

STOGURSEY NEWS



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May 2023

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Editorial

Welcome to this month's Stogursey News. The days are now getting longer and warmer so it is nice to have various events to take advantage of this.

This month kicks off with the historical event of King Charles III's coronation; the village can celebrate the accession of the new monarch at the Victory Hall on Sunday 7th May.

The month then concludes with the BurtonFete on Sunday 28th May. I spoke to the owners of Burton Springs campsite recently, and they have come a long way in 3 years to host this event, from a humble start to a prominent event in the calendar for the parish. Future events are planned and amongst other things an open air cinema; something else to look forward to.

In this edition, have a read about the continuing support of the Quantock Medical Centre and its achievement of raising funds for a new 'doppler machine'.

A retrospective look at the last 3 years in respect to Covid related events, The Tree of Life, Love, Loss and Joy is a textile project to illustrate what we all went through and how it affected our lives. Find out how you can join the project.

You might have also noticed recently anchored offshore two floating heavy lift platforms 'Neptune' and 'Sea Challenger' in the Bay of Bridgwater. These two platforms will help complete the offshore work which is vital for the new Hinkley Point 'C' nuclear power station.

We at the editorial team thank our readership and their contributions which make the Stogursey News what it is.

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

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

Stogursey News

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

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

How to contribute to Stogursey News:

a) by email:

- * Prepare your contribution as a 'word' document.
- * Attach it to an email.
- * Send it to stogurseynews@hotmail.co.uk

b) by hand:

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

A few points to remember:

- Submit your contribution by the deadline date.
- Please keep within the 500-word limit.
- Provide your contact details so that we can get in touch if we need to edit.
(Stogursey News Team reserves the right to edit contributions for length and layout.)
- Send your contribution for each and every month you would like it published.
- Your illustrations must be copyright free.
(Stogursey News will not be liable for costs resulting from prosecution if this condition is ignored.)

We look forward to receiving your contributions.

Thank you

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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) Sea Shanty Singers (alternate Wednesdays)	Victory Hall Jubilee Rooms Youth Club Greyhound Inn Jubilee Rooms	10.30am 10.30am - 12 noon 7.00pm - 9.00pm 7.30pm - 9.30pm 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

May

Weds 3	Stogursey Sea Shanty Singers	Jubilee Rooms	7.30pm - 9.30pm
Thur 4	Mobile Library Visit	As per schedule	as per schedule
Sun 7	Coronation Tea	Victory Hall	3.00pm - 5.00pm
Tues 9	WI: Coronation Tea Party	Victory Hall	2.30pm
Tues 9	Parish Council Meeting	Victory Hall	7.00pm
Weds 10	Forget-me-not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon
Weds 10	Ukulele Session	Greyhound Inn	7.30pm - 9.30pm
Thurs 11	SAPS (Photographic Society) meeting	Jubilee Rooms	7.00pm
Weds 17	Stogursey Sea Shanty Singers	Jubilee Rooms	7.30pm - 9.30pm
Thurs 18	Tree of Life (Textile Project) meeting	Jubilee Rooms	2.00pm
Thurs 18	Film Night:	Jubilee Rooms	Doors open 7.00pm
Weds 24	Forget-me-not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon
Sun 28	BurtonFete	Burton Springs	9.00am - 9.30pm

SERVICES IN THE QUANTOCK COAST BENEFICE : MAY 2023

CHURCH	7 th May Coronation Weekend	14 th May Easter 5	21 st May Ascension Sunday	28 th May Pentecost
EAST QH	-	Sunday @3 Lay Led		-
FIDDINGTON	9.00am Eucharist TS	9.00am Eucharist CARM TBC	9.00am Eucharist SC	-
HOLFORD	6.30pm EVENSONG SC	9.30am EUCCHARIST (Common Worship) NM	11.00am BCP Holy Communion SC	-
KILVE	11.00am Eucharist DB	11.00am Family Service NM	9.30am Eucharist	
STOGURSEY	10.30am EUCCHARIST SC	10.30am Eucharist TS	10.30am Eucharist NM	10.30am Last Service together as churches of the Quantock Coast Benefice. All clergy who wish to robe, please robe.
STRINGSTON	11.00am FAMILY SERVICE NM	11.00am Café Church SB	11.00am Eucharist DB	-
WEST QH	9.30am EUCCHARIST NM	9.30am Eucharist SC	9.30am Family Service Isobel Newton	
Liturgical colour & Readings	WHITE	WHITE	WHITE	RED
1 st Reading	TBC with Officiant	Genesis 8: 20 – 9: 17	Ezekiel 36: 24 - 28	On service sheet
2 nd Reading		Acts 17: 22 - 31	Acts 1: 6 - 14	
Gospel		John 14: 15 - 21	John 17: 1 - 11	

Come along to
Stogursey Victory Hall
on
Sunday 7th May
to celebrate
the King's Coronation

Free cake and hot drinks will be available
from 3.00pm - 5.00pm.
The bar will also be open to purchase drinks.

