

STOGURSEY NEWS



The Acland Arms
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September 2023

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Editorial

Welcome to the September edition.

It's a pleasure to read of the country wedding which took place recently in St. Peter's Church in Stolford. Congratulations to the couple whose unusual meeting and courtship led to this happy event.

Congratulations too, to the winners, runners-up and organisers of this year's 'Stogursey Flower Show'. What a successful day it was, and plenty of inspiration there to the rest of us who haven't yet managed to produce such prize-winning craft and cakes, or grow such a variety of flowers and vegetables, never mind the longest bean. There is always next year . . .

As always there is a lot going on in the village during September. The children return to school and classes and groups start up again after the summer break. We are lucky to have a monthly Film Club in the village, and this month we have another two films being shown at Burton Springs.

Take time to visit the Textiles, Flowers and Music Exhibition in the church towards the end of the month. It offers what looks to be a calm, thoughtful and beautiful experience.

It's well worth taking the opportunity to attend one of the two defibrillator training sessions on Wednesday 6th September. None of us knows when we might be glad to know exactly what to do in an emergency.

Did you know that St. Barbara is the patron saint of Miners? In Stacy's Update it is rather nice to read of some old traditions and beliefs being upheld and valued alongside the use of the most advanced technology in the building of Hinkley Point C.

With best wishes, as always, from the Stogursey News Team to all our readers.

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.
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We look forward to receiving your contributions.

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Regular Events

Monday	Health Walks (weekly) Contact Ralph 07969777325	Steart Marshes Car Park	2.00pm
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) Short Mat Bowls (weekly) Contact: Ron 01278 732688 Quantock Tennis Club (first Tuesday of month)	Victory Hall Victory Hall Jubilee Rooms St Audries Centre Victory Hall 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 7.30pm - 9.00pm 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	Friday Social Café (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	10.00am - 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

September

Wednesday 6	Defibrillator Awareness Session	St Peter's Church, Stolford	3.00pm - 4.00pm
Wednesday 6	Defibrillator Awareness Session	Victory Hall	6.00pm - 7.00pm
Wednesday 6	Sea Shanty Singers	Jubilee Rooms	7.30pm - 9.30pm
Sunday 10	Late Summer Barbecue	Fishers, Shurton	starts 1.00pm
Tuesday 12	WI: "Driving Safely for Longer"	Victory Hall	2.30pm
Tuesday 12	Parish Council monthly meeting	Victory Hall	7.00pm
Wednesday 13	Forget-me-not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon
Wednesday 13	Ukulele Session	Greyhound Inn	7.30pm - 9.30pm
Friday 15	Open Air Cinema: "Top Gun"	Burton Springs Holidays	Gate opens 6.00pm
Saturday 16	Open Air Cinema: "Top Gun: Maverick"	Burton Springs Holidays	Gate opens 6.00pm
Wednesday 20	Sea Shanty Singers	Jubilee Rooms	7.30pm - 9.30pm
Thursday 21	Mobile Library Visit	as per schedule	as per schedule
Thursday 21	Film Night: "In the Heat of the Night"	Jubilee Rooms	Doors opens 7.00pm
Sat 23 - Fri 29	'Tree of Life, Love, Loss & Joy' Exhibition	St Andrew's Church	All day
Sunday 24	Sunday Lunch	Victory Hall	12 noon - 2.00pm
Monday 25	U3A: "The Nature of Somerset's Coast"	Victory Hall	2.00pm
Wednesday 27	Forget-me-not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30pm - 12 noon
Wednesday 27	Ukulele Session	Greyhound Inn	7.30pm - 9.30pm

SEPTEMBER SUNDAY SERVICE ROTA for Quantock Gate Parishes

CHURCH	3 rd September	10 th September	17 th September	24 th September
Cannington	8.00 & 9.30am Holy Communion AW	8.00 & 9.30am Family Service JC	8.00 & 9.30am Holy Communion JC	8.00 & 9.30am Holy Communion AW
Combwich	11.15am Family Service AW	6.00pm Prayer and Praise JC	11.15am Holy Communion JC	
Fiddington	9.00am Holy Communion JC	9.00am Holy Communion AW	9.00am Holy Communion AW	9.00am Family Service JC
Stockland		11.15am Family Service JC		11.15am Holy Communion AW
Stogursey	10.30am Holy Communion JC	10.30am Holy Communion AW	10.30am Holy Communion AW	Family Service 10.30am JC
Colours	Green	Green	Green	Green

AW Revd Alison Waters **JC** Revd Jan Church

Stogursey & District WI celebrated our 40th anniversary and enjoyed a Garden Party, kindly hosted by our President, Liz Edgar, at Priory Barn, Stogursey.

