

# STOGURSEY NEWS



Dinner and entertainment with the visitors from Lonlay and their English hosts  
*Photo: RH*

## June 2023

# Deadline for JULY 2023 contributions: 10.00am Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023

## Editorial

We begin this edition with sad news. Debbie Robbins, who died this week, will have been known so well through her work in the Spar shop and the Post Office. As a team we were grateful to Debbie as she delivered Stogursey News in Burgage Road for a while. We offer Allan and all the family our deepest sympathy.

The first article in this month's magazine has news of an attempt to address the parking problem in the village. It could not be more welcome. Let us hope there will be more initiatives to follow.

The Stogursey Arts Photographic Society's update about their plans and projects could provide a rich treasure trove of evidence of people and places in the village in times past and present. A good time for older residents to look through photo albums and perhaps share them?

However, there is a nod to the future and a reminder of the constant change that happens to the village as well. The Rev Nicky Morgan has outlined the new arrangements for the Anglican church in our area, and how it will affect our parish not least the end of her ministry here, her move out of the rectory and on to Bicknoller.

As well as catching up with what is happening at the school, it is interesting to see the Youth Club programme for this month.

A look through the Diary at the front of the magazine and the listed regular events can guide us all through June, but let's hope that we shall have some sunny warm weather to enjoy as well.

We send our best wishes to all our readers.

*The Editorial Team*

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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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- 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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## 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	Forget-Me-Not Café (alternate Wednesdays) Bingo Club Ukulele Sessions (alternate Wednesdays) Sea Shanty Singers (alternate Wednesdays)	Jubilee Rooms Youth Club Greyhound Inn Jubilee Rooms	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

### June

Thurs 1	Mobile Library Visit	As per schedule	As per schedule
Weds 7	Forget-me-not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon
Weds 7	Ukulele Session	Greyhound Inn	7.30pm - 9.30pm
Thurs 8	SAPS (Photographic Society)	Jubilee Rooms	7.00pm
Sun 11	Sunday Roast	Victory Hall	12noon - 2.00pm
Tues 13	WI: A talk on "Quantocks"	Victory Hall	2.30pm
Tues 13	Parish Council Meeting	Victory Hall	7.00pm
Thurs 15	Film Night: 'A Man Called Otto'	Jubilee Rooms	Doors Open 7.00pm
Weds 21	Forget-me-not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon
Weds 21	Ukulele Session	Greyhound Inn	7.30pm - 9.30pm
Thurs 29	Mobile Library Visit	As per schedule	As per schedule

### July

Sat 1	FOSS Fest	Victory Hall & Playing Field	12 noon - late
Sat 1	STA Safari Supper	Starting in Jubilee Rooms	tbc

CHURCH	4 <sup>th</sup> JUNE TRINITY	11 <sup>th</sup> JUNE St Barnabus or Trinity 1	18 <sup>th</sup> JUNE Trinity 2	25 <sup>th</sup> JUNE Trinity 3
EAST QH		3.00pm Sunday &3 Lay Led	-	-
FIDDINGTON	9.00am EUCCHARIST AW	9.00am EUCCHARIST TW	9.00am Eucharist AW	10.30am BENEFICE EUCCHARIST JC
HOLFORD	6.30pm EVENSONG EK	9.30am EUCCHARIST DB	11.00am MORNING WORSHIP SC	Three in one Stringston
KILVE	11.00am EUCCHARIST SC	11.00am FAMILY SERVICE SC	9.30am MORNING WORSHIP NB	Three in one Stringston
STOGURSEY	10.30am EUCCHARIST AW	10.30am EUCCHARIST TS	10.30am EUCCHARIST AW	10.30am EUCCHARIST JC
STRINGSTON	11.00am FAMILY SERVICE SB	11.00am CAFÉ CHURCH SB	11.00am EUCCHARIST DB	11.00am JOINT EUCCHARIST Stringston ,Holford Kilve EK
WEST QH	9.30am EUCCHARIST DB (tbc)	9.30am EUCCHARIST SC (tbc)	10.30am FAMILY SERVICE (tbc)	9.30am EUCCHARIST NM
Liturgical colour & Readings	WHITE	RED or GREEN	GREEN	GREEN
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading				
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading				
Gospel				

AW = Revd Alison Waters  
 DB = Revd Dawn Brimson  
 EK = Revd Eleanor King  
 JC = Revd Jan Church  
 NB = Revd Nicki Bradford

NM = Revd Nicky Morgan  
 SB = Preb Sally Bult  
 SC = Revd Stephen Campbell  
 TS = Revd Tony Smith



## HPC Sponsorship for 10 extra parking spaces for Stogursey Village!



Stogursey Parish Council, in conjunction with Stogursey & District Victory Hall Trustees, has secured funds from HPC to provide ten extra car parking spaces to be made available at Stogursey Victory Hall.