Victory Hall Easter Bingo

The Easter Bingo proved to be very successful, raising a profit of £610.00 for the Victory Hall funds. The Management Committee wishes to thank all those who attended and donated prizes and who continue to support us - your continued support is very much appreciated.

Allan Searle

Victory Hall Lottery Winners

February Draw

1 st prize	£25.00	Allen Loveday	No 133
2 nd prize	£15.00	Andy Chave	No 20
3 rd prize	£10.00	Carole Mallett	No 117

March Draw

1 st prize	£15.00	Sylvia Nicholls	No 25
2 nd prize	£15.00	Betty Stone	No 70
3 rd prize	£ 10.00	Allan Oliver	No 82



Stogursey WI News

April Meeting & AGM

At the AGM, members agreed to re-elect the existing committee and for Liz Edgar to continue as President. The members agreed the Annual statement and also approved the Treasurer's accounts for the year.

WI Diary dates:

9th May 2.30pm

Stogursey Victory Hall
An afternoon Tea Party
to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III.

13th June 2.30pm

Stogursey Victory Hall
Quantock Hills AONB – a talk by Mr Philip Corner

11th July

Outing to Dunster Castle

Interested in becoming a WI Member?

Contact Ann ✉ stogurseytyldesley@gmail.com

The Tree of Life, Love, Loss and Joy

A textile project for Stogursey Arts Festival September 2023

Looking back three years, it seems hard to remember that we were well into that first strange time of isolation and shutting down of so many familiar things due to Covid. Yet at the same time it was the most glorious spring weather with endless sunshine and beautiful views, even better than usual due to lack of normal air pollution.

This textile project is designed to provide an opportunity to reflect on some of the sorrows and joys of the last three years, both things Covid-linked and those that are not, and to remember people and events important to us.

The project consists of 5 large panels - Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter and Spring Returns - and 40 smaller 8" x 8" panels. The large panels are well underway, with a number of people involved in getting the designs going, but there is lots of scope for people to join in with making smaller panels. A range of techniques are being used (patchwork, appliqué, needle felting, embroidery and more) and there are opportunities at every level of skill from people confident to design and complete their own panel to those who would like to work from a kit.

If you'd be interested in joining in, you can contact me on liz@moorsom.co.uk, or turn up to the next meeting at the **Jubilee Rooms on Thursday 18th May at 2pm**. The completed project will be on display in the last week of September.

Liz Moorsom (on behalf of the Tree of Life Group)



Join us at the
Soap Factory Cinema
for our next film on
Thursday 18th May.

We are currently waiting with excited anticipation for a brand new list of films from our movie supplier. This updated catalogue will include a variety of up to date dramas, comedies and biopics. As soon as the next title is confirmed, we will advertise it around the village and on social media so keep your eyes peeled!

We will look forward to seeing you at the Jubilee Rooms from 7pm for a 7.30pm start. There will be a lovely selection of refreshments to choose from as well as a friendly welcome as always. Tickets are available on the door or in advance from the Post Office.

Put the date in your diaries and we'll see you there!

The Soap Factory Team



Stogursey C of E Primary and Pre-School



The spring term ended with a service to celebrate Easter at St. Andrew's Church led by Rev Nicky, with poems, prayers, songs and artwork presented by the children.

Goodbye Miss Logan

At the end of the spring term, the school said a heartfelt goodbye to Miss Isabelle Logan, who received flowers, gifts and many good wishes from staff and children alike. It was clear the impact Miss Logan has had on so many in the wide variety of duties she undertook for the school. These included one-to-one and whole-class support as well as afterschool sports provision in football and country dancing.

Miss Logan, we say thank you for everything you have done for us, we will miss you and wish you well for your next, exciting chapter!

Thank You

As we reached the end of the spring term, pupils were excited to complete their spring studies and to celebrate with the annual Easter egg hunt at school. All pupils were bouncing with joy at the thought of the Easter hunt, kindly organised by Miss Dunwood. Huge thanks to FOSS (Friends of Stogursey School) too, who continue to organise brilliant events to fundraise for our school. They also provided Easter eggs for every pupil in the school as a way of celebrating both Easter and the children's efforts throughout the spring term. How lucky we are to have such a wonderful team!

