

STOGURSEY NEWS



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October 2023

Deadline for OCTOBER 2023 contributions: 10.00am **Wednesday 15th November 2023**

Editorial

Welcome to our October edition. It is good to see people continuing to support the magazine and remembering past relatives and sharing past memories.

The Watchet Town Band will be entertaining us on Friday 13th in the Victory Hall, and the technical advisor for the film 'Gladiator' will be giving a talk in Holford Village Hall on Monday 23rd October entitled, "Life in the Legions". It should be fascinating.

The Soap Factory Cinema will be showing a different take on the Dracula story that you may want to catch on Thursday 19th. Posters will be around in the usual places.

Supporters of the Stogursey Community Network have their AGM on Friday 13th in the Jubilee Rooms at 6.00pm - 7.00pm.

Halloween features in a recipe that you might like to have a go at yourself.

As ever, Hinkley C construction features with the usual mind-boggling statistics on various feats of engineering and putting 'Big Karl' through his lifting paces!

The editorial team wish you a safe and entertaining Halloween.

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

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

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- * 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

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| Monday | Health Walks (weekly) Contact Ralph 07969777325 | Stear 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 St Andrew's Church, Lilstock 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

October

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|--------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Wednesday 4 | Sea Shanty Singers | Jubilee Rooms | 7.30pm - 9.30pm |
| Tuesday 10 | WI : 'Touch Wood' | Victory Hall | 2.30pm |
| Tuesday 10 | Parish Council Meeting | Victory Hall | 7.00pm |
| Wednesday 11 | Forget-me-not café | Jubilee Rooms | 10.30am - 12 noon |
| Wednesday 11 | Ukulele session | Greyhound Inn | 7.30pm - 9.30pm |
| Friday 13 | Stogursey Community Network AGM | Jubilee Rooms | 6.00pm - 7.00pm |
| Friday 13 | Watchet Town Band Performance | Victory Hall | 7.00pm |
| Sunday 15 | Sunday Lunch | Victory Hall | 12 noon - 2.00pm |
| Wednesday 18 | Sea Shanty Singers | Jubilee Rooms | 7.30pm - 9.30pm |
| Thursday 19 | Mobile Library Visit | As per schedule | as per schedule |
| Thursday 19 | Soap Factory Cinema: 'Renfield' | Jubilee Rooms | Doors open 7.00pm |
| Wednesday 25 | Forget-me-not café | Jubilee Rooms | 10.30 - 12 noon |
| Wednesday 25 | Ukulele session | Greyhound Inn | 7.30pm - 9.00 pm |

OCTOBER SUNDAY SERVICE ROTA for Quantock Gate Parishes

| CHURCH | 1 st October | 8 th October | 15 th October | 22 nd October | 29 th October |
|---|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|---|--|
| Cannington St Mary | 8.00 & 9.30am Holy Communion | 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Harvest Festival | 8.00 & 9.30am Holy Communion | 8.00 & 9.30am Holy Communion | 8.00am only Holy Communion |
| Combwich St Peter | 11.15am Harvest Festival | 6.00pm Prayer and Praise | 11.15am Holy Communion | | |
| Fiddington St Martin | 9.00am Holy Communion | 9.00am Harvest Praise | 9.00am Holy Communion | 9.00am Family Service | |
| Stockland St Mary Madalene | | 11.15am Family Service | | 11.15am Holy Communion | |
| Stogursey St Andrew | 10.30am Holy Communion | 10.30am Holy Communion | 10.30am Harvest Festival | 10.30am Rise and Shine (see advert) | 10.30am Quantock Deanery Festival Service |
| | Green | Green | Green | Green | Green |

Special Services:

Sunday 1st October 4.00pm
Blackmore Farm Chapel,
Blackmore Lane

Harvest Songs of Praise



10.30am

4th Sunday of the month

NEXT SERVICE: **22nd October**

Songs, Stories, Prayer & Praise

All ages very welcome
- from babies to Great-Grannys -
The noisier the better!

Informal and Fun
with refreshments after

COME AND SEE!