All parties trust that this will help alleviate the poor parking situation in Stogursey village. The car park spaces available are to be allocated exclusively to residents and HPC workers living in the village.



We expect to have the car parking spaces available from Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023. This initiative will be trialled for a six-month period and reviewed.

All applications will need to demonstrate proof of insurance and current MOT certificates. Application forms and permits will be available on a first come first served basis.

Apply to: Ann Tyldesley, Treasurer  
✉ [info@stogurseyvillagehall.org.uk](mailto:info@stogurseyvillagehall.org.uk)  
☎ 01278 732181

## Ukulele Sessions

Ukulele Sessions are now fortnightly, every other Wednesday in the Greyhound Inn from 7.30 – 9.30pm

Dates this month: **June 7<sup>th</sup>** and **June 21<sup>st</sup>**

Everyone welcome, borrow a spare Uke and learn a new skill this summer.

Contact: [rose.palmer280@btinternet.com](mailto:rose.palmer280@btinternet.com)  
[lanelenor@gmail.com](mailto:lanelenor@gmail.com)

## Coffee Morning

East Quantoxhead Village Hall  
Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup> 10.00am - 12 midday  
Café/Books/DVDs



For our June offering, we have a delightful comedy drama for you to enjoy. **A Man Called Otto** stars the ever wonderful Tom Hanks as the local crank who begrudgingly exists through each frustrating day following his retirement and the death of his wife.

His life is thrown into disarray when a friendly and upbeat family move into the neighbourhood. His outlook gradually changes as he realises he still has a valuable role to play in this world.

This touching film highlights the importance of neighbourly support. Come and enjoy a taste of our own local community spirit through the Soap Factory Cinema, where you will always be guaranteed a warm welcome. There will be a lovely range of refreshments on sale, as always, and tickets can be purchased in advance or on the door.

We will look forward to seeing you at the Jubilee Rooms on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June**. The doors will open at 7pm for a prompt 7.30pm start.

See you all there!

*The Soap Factory Team*

## Stogursey Youth Club

When: Thursday evenings

Venue: Youth Club

Times: 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Cost: £1.00

Age: 11 - 16 years old

### June 2023

1<sup>st</sup> - Closed (Half-term)

8<sup>th</sup> - Health Awareness evening

15<sup>th</sup> - Sport

22<sup>nd</sup> - Pizza

29<sup>th</sup> - Fund-raising for the Youth Club car wash, organised by parents outside the Youth Club.

Please support and come along to help the young people. The club will open as normal that evening.

### July 2023

6<sup>th</sup> Camping briefing/Outside games

13<sup>th</sup> Summer party

14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> Summer camping

### August 2023

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> - Overnight Stay Awake, 8pm - 8am.

A fundraising Event

Closed - Club to reopen 14<sup>th</sup> September

Other activities run alongside the main programme.

We will be having visits from Mandy Wallington, Somerset Wilder Coast Project. For more information about the project, please contact Julie Nurton 07536179393

## Volunteer Vacancies

**Are you interested in supporting Stogursey School to achieve its aims and ambitions for the pupils?**

We're looking for two people to join our team of governors.

Have you skills and experiences in areas other than education?

If so, and you would like to find out more about what's involved in being a school governor, please contact the Clerk to the Governors, Kara Frampton on [kframpton@quantockedtrust.co.uk](mailto:kframpton@quantockedtrust.co.uk)



## Stogursey WI News

### May Meeting

The President of Stogursey W I, Liz Edgar, opened the meeting wishing His Majesty, King Charles III, a long and glorious reign!



She recognised the late Queen's involvement with the WI as a long serving member.

The W I members enjoyed a Coronation High Tea, which included King Charles own quiche, prepared by Jen Ody, and a magnificent Coronation cake baked by Val Boxall.

What a celebration!

Our next meeting is at the **Stogursey Victory Hall, June 13 at 2.30pm.**

There will be a presentation by Philip Comer: "Quantocks – an Area of Outstanding Beauty."

Interested in becoming a WI Member?  
[stogurseytyldesley@gmail.com](mailto:stogurseytyldesley@gmail.com)

## Stogursey Twinning Association News



It was wonderful to welcome our Twinning visitors from Lonlay L'Abbaye back to Stogursey after 4 years. The weekend had such a lovely feel and it was great to see our French friends again.