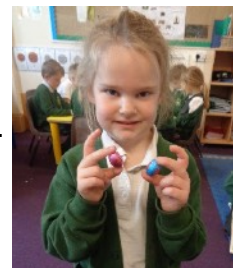
Triscombe Class

Triscombe enjoyed a wonderful treat making Easter nests using instructional language. The children learnt about safety and hygiene in the kitchen and enjoyed using utensils to stir, scoop and dollop a chocolate and shredded wheat mixture into paper cases. Afterwards in English, the older children were asked to write out instructions for making the chocolate nests.

In Maths, the Year 2's have started to explore multiplication and division; the Year 1's number lines. Reception children continue to explore mastering number, and are especially enjoying Number Block clips to support their learning.

All year groups in Triscombe have been completing assessments. Children were taught, in a gentle and supportive way, the special rules they must follow when completing assessment papers. This begins the process of preparing children, in a graduated and sympathetic way, for SATs later down the line.

They also had cracking good fun searching high and low for chocolate eggs which were collected at the end and shared out equally to the children. "I liked looking for my egg and I can't wait to eat it when I get home", declared Jasmine.



Alfoxton Class

In Science, Alfoxton continued their theme on sound, undertaking an experiment to test pitch using glass bottles. Children were asked to accurately measure and transfer 20mm water into the bottles. Pitch was tested by tapping the bottle, then adding another 20mm of water to see if and how the pitch changed. Harry B discovered that, "The higher the level of water in the bottle, the lower the sound and the lower the pitch."

Alfoxton continued to focus on 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane' in English, which they are thoroughly enjoying. "It was good, now it's amazing, it just gets better," declared Maddison. In particular, the children are learning about chronological order using chapters of the book to put events in order. Then the children wrote diary entries as Edward. The children worked incredibly hard learning how to write and what to include in a diary.

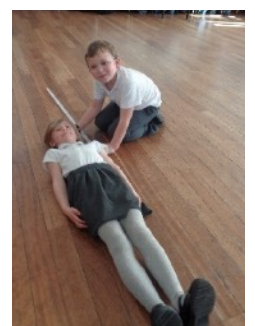
Chloe declared, "I wrote a diary entry for the first time - it was interesting!" Ella agreed, "It was a bit of a challenge at first but I enjoyed writing in a different way."

In Maths Year 4's looked at kilometres, metres and centimetres. Year 3 have been exploring and converting millimetres, centimetres and metres, and selecting the appropriate ruler, have been measuring and comparing their height and the length of their feet.

Rupert discovered that, "We should use our little ruler to measure our feet as nobody's feet are a metre long."

Kayleigh added, "I found this really easy way to measure how tall we are - by lying down!"

Rupert did a super job as photographer!



Beacon Class

Beacon Class have started to write their environmental stories which will be sent out to various places next week (care homes, schools in India/China, hospitals etc) to educate others about climate change. The children have been looking into the pros and cons of living in volcanic regions. They've been working on their Easter service songs, prayers, stories and artwork. They are looking forward to the service next week. Tomorrow they will have Miss Day's lamb visiting their class and they also celebrated their successes with a movie day, eating snacks and wrapped in their blankets, as a result of earning six class stars.

This week, Beacon Class pupils concluded their learning about volcanoes and mountains. When asked what it might be like to live in volcanic or mountainous regions of the world, Ameleah suggested, "It could be dangerous as you would never know when it might erupt and when it does it could be quite scary as everyone would have to be evacuated." Jacob thought it would be exciting, "I think it would be quite cool because you could climb to the top of the volcanos, and they are quite high so the views would be amazing."

Beacon Class' sculpture artwork project will conclude a week into the summer term when they will be creating their final pieces by moulding and casting their own design: inspired by the artwork of Danny Osbourne -

who casts his pieces from real molten rock pouring from the vents in active volcanoes. The children are really excited to complete their final work so they can take them home.

All the children in Beacon have been working intensely on their English writing projects (environmental stories) in order to finish them in time for posting before the Easter break. Miss Day is incredibly proud of their efforts and how well the class have worked independently to produce lengthy stories with real morals to help our world. Beacon Class has certainly earned a break for Easter with how well they have focussed on their learning this term - well done!

What a lovely surprise when little orphan, Sally the lamb, came to spend the afternoon in Beacon class! Sally, a Kerry Hill sheep, was born on 20th March, and is being hand-reared by Miss Day.

The children were kind and considerate of little Sally's needs and were delighted to see Sally wearing a little nappy as she trotted around the classroom and being bottle fed.



Adventurers

Beacon pupils visited a local farm as part of their Animal Welfare theme. Paul the farmer kindly took the children to see the piglets, cows, lambs and horses and explained how the farmers keep and look after their animals. The children were allowed to hold piglets and stroke lambs and were shown the farm's brand-new milking parlour and how it works.

Fin learnt that, "Cows and pigs are sensitive animals and can be territorial - if they feel threatened they go back to where they feel safe." Fin continued, "Paul was saying a lot of interesting things about the animals and farming, how it works...there were a lot of good questions, I found out that all the cows produce over 7,000 litres of milk a day."