In Loving Memory of

DEREK WILLIAM MILES (Smiler) 18/08/1973 – 29/08/2019

It is now 4 years since Derek died. Myself, his mum, and brother Robert and sisters Nicola and Selina, are very much thinking of Derek's 50th birthday.

Derek loved celebrating special occasions, especially birthdays. He was the life and soul of the party! The village has changed so much in every aspect and we can see this as we look back on all the photos of Derek growing up here. After his grandfather died in 1999, he asked for the photo of his great-grandfather who was in the football team in the village and fought in the second Boer War in South Africa from 11-10-1899 to 31-05-1902. He hung this in his 'Man Shed'. These memories Derek took to heart and never forgot.

There is never a day goes past without us talking about him. His memory will never die even though he would have been 50 this year. To us he will always be 46 years young.

V Coate, 3 Park View Stogursey

VICTORY HALL LOTTERY WINNERS

August 2023 Draw

| | | | |
|-----------------------|--------|----------------|--------|
| 1 st prize | £25.00 | Nigel Wint | No 141 |
| 2 nd prize | £15.00 | Mark Bleazard | No 124 |
| 3 rd prize | £10.00 | Wendy Gardener | No 156 |



Stogursey WI News - September

Stogursey & District WI enjoyed a presentation from the Somerset Road Safety Team. Presenters Andy and Mike's, both ex-Traffic Police Officers, topic, "Driving Safely for Longer", was both interesting and humorous. It made all mindful that as we get older we can become less aware of the things around us whilst driving.



Save the date: **10th October 2.30pm –**
"Touch Wood" - a talk on superstitions by Brian Wright

Watchet Town Band

... will be playing in the Victory Hall on the evening of **Friday 13th October at 7.30pm**. The band features brass, woodwind and percussion and plays a variety of music. The band is celebrating its 125th year since its formation and welcomes any new players who wish to join.

Please come along and enjoy our performance.
Tickets are available from the Victory Hall or on the night.

Mike Wilkins

Stogursey Victory Hall

SUNDAY LUNCH



Sunday 15th October

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

Strummers of Stogursey

The friendliest Ukulele group in Somerset – we welcome players of any level, also singers and percussionists. We have spare Ukes for you to try. We meet every other Wednesday in the Greyhound, Lime Street, from 7.30pm and we'd be happy to see you there.

Dates for October are Wednesdays 11th and 25th.

Further details:

Rose.palmer280@gmail.com OR lanelenor@gmail.com

Quantock u3a

A talk by JOHN EAGLE,

Roman Technical Advisor on the film, 'GLADIATOR'

*Life in the legions; *How troops were hardened

*Try on Roman armour ;

*Find out how they stopped it rusting!

Monday, 23rd October at 2 pm

Holford Village Hall

Member and non-members very welcome

Stogursey Arts Trust – Future Events

"It's not what's under the Christmas Tree that matters, it's who's around it."

Charlie Brown Peanuts Christmas

Following on from the fantastic exhibition, 'Tree of Life, Love, Loss and Joy', in St Andrew's Church in September, we are now looking forward to follow-up Arts Festival events. Last month's show, involving so many creative and talented local villagers, took Stogursey Arts Festival in new directions. We are hoping that this Christmas, we can repeat this success with yet another first for the Village/Parish, with a Christmas Tree Festival.

The Christmas Tree Festival will simply involve individuals and/or groups 'adopting' or 'making' a tree to decorate, which will be on display in St Andrew's Church during the lead-up to Christmas.

We will give further guidance in November's Stogursey News, and we are considering putting on an open evening, so you can come and ask us questions, and talk to us about your ideas in advance.

All you need to know at this stage, is it will be an 'open brief', encouraging all involved to get creative and have some fun. So have a think, organise your group and talk to them. If you want to work individually, do contact us at the Arts Trust and we can be a sounding board for your ideas, if you need someone to talk to.

We have gained the support of our new Rector, Alison Waters, who heads the team of St Andrew's PCC. As Alison has experience of running the Christmas Tree Festival in Cannington, we are confident that this collaboration with our own Stogursey Arts Festival Team will be able to put on a great festive event for everyone in the village running up to the Christmas celebrations.

The Arts Trust is a charity made up of interested volunteers; if you would like to get involved, do contact us via Stogursey News.