After a visit to the beautiful village of Clovelly, on the North Devon coast which they had very much enjoyed, the French arrived in Stogursey on Friday evening. After a brief reception at the Jubilee rooms, we spent the evening with our visitors on the Friday evening.

We were lucky with the sun coming out on Saturday, and our guests spent a very enjoyable day at Glastonbury, visiting the rural life museum, and then choosing between the Tor, the Abbey and simply Hippy watching. If the people I spoke to were anything to go by, the Hippy watching was particularly entertaining. On Saturday evening we were delighted to host our visitors at the Victory Hall, with delicious food provided by Sticky Date and music and disco provided by Sarah and Pat Haywood. There was a lovely party atmosphere, it was clear that the Twinners were happy to be back together, friends reunited – for some after quite a few years apart.

We shared many a feast over the weekend and spoke a great deal of Franglais before we waved them a bon voyage on Monday morning.

After the visit there were some changes in the Twinning Committee, with Sukey Elstob standing down as Chair and Caroline Hawkes as Honorary Secretary. Anna Hammond and Karen Henson have stepped into those roles respectively. Many thanks to Sukey and Caroline for all their endeavours over the last few years and coping with the challenges of the cancelled visits in 2020 and 2021.

Several new French families are looking to host in Lonlay next year. If you'd like to find out a little more about coming on the visit to France next year, or joining the Twinning Association, please get in touch with Karen [stogurseytwinningassociation@gmail.com](mailto:stogurseytwinningassociation@gmail.com)

### Future Events:

Safari Supper: 1<sup>st</sup> July (booking essential)

Cream Tea: 6<sup>th</sup> August

Contact [Stogurseytwinningassociation@gmail.com](mailto:Stogurseytwinningassociation@gmail.com) for more details.

## RECTORY RAMBLINGS

Last year I was writing at this time in anticipation of the celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and the re-opening of Stolford Church after a period of renovation. A year on, we have now celebrated not only the reign of the world's longest serving monarch, Queen Elizabeth II, but marked her death, and witnessed the coronation of her eldest son as king, Charles III, the longest heir in waiting, so we are told. Few, this time last year, would have anticipated that as we approach June 2023, the Quantock Coast Benefice, brought together under Philip Rahilly in 2007, combining the benefices of Quantoxhead and Fiddington with Stogursey and Stolford, would be being reconfigured once again.

The Diocese and the Church of England nationally are following a policy whereby the number of clergy in parish posts is being reduced, and parishes amalgamated into bigger groupings. The intention is that trained lay people (volunteers from the local parish churches) take on more of the ministry traditionally done by the vicar or rector, with oversight from the parish priest. To this end within our local group of churches known as Quantock Deanery, the parishes of Stogursey, Stolford and Fiddington will be administered by Revd Alison Waters, together with the group of parishes, Cannington, Combe, Otterhampton, Stockland and Steart, for which she currently has responsibility; Stringston, Kilve and Holford will join Revd Eleanor King with her current grouping of Nether Stowey, Over Stowey, Spaxton, Enmore, Goathurst and Aisholt; and I will move to Bicknoller sometime in June with the parishes of East and West Quantoxhead to join the parishes of Bicknoller, Sampford Brett, Crowcombe, Stogumber, Nettlecombe and Monksilver. Watchet and Williton are also part of our Quantock Deanery, but due to their size and socio-economic make-up, they are not impacted by the change.

So right now I'm sitting in a Rectory which, for the last nine months at least, I have known that in all probability I will be leaving (not an incentive to housework at all!), surrounded by attempts to pack (easy things only) and eleven years' worth of papers to sort – not to mention the papers that were already in the Rectory when I moved in!

We are planning a celebration for the Quantock Coast Benefice in St Andrew's church on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am – Pentecost Sunday. This will be followed by a Bring-&-Share Lunch in the Jubilee Rooms, Stogursey to which all are invited. I have loved my time as Rector of Quantock Coast living in Stogursey, made many friends and had a great deal of love and support – in work matters yes, but not only work: with Maisie and William (dog walking, dog sitting, claw-cutting and cat – urgent visits to the vet) with chores around the Rectory (washing up) help with the garden (cutting the grass, cutting back brambles, weeding) meals delivered to my doorstep when I've been busy or ill, and the many times we have shared meals together.