Harry S explained, "It was a good visit, and fun going around seeing all the animals, I held a piglet, they are very cute. . . . Paul the farmer was really nice and showed us the pens they (the animals) live in." We are grateful to Paul for showing us round the farm and for sharing with the children his expertise and farming knowledge.

To conclude their animal welfare theme, Beacon spent an afternoon baking and decorating cakes for the bake sale in aid of animal welfare charity, Blue Cross. The event was very well attended and the cakes, sold by the children, raised an amazing £107 for the charity.



Alfoxton pupils completed their present round of cooking lessons, wrapping up the Chinese theme by cooking Chinese Dumplings. The children prepared and cooked the filling for their dumplings, and chose to form their dumplings in the shape of a purse or pasty. Adventurers are very fortunate to have six portable dual hobs which enables small groups to fry, boil, steam and sauté a variety of ingredients.

Both Triscombe and Alfoxton classes enjoyed a Spring Scavenger Hunt to find signs of spring. With a Spring checklist in hand, the children walked around the village fields, to the Castle, then up the High Street. Everybody got muddy and had a wonderful time.

NEW COOKS NEEDED FOR STOGURSEY LUNCHES!

Due to the popularity of the lunches,
we need more cooks!

- * We offer support and guidance on:
 - catering for larger numbers,
 - using the facilities and equipment, and
 - planning meals.
- * We invite prospective volunteer cooks to shadow an experienced cook for a day before making any decisions.

If you are interested and think you can help, please contact us on stogurseycommunitynetwork@gmail.com, or call us on 01278 732149 / 733451.

Stogursey Sea Shanty Singers . . .

. . . meet in the Jubilee Rooms on alternate
Wednesday evenings: 7.30pm to 9.30pm.
Our next meetings are on 3rd and 17th May 2023.

Mike Wilkins

QUANTOCK U3A NEWS

We continue to grow steadily with 115 members.

We have the following groups running successfully:
Bird Watching, Calligraphy, Canasta, Card Making,
Chess, Classic Old Films, Genealogy, Local History,
Lunch club, Rock Band, Walking, Wellbeing and Military
History

In the pipeline we have: Botany & Wildflowers, Beginners
Golf, Poetry, and Sewing & Quilting.

There is interest in Ambling, Play Reading, Opera
Appreciation and Mahjong and we need group convenors
for these activities.

Something for everyone? If you would like any other
groups then please let us know.

Important date for your diary –
2pm on Monday, 22nd May, Holford Village Hall, our
AGM followed by our **FIRST BIRTHDAY PARTY** - for
members only.

For information about membership please see our
website: <https://u3asites.org.uk/quantock/welcome>

OPEN GARDENS

Court House Gardens, East Quantoxhead
28 May 2.00 - 5.00pm

Teas available at East Quantoxhead Village Hall



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, games, 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:

MAY: Wednesday 10th and Wednesday 24th

JUNE: Wednesday 7th and Wednesday 21st

JULY: Wednesday 5th and Wednesday 19th

For more information please contact:

Helen: 01278 733451 cuttelhelen@gmail.com

Rose: 07507 374234 rosechalk@icloud.com



Burton Springs/ Yellow Door Cottage Fete

will take place again on *Sunday May 28th*

9.00am – 9.30pm

at Burton Springs Holidays, TA5 1QB.

There will be lots to do and see including Stalls/Games,
Dog Show, Bar and Music. Food available all day.

Forget-me-Not is holding a Fund Raising Tombola.

Any unwanted gifts or donations for prizes would be very
welcome.

Holford Gardeners' Group

Holford & District Village Hall

'Therapeutic Horticulture'

a talk by David Tansley

Tuesday May 16th 7.30pm

Members £1.00 Visitors £2.00 All Welcome

Plant Sale

Saturday May 20th 10.00am - 12 midday

Thank you.



Stogursey Community Network (SCN) May 2023 Update

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. Please note that medicines, fizzy drinks or food past its Best Before Date cannot be accepted.

If you or someone you know needs food assistance, contact the **Village Agent** (for a Foodbank referral) and/or **Home Start** (for families with young children). You will always find their telephone numbers on the 'Contacts and Parish Information' page of Stogursey News.

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).

In addition, 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.

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 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.

Menus for May on this page!

How to contact SCN:

Tel: 01278 732149

or message us via Facebook StogurseyCN Facebook.