Solution to Quick Crossword No. 40 September 2023

ACROSS:

1. Bhangra, 5. Aztec, 8. Renounced, 9. Rio,
10. Samoa, 12. Airship, 13. Neighbourhood,
15. Arborio, 17. Caddy, 19. AKA, 20. Chihuahua,
22. Avens, 23. Tattoos

DOWN:

1. Byres, 2. Ann, 3. Goulash, 4. Archaeologist, 5. Alder,
6. Torchwood, 7. Cropped, 11. Mainbrace, 13. Niagara,
14. Racquet, 16. Rocks, 18. Yeats, 21. Hoo



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, art and craft, in a friendly environment.

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

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

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

Upcoming Café Dates:

Wednesday 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



With Halloween fast approaching, join us at the **Soap Factory Cinema** for a modern horror-action-comedy classic.

'**Renfield**' is the story of Dracula's loyal servant who, after decades of unwavering service, desperately wants to escape the shadow of the prince of darkness. He just needs to figure out how!

Nicholas Cage leads the cast as the immortal Count Dracula in this wonderfully humorous and outlandish tale. You are guaranteed a night to remember!

Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start on

Thursday 19th October at the Jubilee Rooms. Tickets are available in advance at the Post Office in the Spar shop or on the door on the night. As always, a lovely selection of very reasonably priced refreshments will be on sale.

We can't wait to see you there!

The Soap Factory Team

Stogursey Arts Photographic Society

"A photograph is usually looked at – seldom looked into."

Ansel Adams

'... through Stogursey and down to the sea'. There are many routes down to the sea from our village. Last month, the SAPS journeyed via the 'Little Church', St Andrews Lilstock, down to Lilstock Beach. For those unfamiliar to these locations, we hope you will be able to see and 'look into' them soon.

Ansel Adams made some of the most memorable photos of the National Park in Yosemite USA. The beauty of nature, and the atmosphere captured in these records of the landscape, have ensured their place in museums and galleries all over the world so they are 'looked at' and enjoyed/admired by many viewers. The photos, if you 'look into' their origin, were commissioned by the United States Department of the Interior. The original intention was to make a permanent record in time, to support the conservation of the US national parks.

Lilstock was a thriving coastal hamlet with a harbour inlet where the Acland baronets and lords of the manor would entertain in the boathouse they built, enjoying picnic parties at the end of the pier. There were active limekilns and it was a hub for small industry, with the estate providing pit props for the collieries in Wales. Paddle steamers came with tourists from Burnham, Cardiff and Bristol, refreshing their thirst in the Limpet Shell, a cottage on the quay used as an alehouse. In the woods up on the cliffs, many small wooden pavilions were built for local gentry. In 1820 Lilstock was seen as a major

Bristol Channel trading port with its own coastguards. There were even plans to provide trading routes inland, involving the renowned engineer Thomas Telford, who was working on an idea to build a canal from Seaton on the south coast to Bridgwater Bay.

The 'little church' at Lilstock has an equally fascinating history. The site had its first church dating back to before the Norman Conquest, and the present church was built in 1532. By 1881 the church was derelict and the Acland family had certain parts of the church demolished. Fortunately the 14th century arch remains, found just inside the front porch. In 1980 it was declared redundant and again under threat of demolition, but the new Rector (serving from 1983-1993), the Reverend Rex Hancock, personally paid for the restoration which was completed in 1993.

So when you get to see our photographs, 'look into them' and imagine what Lilstock must have been like before 1900, after which the little port was swept away in storms and has now been reclaimed by nature. Imagine the years passing at St Andrews, the 'little church' where the last wedding was in 1834 and from where, many years after the last baptism in 1818, the font was removed (in 1981) to Stogursey's St Andrews.

You will be able to see and 'look into' all the sites we have visited at our exhibition. We will keep you posted on the date, which will probably be sometime next year.