Now is a time of change but not an end. I'm only eight miles down the A39, hardly any distance at all I can say, as someone who has driven that route down the A39 more time than I can count in the last eleven years. And as a group of clergy in the Quantock Deanery we are committed to working together in a new form of Group Ministry. Whilst I will now be Rector of the newly reconfigured Quantock Towers Benefice, my door is always open to you, my friends from Quantock Coast.

So now it's to packing and sorting, but with my thanks for all you have given to me over the eleven years I have been privileged to be your Rector.

With love and with prayers

*Nicky*



### **SUNDAY ROAST** **AT THE VICTORY HALL** **ON SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JUNE**



LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE  
FROM 12 NOON TO 14:00

1 course £9.50 / 2 courses £12.50

#### **CASH ONLY PLEASE**

Bookings are required, please contact  
Denise Oliver 01278 733594  
BAR OPEN FROM 12 NOON

### **Solution to Quick Crossword** **No 36 - May 2023**

#### **ACROSS:**

1. Chagrin, 5. Leeds, 8. Brasserie, 9. Ore, 10. Night,  
12. Obscure, 13. Burton Springs, 15. Debussy,  
17. Quell, 19. Owl, 20. Letterbox, 22. Klimt, 23. Mattoir

#### **DOWN:**

1. Cabin, 2. Aga, 3. Risotto, 4. Nervous system,  
5. Leeks, 6. Eloquence, 7. Shekels, 11. Garibaldi,  
13. Bedrock, 14. Request, 16. Split, 18. Luxor, 21. Boo





# Stogursey C of E Primary and Pre-School



Everyone in Stogursey school is thrilled to have received a letter from Kensington Palace! After the late Queen passed away last autumn, the children wrote letters to the Royal family to pass on their condolences - and have now received a regal **THANK YOU** from Prince William and Princess Catherine of Wales.

## THANK YOU!

The school began their celebrations ahead of the King's Coronation with parents (and cake!) in the Victory Hall.

**THANK YOU** to Allan Searle for the use of the hall, and to our friends at the Parish Council for gifting a delightful commemorative coronation mug to each child. We are also grateful to our parents who provided cakes for the celebration which went down a treat, and to our wonderful FOSS team for presenting a packet of wildflower seeds to every child.

## Stogursey Adventurers

*Popping Peppers!* Beacon class continued their Mexican theme by cooking Fajita's from scratch. Mrs Payne shared some top tips about preparing and cooking vegetables.

*Cooking with meat.* The children learned how important food hygiene is, and what practical steps they can take to be safe in the kitchen, for example: washing hands after handling raw meat and keeping raw meat and veg separate during preparation. The cooking that the children undertake at school helps them to explore different cultures, recipes, equipment and ingredients, AND allows food to be tried in an often new way.

THANK YOU to the staff and parent volunteers who work so hard to make this happen!

On Monday afternoon Alfoxton Class visited Stolford Beach to look at erosion and how the land has been protected using sea defences. The children looked at how the sea had eroded their structure over time.



## Triscombe Class

Hector the Tortoise came to visit! Did you know that tortoises do not have ears? And that they hear through vibrations? The children asked lots of interesting questions and learned that if you want to keep a tortoise in this country, they must

come with a birth certificate to prove he or she been looked after very well.

Children have also been using their book, 'The Storm Whale,' to imagine they are the main character Noi and then tell an animal story with help from some cuddly toy animals.

In Maths, Reception have been concentrating on numbers that are doubles. Year 1 and 2 have also been looking at length, height and measure.

The children have enjoyed their swimming lessons. They have tried really hard and made progress during their lesson. "One of the swim teachers asked me to believe in myself and I did then I could do it" shared Ivy. It is wonderful to watch their confidence grow!

As part of our Animals topic, the children have been bird watching this week. They went out onto the field, and were able to spot a good number of birds, including blackbirds, crows, sparrows and swallows.

After spending some time looking for and talking about the different types of birds, the children then made natural bird feeders using pine cones. Jasmine explained, "I used butter, pine cones, seed and tied it with string." It was lovely to take our topic learning outside.



## Alfoxton Class

Children in Alfoxton became scientists and planned an experiment to see which materials did/did not conduct electricity. "We've predicted what we think is going to happen and we will be using crocodile clips, batteries, and a buzzer..." Using the correct circuit symbols, they also drew them in their books. "It was really fun seeing my circuit work and everyone in our group was really proud," beamed Harry B.