Stogursey Lunches Menus for May



Tuesday 2 May

(book by Friday 28 April - phone 01278 733451)

Salmon patties OR
Vegetable patties,
with potato wedges & mixed vegetables

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Sherry trifle

Tuesday 9 May

(book by Friday 5 May - phone 01278 733451)

Sausage casserole, OR
Vegetarian sausage casserole,
with potatoes and vegetables

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Strawberry dessert

Tuesday 16 May

(book by Friday 12 May - phone 01278 733451)

Quiche Lorraine, or
Roasted vegetable tart,
with potatoes and salad

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Rhubarb fool & shortbread

Tuesday 23 May

(book by Friday 19 May - phone 01278 733451)

Meatballs with pasta, OR
Vegetable balls with pasta

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Sticky pudding with butterscotch sauce

Tuesday 30 May

(book by Friday 26 May - phone 01278 733451)

Butterbean and tomato bake
with a potato topping, and green vegetables.

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Pear custard pie

Points from the Parish Council Meeting

11th April 2023

Coronation of King Charles III

May 6th is Coronation Day for the new King, and to mark that occasion the Parish Council has decided to distribute to all children of the Parish who are either pre-Primary School or at Primary School a commemorative mug, as has been done previously to mark such ceremonies. Whilst we have a number for those who attend at Stogursey Primary School, there maybe other primary-age and pre-school age children that we do not know about but who live in the Parish. If you have such a child and would like to receive such a gift, then please let the Clerk know so that the numbers can be collated.

1st April 2023 – Somerset Council commenced

The new Somerset Council has taken over all the services previously provided by the District and County Council. The phone number – **0300 123 2224** - remains the same, as does the **www.somerset.gov.uk** website, which has a comprehensive search facility.

Online links for contacting the council:

Potholes, defective road signs-

www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-travel-and-parking/report-a-problem-on-the-road

Refuse services and recycling services -

www.somerset.gov.uk/bins-recycling-and-waste/recycling-collections

Planning matters have also moved and can be found at:

www.somerset.gov.uk/planning-buildings-and-land/view-and-comment-on-a-planning-application

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 Parish Annual Meeting followed by an ordinary Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 9th May 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, where you will also find the dates of meetings due to be held until May 2024. If necessary, please contact the Clerk for any further information ahead of the meeting. My phone number is 01278 652534 or you can e-mail me at stogurseyppclerk@gmail.com

Richard Wand
Clerk to Stogursey Parish Council

News from the Quantock Medical Centre

We have been absolutely amazed by the generosity of the local villages, and are so thankful for the generous donations we have had after my last newsletter. The response has been amazing and so heart-warming. Mervyn & Margaret, of 'Books for Life' Charity, have donated the whole cost of the doppler machine £3500. We have had it delivered, and now just need to train the team in the next few weeks to use it. I have already seen it demonstrated on Nurse Rose and it will make such a difference to us in terms of care to our patients and time saved in diagnosis.

I also attended the Nether Stowey Parish Council meeting which has also generously donated £1500 towards the costs and maintenance of the village defibrillator on the outside wall of the Practice. When you call an ambulance, they will usually ask if you have a defib nearby, and to go and get it prior to the ambulance arriving. I will look to replace the box it sits in this year as it is quite damaged and needs a good tug to get it open. When the box is open, it gives out a very loud alarm which only stops when it is closed again – so if you need it, please don't be afraid of the noise and be forceful when getting it out!

We have also received a generous sum of £500 from the Stogursey Community Network. This has gone towards Digital scales and we will be funding a more portable fast ECG machine.

St Marys Nether Stowey Church has agreed to put on a coffee and cake fund raiser on Saturday 10th June, and we have also had some donations from patients. We really do appreciate your kind support, and this all helps towards better care for patients in our community.

If you are interested in joining our Patient Participation Group and finding out more about what's happening with your local health service and supporting your local practice, our next meeting is **Wednesday 21st June** at 10.15am in the Nether Stowey Library.



Presenting the cheque from Books for Life.

Elisabeth Woolcock (Patient Group representative), Jane Erskine, Anna Larsen, Sarah Sawyer, Dr Christopher Stone, John Schwieso, and Mervyn and Margaret Todd of Books for Life Charity.

Stogursey Arts Photographic Society

"The straight line belongs to men, the curved one to God. Nothing is art if it does not come from nature. Anything created by human beings is already in the great book of nature; because of this originality consists of returning to the origin."

Antoni Gaudi

This month's quote was taken from the SAPS' opening discussion topic, introduced by someone who regularly visits Stogursey during the annual vacations. Escaping London for a few days to recharge his creative batteries, he told us about his drive for new and refreshing ways to meet the challenges of the image-driven, creative design industry in which he works.

Having been looking at and working with manufactured and manipulated images on his work computer screen prior to his visit, he had made a conscious decision to spend a few days of his vacation enjoying and recording the visual richness in and around Stogursey. The images presented were taken within a few days of the talk, as he said, in pursuit of originality, a way of finding his way back 'to the origin'.