We invited two other local WI Groups, Cannington and Combwich, to join us for our celebrations. Thanks also to Marilyn Symonds, our WI Advisor, for attending. Our thanks also to Liz and her team for providing a delicious, full afternoon tea spread!

Keep the dates:

12th September 2.30pm – Stogursey Victory Hall
'Driving Safely for Longer' - Steve Greenhalgh

10th October 2.30pm – Stogursey Victory Hall
'Touch Wood' - a talk on superstitions – Brian Wright

Interested in becoming a member?

✉stogurseytylidesley@gmail.com

Victory Hall Lottery Winners

JULY 2023 DRAW

1 st prize	£25.00	Jan Ford	No 135
2 nd prize	£15.00	Lyn Barren	No 54
3 rd prize	£10.00	Sue Knox	No 71

The Tree of Life, Love, Loss and Joy
Stogursey Arts Trust

Exhibition of Textiles, Flowers and Music

September 23rd to 29th in Stogursey Church

You are warmly invited to come and visit the exhibition.

The textile work has been created as a response to the strange times we have been through in the last few years. It is based around the cycle of the seasons with their patterns of endings and beginnings, losses and joys.

Visitors can contribute to part of the exhibition with their own thoughts or words.

Lots of local people have been involved in creating the designs over the last nine months, including children from school. Stogursey is a place of many talents! The Stogursey flower arrangers are exhibiting alongside the textile hangings and there will be music playing some of the time too.

On Sunday 24th at 10:30 there will be an all-age service in the church.

Come and see, stay awhile if you wish,
and enjoy the peace.

A Stolford Wedding



On Saturday 8th of July 2023 was seen an uncommon event which will live in the memory of the Stolford Community: the marriage of Vivienne Barclay-Higgins and Christophe Jupon. It took place in our St Peter's church, Stolford, packed for the occasion.

The couple had met via a sale on Ebay. Vivienne bought an item from Christophe who was a French native living in Northern France at the time. They developed a friendship, and Christophe came over for a holiday which resulted in love at first sight and an indefinite stay in our village.

Viv and Christophe met with some unexpected events, which delayed their long-planned wedding. Patience was eventually rewarded this July in our church. The Reverend Steve Campbell conducted their marriage, and afterwards the procession was led back to their home to the sound of bagpipes and many good wishes from friends and family and fellow inhabitants of Stolford.

SUNDAY LUNCH

Stogursey Victory Hall

Sunday 24th September

Served between 12 noon and 2.00pm



Main course: £9.50

Two courses: £12.40

CASH ONLY PLEASE

Bar open at 12 noon

Bookings preferred, please contact
DENISE OLIVER on 07453381844 or 01278 733594

Stogursey Flower Show 2023

This year's show proved to be very successful despite a poor start to the growing season. Our green-fingered gardeners produced lots of wonderful vegetables, flowers and plants; the handicraft section was well supported and the homecraft section had plenty of tempting cakes and delicious treats on display. It was especially pleasing to have had lots of children's entries this year, and it was lovely to see the delight on their faces as they came up to receive the cups and certificates for their outstanding entries.

Thank you to all the exhibitors who put time and energy into producing and bringing their exhibits to the show, and a big thank you to the judges for giving us their time and expertise on the day. I wish to thank all the many people involved in getting the show up and running: Kate, Bridget, Caroline, Ian and Teresa for all their work

including writing the certificates, and checking the points scored by the exhibitors; Fiona for her support and guidance; Denise and Sheila for serving refreshments from the kitchen; Megan for serving drinks from the bar; and Jan and Lisa for running the cake stall and raffle. Thank you to all the volunteers - your time and help was very much appreciated. A final thank you to everyone who came along and made the day such a success, your continued support is very much appreciated.

Allan Searle
on behalf of the Victory Hall Committee

Will all those who won cups at the Flower Show, please return them to me, Allan Searle, at 1 Meadow Gardens, Stogursey by Saturday 9th September 2023 so that I can arrange for your names to be engraved on the cups.