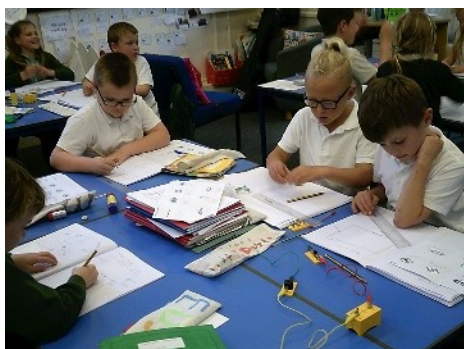
In Geography we are discovering how rivers start. "I like learning about it because I've always wondered how the rivers are formed," explained Sofiah.

Charlotte is enjoying new class book, 'Rhythm of the Rain,' by Grahame Baker-Smith which celebrates water cycles and captures the movement of water from the tiniest raindrop to the deepest ocean, across the earth.

English has focused on Show Not Tell, which is trying to say how someone is feeling without using the word, but by describing their facial expressions. The 15 spellings we are focussing on have been sent home to parents. We will be breaking these words into pieces to help us remember how to spell them.

Year 4's continue to practice for the National Times table test.

We explored the idea of parables in RE, using 'The sower and the seeds.' The class wrote what they thought Jesus was trying to teach using this parable. We then looked at what other people thought and formed an opinion with more clarity.



## Beacon Class

Wow! What a jam-packed time for Beacon Class! From super-fun science lessons to starting the Archbishop of York Award, to auditioning for roles in the Summer Play, the pupils are buzzing with excitement!



"Oh! we've been doing really fun stuff like our new history of art topic," explained

Lenny, "Where we learned about early art and did a cave man drawing ourselves."

One child in year 5 said their highlight this week was starting a new book, 'Street Child,' by Berlie Doherty, which is a tale of an orphan boy in Victorian London who is sent to the workhouse.

Finlay's highlight of the week was auditioning for the school play, **Pirates of the Curry Bean**, which promises to be a comical adventure!

He said, "Auditioning was very fun and exciting, and I'm very happy that I got the role I wanted". Some children chose to take various roles back stage like: helping with props and the computer display.

The pupils have begun their journey to complete the Archbishop of York award - how exciting! Pupils could be seen building their team-working skills to achieve a shared goal! "My group found it really hard until we worked together to find a way to make it work," said Ameleah.

The Year 6 pupils have demonstrated great resilience and shown how hard they can work during the KS2 SATs.



They worked tirelessly on all of their tests, so a HUGE well done to all of the children taking part. They have earned a well-deserved break, although it's a shame the bacon sandwich breakfasts have come to an end! "We've had to work really hard but it is definitely worth it because we got extra play and the teachers have been really supportive," explained Georgina.

## Race Night

WHAT WILL YOU WIN?

Events hosted by Cavaliers Carnival Club at  
your local Stogursey Victory Hall, TA5 1PR

**FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY - FIRST RACE 8.00PM**

Cash only

Strictly 18 years of age and over

Tote 50p per ticket

Raffle £1 per strip

Food available and bar open.

Come and join us for a great evening  
of entertainment.

Will you pick the winning horse?

Pre-book your table to be entered into a draw  
to win a bottle of champagne.

Contact Suzie 07588954554

[suzie.clubfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:suzie.clubfundraising@gmail.com)

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## Friends of Stogursey School present **FOSS FEST**

The Victory Hall and Football Field

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023**

12.00 - 5.00pm - FREE

- \* Stalls
- \* Bouncy Castle
- \* Old school games
- \* Displays
- \* Special Guest - Krazy Kev & Dinky Duo
- \* and much more . . .

6.00pm - Late - TICKETS AVAILABLE

Evening Entertainment - Live Music from

- \* Generator
- \* Apalachee Nation

TICKETS IN ADVANCE -

£7 Adult; £5 Under-18

£20 Family ticket (2 adults & 2 under-18)

Tickets available from:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Friends-of-Stogursey-School/t-zjvvpq>

TICKETS ON THE GATE -

£8 Adult; £6 Under-18

£24 Family ticket (2 adults & 2 under-18)

## Stogursey Arts Photographic Society

**"The single most important component of a camera is 12 inches behind it. The camera you use is important, yes, but your brain, ideas and imagination are what really matter."**

*From a saying identified by Leo Huang in The Guardian:  
Saturday 13th May*

This month's quote came from one of our readers. They don't attend the Society's meetings, but they do follow our write ups each month with interest. Many thanks for this 'food for thought'.