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Mike Bradshaw, SAPS for Stogursey Arts Trust

Christmas Craft Fayre

Saturday 25th November 2023

10.00am - 4.00pm

St Mary's Church Centre
Nether Stowey, TA5 1LJ

- * Refreshments
- * Unique Gifts
- * Tombola
- * Raffle

(in aid of Muscular Dystrophy)

Entry: 50p
Kids: free

*To book a craft sales table, contact:
Gill Griffiths, phone - 01278 733709
or email - gillgriffiths2013@gmail.com*

COFFEE MORNING

East Quantoxhead Village Hall

Saturday October 21st 10.00am - 12 midday

Café – Books - DVDs

HOLFORD GARDENERS' GROUP

Tuesday October 17th 7.30pm

Holford and District Village Hall

'Dark and Desirable'

a talk by Paul Green

Members £1.00 Visitors £2.00



Stogursey Community Network (SCN) October 2023

Stogursey Lunches OCTOBER MENU



The SCN is a group of local volunteers, providing a range of services to our community. We offer:

STOGURSEY LUNCHES

Delicious 2-course meals, cooked and served in the **Jubilee Rooms, Stogursey** on **Tuesdays**. Everyone is invited to enjoy our delicious Lunches, lovingly prepared by our Food Hygiene Level 2-certified volunteers. 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(s). See our Menus to book ahead.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS AND DELIVERIES

The SCN is an official outpost of the Quantock Food Bank and Pantry. We can collect and deliver food bags to families and individuals, as required. We are always grateful for donations to the Foodbank collection boxes 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 every **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.

DATE FOR YOUR CALENDAR ~ All SCN supporters are invited to the SCN Annual General Meeting on Friday 13th October, in the Jubilee Rooms. 6.00pm – 7.00pm. See you there.

Tuesday 3 October

(book by Friday 29 Sept - phone 01278 733451)

Chicken cobbler OR
Cheesy vegetable cobbler,
both served with potatoes

Rhubarb fool with stem ginger cookies

Tuesday 10 October

(book by Friday 6 Oct - phone 01278 733451)

Beef stew with mash and vegetables, OR
Vegetable stew with dumplings

Pink sponge (with jam & coconut topping)
and pink custard

Tuesday 17 October

(book by Friday 13 Oct - phone 01278 733451)

Sausage & cider casserole with apples & sage
and potatoes; OR
Macaroni cheese with vegetables

Warm pear & maple syrup cake and icecream

Tuesday 24 Oct

(book by Friday 20 Oct- phone 01278 733451)

Fish pie, OR Egg Mornay,
both served with vegetables

Fruit crumble and custard

Tuesday 31 Oct

(book by Friday 27 Oct- phone 01278 733451)

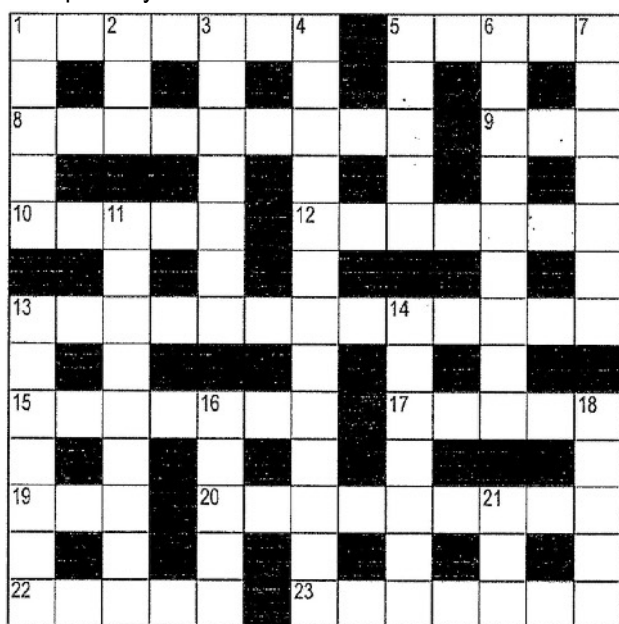
Cottage pie, OR
Lentil and mushroom 'cottage pie'
both with sliced potato topping and vegetables

Apple (and blackberry) pie with cream

How to contact SCN: Email: stogurseycommunitynetwork@gmail.com ; Tel: 01278 732149