The resulting photographic images illustrated our guest's curiosity, observed in nature, including the weather, the textures, movement, contrasts, and colours seen in our local environment. In seeing this 'outsider's' view, some of us wondered: have we come to take too much for granted, causing us to miss out on 'seeing' some of the riches that are on our doorsteps?

In his professional design work, we saw the contrast between this 'vacation' photography and his design-directed photos used in innovative ways to create messages, emotional responses, stories, aspirations and challenges to make us look more. We discussed the world of stock photography and how it can cleverly, sometimes cynically, manipulate our connection with social history, life style and life experience.

It was interesting to reflect on how our speaker composed, snapped, shot or captured 'the inspiration' that refreshed and drove his creative thought process in relation to his professional work.

Given our thoughts about re-photographing the village, the talk gave a fresh insight into how we might approach this, not only creating a record for future generations, but a series of images that provoke thought, raise questions and celebrate the things we maybe have taken for granted in our familiarity with them.

Next month we will be reviewing progress with our exhibition. Each member of the group has been tasked with presenting six photographs based on our selected themes. If you are interested in joining the group or in the discussion, come along and join in.

The next meeting is booked for **11th May, 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

Stogursey Oil-buying Group

The Stogursey Oil Buying Group's next order will be in May. 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 September. If you have any questions about the oil buying group, I can be contacted on 0755 261 0692.

Chris Ford

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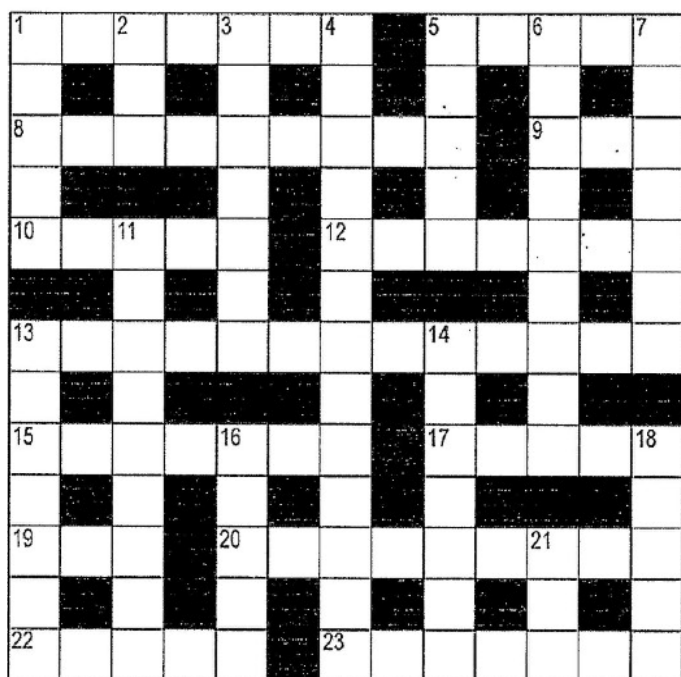
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9th May**

Quick Crossword No 36

Compiled by Helen Cuttall



CLUES ACROSS

1. Annoyance or distress (7)
5. City in West Yorkshire (5)
8. Informal French style restaurant (9)
9. Rock from which metal can be obtained (3)
10. The period of time between sunset & sunrise (5)
12. Not discovered or known about (7)
13. Local place with fishing lakes and camping (13)
15. French composer active in the late 19th and early 20th centuries (7)
17. Subdue or silence someone (5)
19. Nocturnal bird of prey (3)
20. Rectangular hole in a door to receive mail (9)
22. Gustav - - - - Austrian symbolist painter (5)
23. Coarse punch used by engravers (7)

CLUES DOWN

1. Room or compartment on a ship (5)
2. Large iron cooker that retains its heat (3)
3. Italian rice dish cooked with stock (7)
4. Your body's command centre (7, 6)
5. Vegetables of the Allium family (5)
6. Fluent or persuasive speaking or writing (9)
7. Units of money used in Israel (7)
11. Biscuit with squashed currants (9)
13. Town where the Flintstones live (7)
14. Ask politely or formally (7)
16. Second largest city of Croatia (5)
18. City in Egypt on the site of the ancient city of Thebes (5)
21. Say this to a goose! (3)

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Thank you

I was a proud owner of a horse, Molly Carrs Breakfast (Billy). On Friday 14th April.

I was taking him around the block, riding around Stogursey, which he does a couple of times of week. Suddenly, Billy jumped in the air; this was a heart attack leaving me underneath him. I got myself from there. Good friends, local farmers and a casualty recovery driver came to my rescue, from giving me a tea to removing Billy.