Stogursey Flower Show Winners	
Chris Johnson Memorial Challenge Cup Overall winner of the Vegetables section	1 st Ron Balaam 2 nd Janet Plowright, 3 rd Barry Turner
Fairfield Challenge Cup Overall winner of the Flowers & Plants section	Joint 1 st Shirley Balaam & Rosemary Fitzgerald 3 rd Gloria Touchin
Victory Hall Challenge Cup Overall winner of the Floral Art section	1 st Sally Bult 2 nd Gloria Touchin 3 rd Lee-Ann Matthews
Mary Hume Cup Overall winner of the Handicraft section	Joint 1 st Dorothy Ireland & Sue Spicer Joint 3 rd Sarah Harcombe & Janet Plowright
Honibere Challenge Cup Overall winner of the Homecraft Section	1 st Heather Ranson Joint 2 nd Shirley Balaam, Michelle Craggs & Jan Ford
Junior Cup Overall winner of the Children under-12 section	1 st Caleb Packer 2 nd Daniel Packer 3 rd Adelaide Tennant
Thordown Cup for the best exhibit in the show	Lee-Ann Matthews
Paul Tipney Cup for the best collection of 6 vegetables	Barry Turner
Iris Searle Challenge Cup for the best exhibit of vegetables	Ron Balaam
Les Wells Memorial Cup for the best exhibit of flowers & plants	Teresa Miller
Knighton Cup for most imaginative entry in the Children's Section	Caleb Packer
Peggy Elenor Cup for best decorated hat	Jan Ford



We hope you have been enjoying a wonderful summer in Stogursey!

As the evenings begin to draw in, come and enjoy a stylish and timeless classic at the Soap Factory Cinema. We will be showing **In the Heat of the Night**, with the ever-brilliant Sidney Poitier in the lead role, supported by a cast of actors all at the top of their game. This multi Oscar winning thriller has continued to captivate audiences of all generations and we can't wait to share it with you on **Thursday 21st September**.

As usual, there will be a delicious selection of refreshments, all very reasonably priced. Come on your own, or with a group of friends – you are always guaranteed a warm welcome! Tickets are available in advance from the Spar Post Office or on the door.

See you all at the Jubilee Rooms from 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

The Soap Factory Team

Sea Shanty Singers

The Stogursey Sea Shanty Singers meet every two weeks in the Jubilee Rooms in Stogursey at 7.30pm until 9.30 pm. Everyone is welcome, and the only charge is £1 for tea or coffee in the break.

We supply song sheets and there is no need for you to be able to read music. Our songs are mainly shanties, although we also include some folk songs in our sessions. Come along and have a go . . . it's great fun!

This month, we will be meeting on
Wednesday 6th and Wednesday 20th September.

Late Summer Barbecue

in Shurton . . .
. . . on Sunday 10th September
starting at 1.00pm.

Local butcher's sausage and burger with a variety of home-made salads and a pudding.
Bring your own drink and drinking vessel.
Vegetarian and GF alternatives are available.

£10 for adults, £5 for children under 12,
free for under-fives.

If you would like to come along, please phone Ian or Teresa on 01278 733052 (booking is essential).
Organised by Stogursey Twinning Association

Burton Springs Holidays

presents **OPEN AIR Cinema TOP GUN Weekend.**

We are very excited to be holding our first open air cinema event. There'll be a bar, food truck, popcorn, hot drinks and more.

All you need to bring is something to sit down on - a chair, bean bag or blanket.

Tickets are £10 for each night.

Parking available onsite

Please purchase tickets online via:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/burton-springs-holidays

or give us a call on 01278 732135

(If the event is cancelled due to weather we will issue a full refund.)

Friday 15th September

Original Top Gun, with all the classic Tom Cruise and Val Kilmer moments.

Gate Open: 6.00pm

Film Start: 8.00pm

Film Finish: 10.00pm

Saturday 16th September

Top Gun: Maverick. The story continues with the next generation

Gate Open: 6.00pm

Film Start: 8.00pm

Film Finish: 10.00pm

We really hope you can join us and look forward to a great evening.