Quick Crossword No. 41

compiled by Helen Cuttall



CLUES ACROSS

1. Type of small shark (7)
5. 72 storey skyscraper in London (5)
8. Invented by the imagination (9)
9. Hill or rocky peak (3)
10. Peg to hold units of a structure together (5)
12. Entertainer in a holiday camp (7)
13. Musical romantic drama (4,4,5)
15. Raise to a higher position (7)
17. The head of a town (5)
19. - - - Sharples (3)
20. Biscuit (9)
22. Avoid (5)
23. Tufts of loosely hanging threads (7)

CLUES DOWN

1. County in Wales (5)
2. General Electric Company (3)
3. Long pointed stick caused by drops of water freezing (7)
4. Unit of weight equal to 112lb (13)
5. Lettuce, tomato, cucumber (5)
6. The study of celestial objects and space (9)
7. Character from the Wizard of Oz (7)
11. Uncultivated area of land (9)
13. Saturday and Sunday (7)
14. Triangular savoury pastry containing spiced vegetables or meat (7)
16. Confuse (5)
18. Tall grasses that grow in wet areas (5)
21. Anger (3)



Thursday 19th October 7.30pm

Nether Stowey Church Centre

'Care & Management of Trees & Shrubs'

a talk by David Usher.

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

Members free (annual membership £20); Guests £5 (to include free tea/coffee & home-made cake!)

All welcome

For more information contact secretary Lucy Haswell
01278 671289 shbassoon@aol.com.

Or visit - <https://sites.google.com/site/stowey-gardeners>

The Solitary in Autumn

by John Burnside

I am standing out in the yard
at the end of October,
building a fire of drifted leaves and twigs,
letters for kindling, apples amongst the flames,
the last of summer, dropping through the
embers.

There is that perfume in the shade
that is almost viburnum,
traces of snow and water in the light,
a blankness along the canal
that waits to be filled

and, given the silence, given the promise of
frost,
I might have welcomed this as something else:
the taste of windfalls moving on the stream
a faint god's partial emergence
through willow and alder.

The riverbank darkens and fades.
The garden recovers its creatures: slow worms
and frogs
and blackbirds sifting the dead
in the still of the damsons.
Across the river, evening bleeds the trees,

my neighbour's garden blurs to smoke and rain;
sometimes I think that someone else is there,
standing in his own yard, raking leaves,
or bending to a clutch of twigs and straw
to breathe a little life into the fire.



Stogursey C of E Primary and Pre-School



Hello everyone and welcome back to the start of a new school year!

Can you believe we are already a week into our new academic year?

Firstly, we would like to welcome our new Reception children and new starters.

Beacon Class

In Science, we made sturdy, secure towers to save a teddy called Simba. (Miss Day loves 'The Lion King'!) We had a limited amount of materials like: rubber bands, 4 pieces of card, 2 plant pots, 1 roll of masking tape, 1 roll of Sellotape, a ruler and a toy Simba. We were learning about working cooperatively to engineer a tower which could hold Simba for up to 10 seconds in high winds (a fan), whilst also being over 30cm tall – it was lots of fun. We would like to do another challenge like this again in the future.

In Stogursey Adventurers, we did Computing and French. In French we learned how to spell and pronounce the planets. In computing we did bike systems, we also learned about the delivery lockers that you can find at Asda or other places.

On move-up day, before the end of the summer term, we made clay models of our faces. On the very first day back we had a great time painting them in a realistic style. We are excited to varnish them and put them on display for everyone to see.

Credit: Composed by Beacon Class, typed by Harrison.

Alfoxton Class

Welcome to the new school year. The children have been busy settling back into the school routine and enjoying the fine weather.

In Maths we are learning about place value, partitioning, using number lines to 1000, and counting on in 1000s to 10,000.

In English we have been learning the poem 'Everyone Sang' by Siegfried Sassoon.

In History, Ava and Alexzander rose to the challenge of learning about the Tudor times, "We did about the Queens and Kings from hundreds of years ago. It's hard because I know nothing about the Tudor times and it's totally new," and, "We are thinking about a whole other time period, and we learned about Queen Elizabeth I - she had red hair."

In Science Alfoxton recapped 'What is a force?' and, thinking about push and pull, children demonstrated it, drew pictures to illustrate and wrote a sentence about it.