As the aspects and themes of our photographic project emerge and provide 'food for thought', we recently found ourselves focusing on two areas towards developing a new archive to complement the existing historic photos of our village. When these original photographs were taken, it appeared that the photographer(s) were focusing on showing the 'place', the houses, streets and historic buildings.

From the discussions that followed we found ourselves asking the question: what would we want to show or record that is relevant to us now? What could we convey to future generations regarding what we value now?

Last month the front cover of Stogursey News was illustrated with a humble sparrow frozen in flight. It was an image that seemed to be an indicator of the opening up of the natural year, with creatures finally venturing out after surviving the bleak winter months.

Around Stogursey the countryside is teeming with nature. In years to come will we be able to look back and celebrate this as an important aspect of where we live? With the reported consequences to natural habitats through climate change, will we still see the humble sparrow around and about or will it have become a rare and threatened species? Choosing themes for us to document has suddenly become more challenging for our group.

Our second area for consideration is based on the people and community. From the photographic records we have seen, it is difficult to piece together an accurate picture of what living and working in the village was like back in the day. For *our* photographic project, we are looking to create a contemporary narrative that says something about 'living and working' in the village today. We have started by looking at examples of late 20<sup>th</sup> century documentary photography, which has helped us in finding a starting point to tackle these challenges.

Starting with the individuals who make up our local community groups and businesses, we are going to attempt to create portraits in a working context that will tell their story. We will be in contact with identified groups in the near future to discuss and arrange photo shoots. If this has given you 'food for thought' and you would like to participate, we would love to hear from you.

Our next meeting is the **8<sup>th</sup> June, starting at 7pm**. There is a voluntary sub of £2 to support the charity and its running costs.

*Mike Bradshaw, SAPS for Stogursey Arts Trust*

## Points from the Parish Council Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023

### Presentations

HPC gave a detailed update on the marine works, which disturbed the sleep of many recently. There is no intention to repeat late evening works, unless absolutely necessary. Mitigation has been done to minimise the likelihood of any excessive noise. Works are only likely to be necessary on about 5-10 occasions and should be completed by mid July.

Stear Marshes WWT gave an update on their take over of the management of the Bridgwater Bay National Nature Reserve. It is hoped that several areas in the parish that fall within Bridgwater Bay will see improvement to ditches and hedges as a result.

### Allotments

Representations from several of the allotment holders relating to the unkempt state of several plots were raised. Councillors are undertaking inspections as a result and it is hoped that the plots will be maintained to the standard expected and hopefully be fully utilised and productive.

### Burgage Road Play Area

Nearby residents have been subject to anti social behaviour by some misusing the sheltered bench within the play area. The Parish Council has decided, as a result of the resulting damage, to have the covered bench removed due to its unsafe condition as soon as possible. It is disappointing that the actions of a few have such an impact on residents and other users of the play area.

### Coronation Celebrations and Commemorative Mugs

The Trustees of the Victory Hall successfully applied for a grant to help provide an afternoon function to mark the King's Coronation.

Pre-school and primary school-aged children of the parish should have received the commemorative mug that was purchased for all such children. Several more have gone to preschool-aged children of the parish, but if there is a child who has been missed and who would like to receive such a gift, then please let the Clerk know so that one can be delivered.

### Parking

The Trustees of the Victory Hall have successfully applied for funding from the HPC Rural Parking Fund to enable vehicles to be parked in spaces at the Hall. Information on the scheme, which has the backing of the Parish Council, is on another page within this issue of Stogursey News. The trial will be assessed after six months. It may help relieve some of the issues which have been highlighted recently within Stogursey.

### 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.

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, 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](mailto:stogurseyppclerk@gmail.com)

*Richard Wand*

Clerk to Stogursey Parish Council

### Holford Gardeners' Group

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm  
at Holford and District Village Hall

#### 'Why do we have Botanic Gardens?

A talk by Ann Brake

Members £1.00 Visitors £2.00

All welcome



Nether Stowey Church Centre

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm

#### Living with the boss (Tales of a farmer's wife)

A talk by Margaret Adams

Come along & enjoy our guest speaker, raffle, tea, coffee, home made cake, & plant table.

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All welcome

#### Coming up:

**June 22<sup>nd</sup>** Car visit to Regency House, Hemyock, Cullompton EX15 3RQ

**July 11<sup>th</sup>** Car visit to Avalon, Higher Chillington, Ilminster, TA19 0PT

**July 20<sup>th</sup>** Poultry keeping for beginners – you can have hens & a nice garden. A talk by Claire Hunt. Nether Stowey Church Centre 7.30pm

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





## Stogursey Community Network

### June 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, do come along. All ages welcome!

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Payment is by a cash donation of your choice, cheques also 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 copy of **Stogursey News**.