Solution to Quick Crossword No 39

August 2023

ACROSS:

1. Airdrop, 5. Timid, 8. Embellish, 9. Cos, 10. Table, 12. Cheddar, 13. Golden Wedding, 15. Rockall, 17. Pleat, 19. ETA, 20. Epicentre, 22. Agave, 23. Meerkat

DOWN:

1. Adept, 2. Rib, 3. Relieve, 4. Prince William, 5. Tahoe, 6. Macedoine, 7. Dishrag, 11. Balaclava, 13. Gerbera, 14. Deplete, 16. Adele, 18. Trent, 21. TEK

Coffee Morning

East Quantoxhead Village Hall

Saturday September 15th 10.00am - 12 midday

Watchet Band

will be at the Victory Hall, Stogursey with music and songs.

Friday 13 October, 7.00pm - 9.30pm

Stogursey Arts Photographic Society

"Ultimately we need to recognise that while humans continue to build urban landscapes, we share these spaces with other species."

David Suzuki

Walking up the footpath to the brow of Tet Hill, our latest local photographic field study challenge, we were struck by a sense of the past and the ancient history of this place.

The footpath is a steep climb up to a clump of trees that screens the summit beyond. You can imagine walking up the track back in the days of Coleridge and Wordsworth, anticipating the journey ahead to the local farms and on to Nether Stowey in the distance. The landscape at this point is also obscured by the incline, and we saw a buzzard overhead soaring out of the trees, circling (as their species has done for centuries), surveying the fields as the rabbits ran for cover.

When you arrive at the top, still looking towards the Quantocks, you are confronted with the most amazing views out over the landscape towards the hills. Land that has been farmed for hundreds of years; with patches of forest, beasts in green pasture and crops framed by the boundary hedges and access paths and tracks that traverse a patchwork of browns, greens, greys and broken colours in between. All of this below a huge sky, that on this evening, was defined by clouds lit up by the sun setting . . . and in the breaks between the cloud, it still remained blue and ethereal. Truly awe-inspiring.

Turning around to face the north, towards the coast, we were confronted with a very different sight.

The members of SAPS share photos regularly on a What-SAPS site and the images posted this trip were incredibly dramatic. Steve Wardle and Andy Baker had used telephoto lenses. These lenses create images which appear to bring things that are further away much nearer. Simply, the image becomes one of compressed space. Everything looks closer than it actually is, with things that are much further away appearing closer to things that are nearer in distance to the viewer.

Imagine an image where the development site at Hinkley Point appears only a few hundred yards from Tower Hill and the Stogursey High Street? It's as if the cranes and building construction works are almost a stone's throw to the village.

These dramatic shots are very clever, as they capture the thoughts of many villagers aware of the closeness of the development on our doorstep. Near or far, these images draw our attention to the site at Hinkley Point and its place in our community.

When we finally get to put all our images together, it is going to be a very interesting and engaging exhibition. We don't have a date as yet, but when we get there, we do hope that all of you will make the time to come along. We will keep you posted.

We are meeting next, in September, at 7pm, site/venue/ and date to be confirmed and we will report on our activities and findings in October's Stogursey News. The Arts Trust is a charity made up of interested volunteers including the SAPS. If you would like to get involved, do contact us via Stogursey News.

Mike Bradshaw
SAPS for Stogursey Arts Trust

Stogursey Oil-buying Group

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

Chris Ford

To place an order please leave the form in the Post Office or telephone (01278 732191) or email

stogurseyford@gmail.com by

10am Monday 18th September

with the following information:-

Stogursey Oil-buying Group

Name

Address

..... Postcode

Email (if available)

Tel:

Amount of oil required litres

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

Special instructions.....

**Delivery will be in the 2 week period commencing
19th September**

FORGET-ME-NOT-CAFÉ
JUBILEE ROOMS, CASTLE STREET, STOGURSEY
Every other Wednesday 10.30am – 12 noon

Free Entry but a donation towards running costs of the café would be welcome

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 and art & craft in a friendly environment. We also offer a friendly and confidential chat if you need it.

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

We all enjoyed our trip to Blackdown Garden Centre at Wellington this summer, and Somerset Passenger Solutions provided us with a coach as always. Nick and Jim looked after us all very well.