Triscombe Class

It has been lovely to see the children back in school, and to welcome the reception children into Triscombe Class. The new children are settling into school well and are enjoying playing and learning with their friends in Year 1 and Year 2.

Triscombe Class have started a topic on Friends and Families. We are reading *The Great Big Book of Families* by Mary Hoffman to learn about different types of families. The children have enjoyed talking about their own families, and what makes them special.

In English we are using *The Puffin Book of Fantastic First Poems* to learn and perform poems, before we begin to create our own poetry. The children enjoyed reading about slishy, sloshy slurpy spaghetti in "Spaghetti Spaghetti" by Jack Prelutsky.

In Maths, Key Stage 1 children are all learning about place value, including counting, reading and representing numbers. The Reception children have already started to work hard in their daily phonics and mastering number sessions.



Swimming

Our friends at Quantock Lodge welcomed pupils from Years 4 - 6, who were super excited to get back into the pool this week!

Rupert recalled the assessment which included splashing water in his face and swimming across the width of the pool for each of front crawl and back crawl. Oscar said that he enjoys swimming both strokes, but prefers front crawl. Alexzander and Harry B were thrilled to build on their technical skills and practise strokes in the deep end with their classmates. We are so pleased that the children are now able to have an hour's swim, rather than half an hour, at no extra charge thanks to the generosity of Quantock Lodge. It will make a huge difference to our children's progress in the pool.

Adventurers

This week in Adventurers, Triscombe Class learned about the difference between fruits and vegetables and made soup using 12 different types of vegetables. Triscombe practised how to safely use a knife and peeler and chopped up vegetables to make their delicious vegetable soup! Octavia tried her brother's and said, 'How lovely it was!'

Intrigued to start their new topic, 'Design-Experiment-Build,' Years 3 & 4 focussed on bridges and explored the essential vocabulary; why bridges are built and an introduction to the six main types of bridge design. Their lesson ended creatively, as children designed a tallest tower and widest bridge using one sheet of A4 paper. Previously learned maths skills were applied by completing data tables.

Next week, students will learn more about different bridge designs and bridges of the world. They will also get to build and test beam and arch bridges made of cardboard – it's sure to be ambitious and excellent fun!

Points from the Parish Council Meeting 12th September 2023

Burgage Road Play Area

The Parish Council is disappointed that the covered sheltered seating has been damaged over the summer period, and has reluctantly decided to have it removed, though it is being adapted to return as an open seat, hopefully by the time you read this article.

Somerset Council has offered to sell the Parish Council the freehold of the Play Area and Allotments for one pound (£1). Councillors have agreed to the purchase as the area has been leased from them since 1964, which will secure the area as an asset of the Parish.

Paddons Farm

Since 2006 the Parish Council has been waiting for the development to be completed, so that the transfer of the two pieces of land on either side of the approach road to the new estate could be transferred to the Parish Council. It was part of a legal agreement between the then land owner, developer and the West Somerset District Council. The Parish Council hopes to use some of one side for vehicle parking, whilst the other area is likely to remain a green space.

Lime Street Development

Councillors had a presentation from Magna Housing over the housing development due to take place on land off Lime Street, behind the Burgage Road Play Area. 27 homes are to be built and consultation on the detailed design by Magna commenced on 21st September; details can be found on their website – www.magna.org.uk/Shurtonlane

Civility and Respect

Councillors voted to join many other Councils from across England and Wales in signing up to the Civility and Respect Pledge, which is being led by the National Association of Local Councils, the Society of Local Council Clerks and other leading bodies in the sector.

Vacancy for Parish Councillor

There is still 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 disqualified 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.

Grit Bins

As summer gives way to winter, the grit bins become a more important feature. They are not a litter bin!

Date of next meeting

The Parish Council is due to meet on the evening of **Tuesday 10th October 2023**. 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 **clerk@stogurseyparishcouncil.org.uk** (please note the new email address)

*Richard Wand
Clerk to Stogursey Parish Council*

Witch's Fingers

Make some gruesome-looking biscuits for Halloween!