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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.

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#### Do you have a few spare hours a week?

Would you like to join our volunteers team?

Maybe you could help as a driver, and/or 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.

Guidance and training provided for the Lunches team.

Please contact us for an informal chat.

## Stogursey Lunches JUNE MENU



#### Tuesday 6 June

(book by Friday 2 June - phone 01278 733451)

Hot-smoked salmon tart, OR  
Scarpaccia (Italian courgette no-pastry tart)  
both with salad and bread

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Gooseberry crumble with ice-cream, OR  
Vanilla ice-cream with chocolate sauce

#### Tuesday 13 June

(book by Friday 9 June - phone 01278 733451)

Home-made beef burgers (bun optional), OR  
Mushroom & black bean burgers (bun optional)  
with potato wedges and coleslaw

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Fruit salad and cream or ice-cream

#### Tuesday 20 June

(book by Friday 16 June - phone 01278 733451)

Somerset baked ham OR  
Vegetable terrine  
with vegetables, potatoes & parsley sauce

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Fruit amber

#### Tuesday 27 June

(book by Friday 23 June - phone 01278 733451)

Lasagne OR  
Cauliflower cheese  
with side salad and garlic bread

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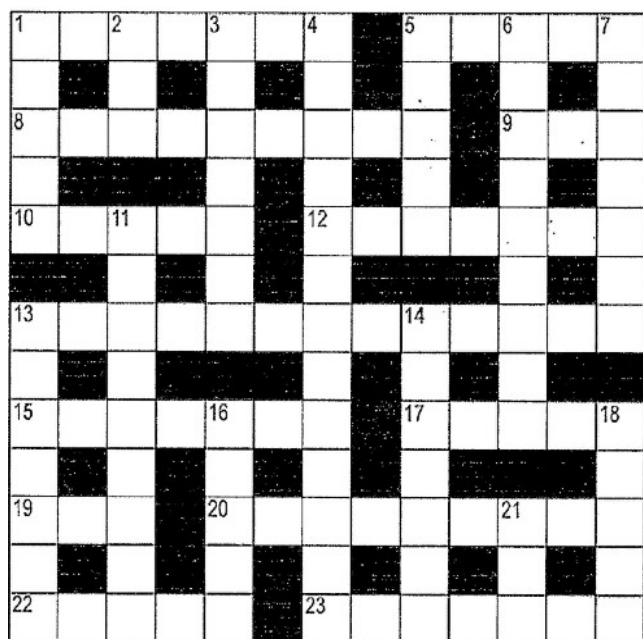
Apple crumble and custard

**How to contact SCN:** Email: [stogurseycommunitynetwork@gmail.com](mailto:stogurseycommunitynetwork@gmail.com) ; Tel: 01278 732149  
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## Quick Crossword No 37

Compiled by Helen Cuttall



### Clues Across

1. The fastest land animal (7)
5. Bodily strength (5)
8. UK bird with pinkish red breast and cheeks (9)
9. Makeup Artist (3)
10. Machining tool for shaping metal and wood (5)
12. Longest river in Eurasia (7)
13. Time spent recovering from an illness (13)
15. Chemical element atomic number 55 (7)
17. Hungarian composer (5)
19. Ben - - - Munro in the Scottish Highlands (3)
20. Large semi aquatic reptile (9)
22. John - - - - manufacturer of agricultural machinery (5)
23. Provoked or annoyed (7)

### Clues Down

1. Welsh onion (5)
2. A snake like fish (3)
3. Fine lustrous silk fabric (7)
4. Cucumis melo inodorus (8, 5)
5. The capital of Menorca (5)
6. Amethyst, jade, or sapphire (9)
7. Apparatus used by acrobats (7)
11. Small citrus fruit (9)
13. Large freshwater tropical fish (7)
14. Scented toilet water (7)
16. Lacking sense or meaning (5)
18. Weighed (5)
21. Up to (abbreviation) (3)

## Quantock u3a continues to thrive!

The first AGM of Quantock u3a took place on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, followed by our first ANNIVERSARY PARTY with delicious cakes!

We have had two visits to Hinkley, one in April and one in May. A total of 80 people came on these visits.