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

Upcoming Café Dates:

Wednesday 13th September
Wednesday 27th September
Wednesday 11th October
Wednesday 25th October
Wednesday 8th November
Wednesday 22nd November

For more information please contact:

Helen: 01278 733451 cuttelhelen@gmail.com

Rose: 07507 374234 rosechalk@icloud.com

We are on Facebook and Instagram

Stogursey Lunches -
September Menus

Tuesday 19 September

(book by Friday 15 September - phone 01278 733451)

Rich ham quiche OR. Cheese and onion quiche
served with new potatoes and a side salad

Individual lemon pudding

Tuesday 26 September

(book by Friday 22 September - phone 01278 733451)

Chicken and leek pie OR. Quorn and leek pie
served with vegetables

Apple crumble and custard



Stogursey Community Network
(SCN)

- September 2023



The SCN provides a range of services in our community. These include ~

STOGURSEY LUNCHES

Delicious 2-course meals, cooked and served in the **Jubilee Rooms, Stogursey, on Tuesdays**. Haven't tried our delicious lunches, lovingly prepared by our Food Hygiene Level 2-certified volunteers, yet? Come along! All ages very welcome. You are welcome to bring guests along, just please book in advance (see below.)

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 also accepted.

Advance booking essential. Tel: 01278 733451 by 5pm on the preceding Friday to book your meal. See the September menus on this page and book ahead.

Please note that Stogursey Lunches will be closed on 5th and 12th September. We look forward to welcoming our diners back on Tuesday 19th September.

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, as required. We are always grateful for donations to the Foodbank collection box (outside the Rectory) and in our two village shops. If you, or someone you know, needs food assistance contact us or 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 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 also 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.

How to contact us:

stogurseycommunitynetwork@gmail.com /

Tel: 01278 732149

Quantock Medical Centre Flu Clinics 2023

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL GP PRACTICE*

book in for your FLU Immunisation on:

**Friday 22nd September, Friday 6th October,
Saturday 14th October, Saturday 21st October**

**BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT NOW
with Reception on 01278 732696**

Who can have the seasonal 'flu vaccination?

Eligible groups for the 2023 to 2024 season:

- aged 2 and 3 years on 31st August 2023
- eligible school-aged children (Reception to Year 11 to be done in schools))
- those aged 6 months to under 65 years in clinical risk groups (Diseases of the heart, lung, kidney, liver or blood; Asthma, COPD, Diabetes, Weakened immune system, Stroke, or with a BMI of 40 or higher.
- pregnant women
- all those aged 65 years and over
- carers, those in receipt of carer's allowance, or main carer of an older or disabled person
- household contacts of immuno-compromised individuals
- frontline health and social care staff

*** I would like to remind patients to support their Practice by booking their Flu Immunization with their GP practice rather than anywhere else.**

Each year, practices have to order their Flu Immunizations a whole year in advance. Whilst we hope we can predict numbers, we can never predict what changes the NHS is going to make to the Flu Campaign until the last minute! This year, it has moved the goal posts by not allowing healthy 50 – 65 year olds to book in for an NHS Flu jab (as was allowed in previous years), and also insisting that Flu and Covid should be administered at the same time, whilst not allowing individual rural practices to participate in this scheme unless they join a Hub and administer both vaccines together (from for example Bridgwater). So whilst this has all been a bit frustrating and confusing for us, let alone the patients, please do come and support your local practice and book in for a Flu immunization at your surgery.

Notes from the Quantock Medical Centre

WOW – we came 1st in Somerset in the National General Practice Patient Survey 2023; and we were ranked 10th out of 6402 surgeries in the country!

So we would like to thank all our patients who completed and returned those questionnaires they received.

Of course there are no real prizes for this kind of thing – but it was very heartening for the practice team to receive this feedback and to know that we are doing the right things, and that we are appreciated.

99% of patients said their overall experience of the surgery is good;

97% said their GP treated them with care and concern;

95% said their GP listened to them;

96% were satisfied with their appointment days and times offered;

97% felt they had a good experience the last time they made an appointment;

97% think the receptionists are helpful.

Thank you for your kind comments, we really do appreciate them.

I would also like to remind patients to support their practice by booking their Flu Immunization with their GP practice - see separate poster for details.

Best wishes

Helen Stacey, Practice Manager

Holford Gardeners Group

The 17th annual Flower Show presented by Holford Gardeners' Group on the 5th August managed to avoid the worst of Storm Antoni. The past few months of unseasonable weather had not prevented the entries from attaining their usual high standard; the occasional rain shower on the day did not deter the visitors; and the Show, plus the Cream Teas, were a great success.