Ingredients

50g softened butter
50g caster sugar
1 egg yolk
a few drops of green food colouring
40g ground almonds
100g plain flour
a pinch of salt
10 blanched almonds
3 tablespoons strawberry or raspberry jam

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 190°C, and line a baking sheet with greaseproof paper.
2. Cream the butter and sugar until light and fluffy.
3. Add the egg yolk and food colouring, and beat until mixed in.
4. Mix in the ground almonds, flour and salt to make a dough.
5. Shape the dough into a log and cut into 10 pieces.
6. Roll each piece into a finger-like shape, tapered at one end, and put on to the baking sheet.
7. Add a small blob of jam to the tapered end, and put an almond on the jam to make a nail.
8. Use a knife blade to make 3 parallel lines for each knuckle, squeeze the gaps between the knuckles to make the fingers look bony.
9. Bake for 12-14 minutes, and then leave to cool on a wire rack.
10. Dip the 'severed' ends of the fingers into jam.

Recipe taken from 'The Almanac - A Seasonal Guide to 2022' by Lia Leendertz

Stacy's Update

We are progressing toward a significant milestone; the installation of the first reactor's domed roof. As always, it's a massive team effort with people from across site doing their utmost to prepare for 2023's most important milestone. As we head into the Autumn and winter, I will keep you updated on the exciting journey and achievements that will lead up to the dome lift.

Polar Crane progress as giant trolley takes to the skies



The trolley prior to being lifted

The installation of the reactor buildings polar crane is an example of a key piece of work on the path to dome lifting as it needs to be installed before it takes place. This month the assembly of the Polar Crane moved closer to completion.

The first of two giant 'trolleys' were lifted into the temporary enclosure where the Polar Crane is being pre-assembled. The crane has two large beams, and the trolleys will run up and down it on rails to give maximum flexibility for lifting within the reactor building.

The Polar Crane will be used during construction to lift major components of the nuclear steam supply system into position – including the Reactor Pressure Vessel itself. It will also be used during the operating life of the reactor to assist with maintenance and refuelling.

Andrew Galbraith, Construction Delivery Lead, commented: "On Tuesday, the roof of the temporary enclosure was opened enabling the giant trolley - which has a 320-tonne lifting capacity - to be lowered in by Big Carl. It was a great sight which signals progress on the crane's assembly."

Community Speed watch

Our local PCSO, Valdo Andrade is set to join our community 'Speed watch' teams in the coming months. This exciting partnership aims to enhance road safety and community engagement. If you are a 'Speed watch' team and would like Valdo to join your efforts, please contact us using the email below for more information.



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Hinkley Point C - Monthly Update

A round up of the latest news from Hinkley Point C

Watch our latest film on progress at Hinkley Point C

We are excited to share our latest film that will give you a behind the scenes look at the progress being made on-site.

The film shows that we are approaching the next major engineering feat, when Big Carl will lift the 245-tonne steel dome to close the first reactor building. The virtual tour, this time fronted by Area Delivery Director Simon Parson, heads several miles out to sea, under the seabed to see the final stages in the completion of the cooling water intakes. It also shows work on the 50m high tall turbine hall, which will house the world's largest steam turbine. Work to fit the miles of cables, pipes and equipment is also well underway.

All of this would not be possible without the support of our local region. More than £5bn has been spent with companies across the South West and around 1,400 of them have worked across the project so far.

[You can watch the film HERE](#) or Visit our HPC Community webpage

First off-shore liner fitted

The first of six 'liners' has been lowered into position in the Bristol Channel. These liners are a crucial part of connecting the heads sitting on the seabed to the tunnels below.

The team used a custom subsea cutting tool to remove the top of the steel casing that had been installed earlier this year. The casing has provided a platform to commence operations.

The completion of this work has allowed the mining works to commence in the Outfall tunnel, this is the start of the journey to join the tunnels with the Bristol Channel.



Exciting new additions to the Southern Landscape

We have had some special new arrivals in the Southern Landscape Area.

Grass snakes have been found in new grassland habitat close to former water management zones.

Before construction began, surveys showed this species was absent from Site. Other species now using enhanced habitat in the Southern Landscape Area include barn owl, hedgehog, kingfisher, nine bat species, 20 species of butterfly and 126 species of moth.

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