Billy was rescued from a slaughter house many years ago, that's where our story started. From a winner of point-to-points to winning Under Rules, he hunted all his life. He was a legend and got me to where I am today.

Thank you again to all the kind people.

Sarah Robinson

Just to say, "Thanks!"

Way back in 2007 I was convinced by three great friends of mine, Paul Tipney, Brian Slade and Geoff Coles, that it would be a good idea to stand at the election for District Council. Both Paul and I did! We won!!

I don't have enough space to tell you of our experiences - but for those of you who knew Paul, well!

We were confronted with council financial problems from the very start. All our great plans for Stogursey and Quantock Vale Ward were kicked into the long grass. Years of political financial mismanagement meant that West Somerset Council wasn't going anywhere, and we spent many years closing swimming pools, public toilets etc. But - we made a noise. Mainly Paul banging a table, then claiming that he had cramp!

2008, EdF came onto the radar, a new power station! This was something that we had been expecting since 1980. Brian Slade and I went to visit Flamanville in France. (At our own expense.). Brian made me promise not to tell anyone (sorry Sylvie) what a lovely channel crossing it was in case he had to do it again for the twinning group!

During that visit I thought it would be a good idea to suggest a "Lengthsman scheme"; everywhere in Flamanville looked tidy and clean, So why shouldnt we have the same? The planning rules in France are very different to those here. After a certain amount of negotiation we got what I think is a great benefit. I have to say, EdF stepped up to the plate. Just one little success, none of which would have possible without the support from friends and family.

We now have a new council, NO MORE District Council; it left me, I didn't leave it!

Contact for the new councillors can be found in future issues of Stogursey News. (see this month's Parish Council's notes - Ed). I hope that rural areas like ours get the relevant consideration, but urban areas will always get the lion's share of the finance. I still have a few contacts, but please, not too many emails! Lol.

I have had numerous little wins: flooding alleviation schemes; road improvements; access to planning. But all of this was down to you putting a cross against my name at local elections and having a bit of faith in my ability to represent you, something that I have been proud and privileged to do over the last sixteen years.

From the Parish Council, I'm still there, but, we still have a vacancy. We need a young person's perspective to take us forward. Do get in touch if you're interested.

Thanks to you all,
Stay safe.

Chris Morgan

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AUGUST 5th 2.00 - 4.00pm

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May 23rd – Afternoon Car visit to Hillcrest, Curload, Stoke St Gregory TA3 6JA

June 15th – Living with the Boss (Tales of a farmer's wife) A talk by Margaret Adams

June 22nd – Afternoon Car visit to Vexford Court, Lydeard St Lawrence, TA4 3QF

For more information about our vibrant club contact secretary Lucy Haswell 01278 671289 shbassoon@aol.com. Or visit - <https://sites.google.com/site/stowey-gardeners>

Solution to Quick Crossword No 35 April 2023

ACROSS:

1. Flotsam, 5. Bodge, 8. Betrothal, 9. Coo, 10. Event, 12. Triumph, 13. Temperamental, 15. Monarch, 17. Abeam, 19. Rah, 20. Sanctuary, 22. Nylon, 23. Incisor

DOWN:

1. Fable, 2. Opt, 3. Scottie, 4. Mahatma Ghandi*, 5. Balti, 6. Decametre, 7. Epochal, 11. Emmethal, 13. Tamarin, 14. Elastic, 16. Resin, 18. Mayor, 21. Ass

*APOLOGIES FOR THE SPELLING MISTAKE!

Hinkley Point C - Monthly Update

A round up of the latest news from Hinkley Point C

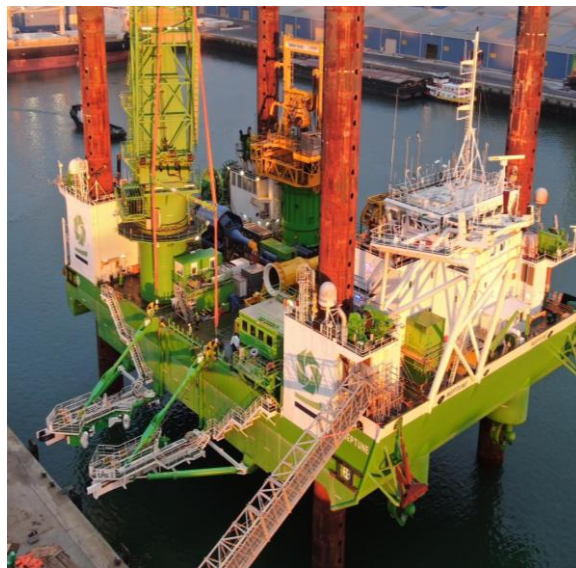
Final phase of Hinkley Point C's offshore work begins

Two floating heavy lift platforms have arrived into the Bristol Channel, as the offshore work moves into its final stage.