The 2023 trophy winners were members – Elizabeth Day, Russell Bryant, Pam Campbell and Julie Braybrooke plus Louise Russ, Sally Quinn and Jo Cavill. The Overall Show Winner was Kate Hammond with Lorraine Tilsley as runner up.

**'Gertrude Jekyll – her Plants and Designs' -
a talk by David Usher**

Tuesday September 19th at 7.30pm
in Holford and District Village Hall

Members £1.00, Visitors £2.00
For membership details Tel: 01278 741173

Points from the Parish Council Meeting 8th August 2023

Parish Speed Limits

The Parish Council heard from several residents from many areas of the parish supporting speed reduction to 20 mph, but have decided to consider the implications of an application to Somerset Council further. There will be another chance to apply in the summer of 2024, and that will allow data collection and consultation with residents to be undertaken.

The Parish Council have finally heard that its grant application to the Avon and Somerset Police Community Trust seeking support for speed indicator devices has been successful. It is hoped that during the autumn all the infrastructure will be in place for their deployment at authorised sites across the parish. If you would like to see where, then follow this web link -

[www.shared.xmap.cloud?](http://www.shared.xmap.cloud?map=601d1802-14e6-45de-85e3-8c5e2b89d69f)

[map=601d1802-14e6-45de-85e3-8c5e2b89d69f](http://www.shared.xmap.cloud?map=601d1802-14e6-45de-85e3-8c5e2b89d69f)

Defibrillator Awareness sessions

The local Ambulance service that provides support for our parish defibrillators is to deliver awareness sessions on their use on the following dates/times/locations. We hope you can attend one or the other:

- **St Peter's Church, Stolford –**
1500 - 1600, Wednesday 6th September 2023
- **Victory Hall, Stogursey -**
1800 - 1900 on Wednesday 6th September 2023

Stogursey Youth Club

The Parish Council has agreed to support Stogursey Youth Club by awarding its largest grant of the year (£3,000) to the Committee, and hope that it will continue to provide assistance and encouragement to those attending the sessions at the Victory Hall.

Vacancy for Parish Councillor

There is a vacancy for the role of councillor to join the Parish Council which can be filled by co-option of an individual who is a British subject, on the electoral register of the parish, is over 18 years of age and is not disbarred from standing. Please contact the Clerk to obtain the necessary form and with any queries you may have about the role. You can speak to any of the current councillors or the Clerk.

Date of next meeting

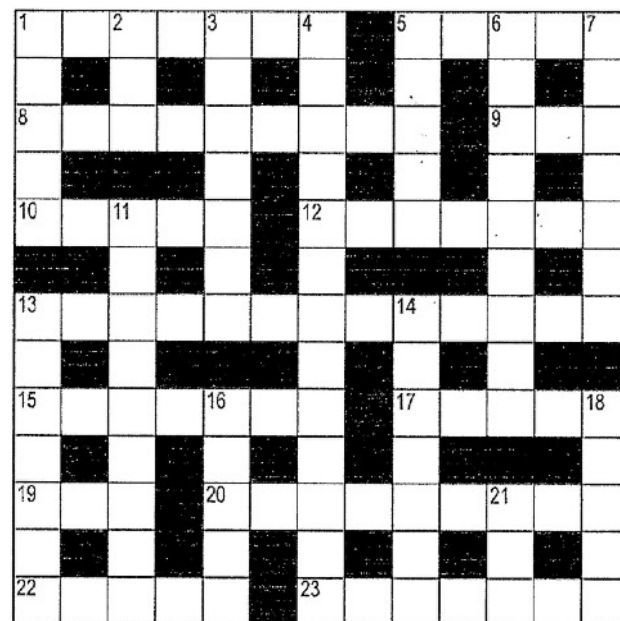
The Parish Council is due to meet on the evening of **Tuesday 12th September 2023**. Please see the agenda, and the draft minutes of the last meeting, on the parish website, www.stogursey-online.uk or any of the parish noticeboards, where you will also find the dates of meetings due to be held until 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 stogurseyccclerk@gmail.com