Our April talk was in the delightful West Quantoxhead Village Hall. Chris Sidaway guided us along The Parrett Trail. We meandered from the Parrett's rather unprepossessing source through fields, past pubs, potteries and ancient buildings to historic Combe and Steart Marshes.

**Monday 26 June, 2.00pm** in Kilve Village Hall:

A TALK BY AUTHOR ANGELA PATMORE

"Doggerel - The Moving Memoirs of Rescue Dogs and Their Second Lives"

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For more information: <https://u3asites.org.uk/quantock/> welcome

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### Weeds

*by Carol Rumens*

In gardens, it's the unwanted  
babies that grow best and biggest,  
swarming our beds of frail  
legitimate darlings with roots  
like wire and crude, bright flower-heads.

They seem oblivious to the fury of steel prongs  
earthquaking around them.  
If they fall today, tomorrow  
they'll stand all the greener.

Too soon, the beautiful lives  
we've trembled over with sprays  
of pesticide, friendly stakes,  
and watering-cans at sunset,  
give in, leaving us helpless.

The weeds, the unfavoured ones,  
stare at us hungrily,  
and since it is hard to live  
empty of love, we try  
to smile; we learn to forgive them.

*From: "Poems for Gardeners" edited by Germaine Greer*

## Stacy's Update

Hinkley Point C is vital in the fight against climate change and energy security but also proves that the transition to net-zero can deliver huge social and economic benefits for the local community.

The latest Socio-Economic Impact report shows the commitments we set to deliver local benefit are being met, and in many cases, exceeded. Highlights from the latest report include;

- Spending in the South-West has now topped £5.3 billion with 1,300 companies.
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- Investment in local infrastructure and community support has reached £139 million.



### Training

**30,000** training places available between now and Hinkley Point C's completion



### Skills investment

**£24 million** invested directly into Education, Skills and Employment



### Apprentices

**1,131** apprentices have been trained at Hinkley Point C so far  
Original target: **1,000**



**£5.3 billion** has been spent directly with companies based in the South West

Original target: **£1.5 billion**

If you would like to read the full report, you can find it here:

[www.edfenergy.com/hpcbbenefits](http://www.edfenergy.com/hpcbbenefits)



### Secretary of State visits Hinkley Point C

The new Chairman and CEO of EDF in France, Luc Remont recently visited the Hinkley Point C site with Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, Grant Shapps and Agnès Pannier-Runacher, French Minister for Energy Transition. They were greeted by Simone Rossi, CEO of EDF in the UK, and Stuart Crooks, HPC Managing Director, who took him on a tour of the impressive site. The group also visited the newly opened Training Centre where people are being prepared to operate the finished power station.

### New Virtual Tour

Many of you will be familiar with the site tour videos provided by Nigel Cann, now the Managing Director of Sizewell C. Nigel takes us around the HPC Site, sharing a progress update and giving an insight into what's to come for the rest of the year. You can view Nigel's latest video tour in the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wehewmT5J5I>



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# Hinkley Point C - Monthly Update

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

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### A huge step forward

A major concrete pour has been completed on Unit 1's Reactor Building. The 30-hour, 900m<sup>3</sup> pour formed the tenth layer of the Reactor's Inner Containment Structure.

The Inner Containment is a 1.3m thick concrete structure that sits against the Liner Ring, this forms part of the Reactor's safety barrier. The concrete was poured in twelve separate layers.

### Teams in the Community

A team of volunteers have completed their third litter pick along the Bridgwater and Taunton Canal. The initiative began last year as part of the "Big Paddle Clean Up".

Part of wider volunteering efforts from the project this initiative is helping to improve the area for recreational users and the wildlife. As you can see from the photo, they made a real difference by collecting plenty of litter from the canal and towpath.



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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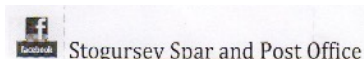
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**Clerk:** Richard Wand 01278 652534/  
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**Meetings:** held monthly in the Victory Hall, Stogursey 7.15 - 7.30pm Public Forum for parishioners to ask questions;  
7.30pm Councillors' meeting starts - parishioners welcome to attend and listen.

Somerset Unitary Authority: Watchet & Stogursey Division  
Hugh Davies, Rosemary Woods

### Site Stakeholders Group Representatives:

Sue Goss, Chris Morgan

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### 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 -

Greyhound Inn 1.10pm - 1.40pm

Town Close (No 30) 1.45pm - 2.10pm

#### Next scheduled Visits in 2023:

1 June, 29 June, 27 July, 24 August, 21 September

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.**

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

*Complainants' names are not given to the perpetrators.*