The vessels, named "Neptune" and "Sea Challenger", will be used to link the existing tunnels with the intake heads on the seabed. The link will allow seawater to flow through the power station's cooling water system.

Six vertical shafts will be installed at depth of more than 20-metres – and will connect the six miles of tunnels and the intake and outtake heads. These 5,000-tonne structures were lowered onto the seabed last summer and will circulate water to the two nuclear reactors.

The platforms' cranes have a combined lifting capacity of 1,500 tonnes. At 132m, the "Sea Challenger" is longer than a football pitch, and "Neptune" is 60m long.



HPC visits local schools for British Science Week

The Visits Team attended various Somerset schools as part of British Science Week. This was a 10-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) organised by the British Science Association and was a great opportunity to inform and inspire the next generation.

Over the course of two weeks, the team delivered interactive workshops and assemblies, suitable for the audience at each school.

Pupils were invited to consider what we use electricity for and how we can make it. James Mansfield, Education Specialist, Hinkley Point Visits Team, outlined the fundamental physics, chemistry and biology that helps us to make electricity safely via a nuclear reactor.

Students were thrilled as the project's Education Specialist, James recited almost the entire periodic table in under 90 seconds; presenting to them some of the challenges that our chemists have on site.

Big Lift Success

April started with one of the largest and most challenging lifts seen so far. Big Carl successfully lifted the Reactor Cavity and Core Internal Storage Pool, which was in excess of 700 tonnes.

Lying at the heart of our Reactor Building, the Reactor Cavity and Core Internal Storage Pool provides a tank of water that completely covers the Reactor during refuelling and maintenance. This means it can be safely opened when needed, with the water providing a vital layer of shielding to our operatives as they handle nuclear fuel assemblies and other internal components.



Find out about the latest progress being made on site and what's happening in the local community in the Spring 2023 edition of Plugged in - <https://www.edfenergy.com/energy/nuclear-new-build-projects/hinkley-point-c/local-community>

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Email: hinkley-enquiries@edf-energy.com

Telephone: 0333 009 7070

Stacy's Update

I have enjoyed the lovely blue skies in recent weeks as summer feels just around the corner. The longer days have allowed me to get back out in the garden in the evenings, planting ahead of the coming season, or just enjoying a good book.

Meanwhile, on-site, the second reactor building has moved a step closer to completion after two large concrete pours this month.

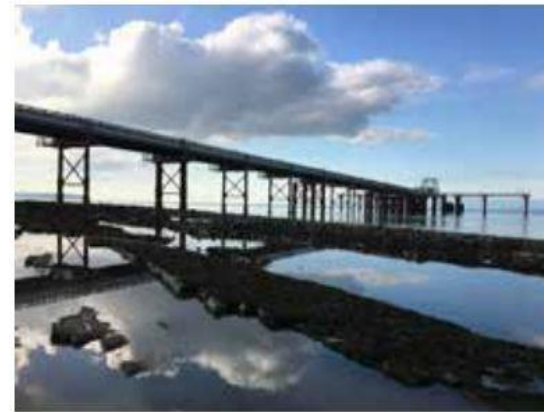
With a total volume of 1417m³, the concrete forms part of the reinforced cylinder that will sit around Unit 2's Reactor. The concrete is produced on site at our dedicated concrete batching plant, which saved the equivalent of 236 mixer lorries travelling to site.

From construction to wildlife, my role continues to be full of learning.

I have recently discovered the fantastic work the project has completed to protect a type of seaweed called Corallina on the Hinkley Point C foreshore.

Corallina is a type of red seaweed that grows on limestone rock. Its colonies thrive within the small waterfalls between rockpools that are listed as ecological features within the Severn Estuary Special Area of Conservation.

As Hinkley Point C's jetty was built the flow of water feeding the small waterfalls could have been cut off – a challenge as Corallina needs a constant supply of seawater to survive. Working with the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science we developed the idea of using concrete bunds to create artificial reservoirs to ensure the waterfalls received much needed seawater. The project has been such a success that Kevin O'Connell, Site Marine Ecologist will be presenting on its design, engineering and methodology at the Institution of Civil Engineers' Coasts, Marine Structures and Breakwaters Conference.



Operation HAROLD

Operation HAROLD has been in place for a number of years. Standing for Hinkley Alternative Routes Operating Local Diversions, it works together with Somerset Council, Avon & Somerset Police, and the Hinkley Point Sites to manage the local road network in the event of an emergency.

The primary focus of the multi-agency plan is the movement of people (not freight) and will come into effect if a temporary road closure is required along the C182 from Cannington to Hinkley Point Sites.

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

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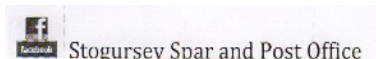
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