Richard Wand, Clerk to Stogursey Parish Council

Quick Crossword No 40

Compiled by Helen Cuttall



CLUES ACROSS

1. British Punjabi dance music (7)
5. People who founded the Mexican empire (5)
8. Gave up or resigned by formal declaration (9)
9. Spanish for river (3)
10. Polynesian island country (5)
12. Steerable self propelled aircraft (7)
13. District or community within a town (13)
15. Short grain rice used in risotto (7)
17. Small storage container (5)
19. Also known as (3)
20. City in Northern Mexico (9)
22. Geum (5)
23. Designs made on the skin using ink (7)

CLUES DOWN

1. Barns for cows (5)
2. Girl's name (3)
3. Stew seasoned with paprika (7)
4. Person who studies human history and prehistory (13)
5. Tree of the birch family (5)
6. Spin off from Doctor Who (9)
7. Cut very short (7)
11. Rope used as support for the masts on a ship (9)
13. River in North America (7)
14. Implement used for striking a ball or shuttlecock (7)
16. Moves back and forth or sideways (5)
18. Irish poet, dramatist and writer (5)
21. Scottish variant of how (3)

Hinkley Point C - Monthly Update

A round up of the latest news from Hinkley Point C

Good Progress on the Turbine Hall

The first 150-tonne Roof Truss has been successfully lifted onto Unit 1's Turbine Hall. This is the first of four trusses that will complete the roof structure for this critical building which will eventually house the turbine producing electricity for 3 million homes.

In the coming weeks work will continue to position the remaining trusses and the team are preparing the building for the arrival of a 300-tonne crane later this year. This crane will support the installation of the turbine itself and will be used for maintenance when the power station is in operation.



Beach Clean Success

To mark World Environment Day, a team from Hinkley Point C organised a beach cleanup at Minehead beach.

With gloves on and equipped with bags and tools, a group of 20 volunteers devoted their time to litter picking. The cleanup efforts collected 8 bags of waste, mainly made up of plastic items such as bottles and straws, along with cans, cardboard, and even unexpected discoveries like a carpet and socks.

Revamped Community Bus Schedule Reflects Your Feedback

With immediate effect, the 10:10 bus from Minehead to Bridgwater will depart at 09:30, arriving at 11:12. This alteration accommodates passenger requests and allows additional time in Bridgwater before the 13:40 return service. All stops on route will be served 40 minutes earlier.

For more information, please visit [Local community | Hinkley Point C | EDF \(edfenergy.com\)](#)



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

Stacy's Update

I am excited to bring you the latest news from Hinkley Point C. Over the past month, I've had the pleasure of meeting with residents in the community and your suggestions about what you would like to hear in my updates have been incredibly valuable.

Hinkley Point C proudly sponsors the 2023 Bridgwater Carnival

Hinkley Point C is once again proudly stepping up as the main sponsor for the annual Bridgwater Guy Fawkes Carnival, taking place on Saturday November 4th.

The 2022 event raised over £30,000 for local charities and attracted one of the largest crowds in the carnival's history. The sight of so many smiling faces in the crowd was a testament to the magic that this event brings.

Rob Jordan, Hinkley Point C's Construction Director, said: "We know how much the Bridgwater Carnival means to Somerset and we're thrilled to be supporting it for the second year in a row."



Respecting Wildlife in the Southern Landscape Area



In the Southern Landscape Area, we are lucky to have hares with their young and ground-nesting birds sharing our space. These creatures are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981 and can be easily disturbed by dogs.

To ensure the well-being of our local wildlife, we kindly ask that you keep your dogs on a lead and under close control while in this area.

Let's work together to create a safe environment for all residents, whether they have two legs or four.

Saint Barbara's Blessing: Tunnelling Tradition at Hinkley Point C

Lead Chaplain Ewen Huffman brought a timeless tradition to life at the Hinkley Point C Outfall Tunnel. Ewen delivered a blessing in honour of Saint Barbara, patron saint of miners.

Steeped in superstition, tunnellers draw on traditional beliefs as the work they carry out is in confined spaces and often very challenging and complex. No tunnelling project is complete without a nod to Saint Barbara.

At Hinkley Point C, we keep this tradition alive by placing a statue of Saint Barbara at the entrance to each tunnel.



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Meetings: held monthly in the Victory Hall, Stogursey 7.15 - 7.30pm Public Forum for parishioners to ask questions;
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