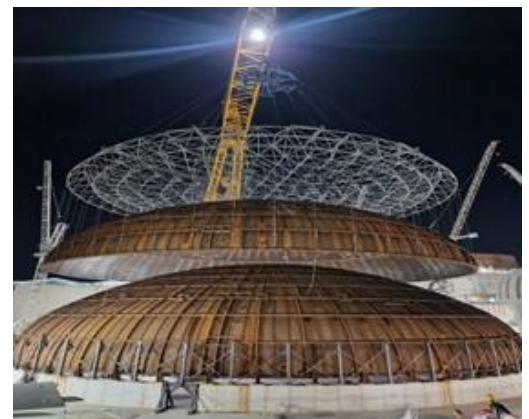


Dome 2 lifted onto Dome 1

Big Carl was once again called into action to lift Unit 2's Dome onto Unit 1's.

Domes are very large components and so storing them in this way frees up vital space on the construction Site. In addition, Dome 2 will provide a 'roof covering' to Dome 1 over the summer months allowing coatings to be applied unhindered.

To prepare for the lift, the Bylor engineering team and Tissot Industries designed a specialist structural steel support frame of fifty-two support legs that were drilled and fixed into the top of the existing wall that currently supports Dome 1.



Hinkley Point C - Monthly Update

A round up of the latest news from Hinkley Point C

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The reactor travelled from France to Britain arriving at Avonmouth Docks, before being transported by barge to Combwich Wharf. The final stage of the journey was a 5 hour trip for 4 miles by a transporter to the construction site.



Introducing Valdo Andrade

We are pleased to introduce Valdo Andrade, our new PCSO to the Project. Valdo has been a PCSO for Sydenham for a year before moving to the project’s police team. Valdo has previously worked as a driver with Somerset Passenger Solutions so brings existing experience of Hinkley Point C.

If you see Valdo out and about, he welcomes the opportunity to say hello and is always happy to help.



Guy Martin’s visit to Hinkley Point C

Hinkley Point C is featured in an episode of “Guy Martin’s Power Trip” on Channel 4. The TV star and former TT racer visited site in the summer, as part of his new series which explores the energy crisis and how the UK generates electricity.

During his visit to the site, Guy was eager to get involved in the construction work itself. The episode sees him taking part in a steel fixing shift, where he is put to the test by BYLOR instructors.

Guy Martin’s Power Trip is available to watch now on All4.



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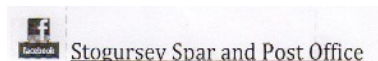
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7.30pm Councillors' meeting starts - parishioners welcome to attend and listen.

Somerset Unitary Authority: Watchet & Stogursey Division
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Stogursey 2023 Flower Show

Saturday 29th July
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 - annual flowers
 - carrots
 - beetroots
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