

STOGURSEY NEWS



Photo: A Baker

November 2023

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Editorial

We hope you enjoy the November edition of Stogursey News. There is a variety of events and activities taking place in and around the village this month which could provide a welcome balance to, and respite from, news of the terrible happenings in the world around us just now.

At the beginning of the month there will be the spectacle and fun of the Bridgwater Carnival. This year there is to be live streaming of the Carnival so check inside the magazine for instructions for joining in.

In the village itself we can look forward to two musical events taking place. The Jubilee Rooms offer a venue for many meetings and activities. The roof has needed repair, so Raise the Roof is an aptly named concert to provide some funding for this work. There will also be a chance to hear John Rutter's Requiem in St Andrews Church sung by the Quantock Benefice Choir. Details in the magazine.

Following on from the Tree of Life Exhibition, there is to be a Christmas Tree Festival taking place in St Andrew's Church. There are many different ways to become involved with this as the contribution about the Festival explains. A new way to begin to prepare for Christmas perhaps.

Although we may not always look forward to the dark nights that this month brings, they have provided the photographers in the Stogursey Arts Photographic Society with a great opportunity to take some beautiful images of places in the village as can be seen within this edition. There are many more things going on in Stogursey so read all about them and enjoy them.

The Editorial Team wish everyone a happy and peaceful month.

Stogursey-Online.uk

This is the parish website. It hosts pages for events, societies, community links and Parish Council news.

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- * Send it to stogurseynews@hotmail.co.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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- Send your contribution for each and every month you would like it published.
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Regular Events

Monday	Health Walks (weekly) Contact: https://www.sasp.co.uk/sedgemoor	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 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

November

Wednesday 8	Forget-me-not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon
Wednesday 8	Christmas Tree Festival: Drop-in session	St Andrew's Church	6.30pm - 7.30pm
Wednesday 8	Ukulele Session	Greyhound Inn	7.30pm - 9.30pm
Saturday 11	'Raise the Roof' Concert	Jubilee Rooms	Doors open
Sunday 12	Sunday Remembrance Day Roast	Victory Hall	12 noon - 2.00pm
Sunday 12	Performance: John Rutter's 'Requiem'	St Andrew's Church	6.00pm
Tuesday 14	Parish Council Meeting	Victory Hall	7.00pm
Thursday 16	Mobile Library Visit	as per schedule	as per schedule
Thursday 16	Soap Factory Cinema: 'Barbie'	Jubilee Rooms	Doors open 7.00pm
Wednesday 22	Forget-me-not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon
Wednesday 22	Ukulele Session	Greyhound Inn	7.30pm - 9.30pm

December

Saturday 2	Christmas Concert with King Alfred's Band	Victory Hall	7.00pm - 10.00pm
Wednesday 6	Forget-me-not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon
Wednesday 6	Ukulele Session	Greyhound Inn	7.30pm - 9.30pm

NOVEMBER SUNDAY SERVICE ROTA for Quantock Gate Parishes

CHURCH	5 th November	12 th November	19 th November	26 th November
Cannington St Mary	8.00 & 9.30am Holy Communion	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Service of Remembrance <i>followed by gathering at War Memorial at 10.45am</i>	8.00 & 9.30am Holy Communion	8.00 & 9.30am Holy Communion
Combwich St Peter	11.15am Family Service	6.00pm Prayer and Praise	11.15am Holy Communion	
Fiddington St Martin	9.00am Holy Communion	9.00am Patronal Festival	9.00am Holy Communion	9.00am Family Service
Stockland St Mary Madalene		10.55am Service of Remembrance		11.15am Holy Communion
Stogursey St Andrew	10.30am Holy Communion	10.00am Service of Remembrance <i>followed by gathering on the gravel at 10.40am</i>	10.30am Holy Communion	10.30am Rise and Shine (see advert)
	Gold/White	Red	Red	Red

All Souls Services of Light

Every year, around All Souls' Day, we hold special services to remember loved ones who have died.
This year, we are holding three services, at Stolford, Steart and Cannington.

Should you like someone remembered by name at these services, please either use the list at the back of the churches or else contact the Rector, Revd Alison Waters, at cannington.benefice@gmail.com or 01278 652953.

Tuesday 31st October
Wednesday 1st November
Thursday 2nd November

7pm at St Peter's Chapel, Stolford
7pm at St Andrew's Chapel, Steart
7pm at St Mary's Church, Cannington

Raise the Roof Concert

On Saturday evening, **11th November 2023**, there will be a concert in the Jubilee Rooms, Stogursey in aid of the roof renovations currently being made .

Local singers and groups will be providing entertainment for the evening which will include the Shanty Group and Ukelele Group together with other local singers.

Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.

There will be a licenced bar (cash only) and a raffle to raise funds .

More details will be advertised locally . . .

We would be grateful for any donations of raffle prizes.

For donations of prizes, or any further information about the concert, email Mike at wilko1712@gmail.com.



STOGURSEY VICTORY HALL Remembrance Day Sunday Roast



Photo: Katherine Lim

SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

Served between 12 noon and 2.00pm

Bar open at 12 noon

1 course £9.50 / 2 courses £12.50

CASH ONLY PLEASE

BOOKING PREFERRED

Please contact Denise:

Tel 01278733594 or 07453381844

VICTORY HALL LOTTERY WINNERS

September 2023 Draw

1 st prize	£25.00	John Baker	No	3
2 nd prize	£15.00	Gloria Touchin	No	183
3 rd prize	£10.00	Mark Bleazard	No	124

Performance of John Rutter's *Requiem*

On **Sunday 12th November**, singers from across Quantock Deanery and beyond will be gathering to sing John Rutter's *Requiem* at St Andrew's Church, Stogursey at 6.00pm.

All are very welcome to join the congregation for the service.

There will be a retiring collection in aid of 'Heart for India' (this year's Deanery Mission Project) and the Royal British Legion.



Come and embrace the power of pink in our November showing of this year's smash hit movie, "**Barbie**".

Starring the brilliant Margot Robbie as the eponymous heroine, ably supported by Ryan Gosling as her beau 'Ken', this film has been described by audiences around the world as 'an unforgettable delight!' What better way to shake off the blues of the dark evenings than in the company of friends, revelling in this world of wonder and imagination.

Join us on **Thursday 16th November** at the Jubilee Rooms. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets can be bought in advance at the Spar or on the door on the night. As always, there will be a very reasonably priced range of wines, beers and other refreshments available.

We can't wait to see you there!

The Soap Factory Team

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
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Entry: 50p / Kids: free

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

Organised by Quantock Quilters

Strummers of Stogursey

Meet every second Wednesday at the Greyhound from 7.30pm till 9.30pm. November dates are 8th and 22nd. Players of all abilities and those with no experience are very welcome - so if you are just a bit curious about ukes please do come along and we'll teach you a few easy chords so you can strum along with us. Spare ukes always available. Any singers or percussionists welcome too.

Contact:

rose.palmer280@gmail.com or ianelenor@gmail.com



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 also offer a friendly & 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 8th November
Wednesday 22nd November
Wednesday 6th December
Wednesday 20th December –
CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS



For more information please contact:

Helen: 01278 733451 cuttellhelen@gmail.com

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We are on Facebook and Instagram



Stogursey Community Network (SCN)

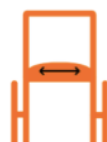


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15kg

Please contact:

stogurseycommunitynetwork@gmail.com
or Tel: 01278 732149



10.30am

4th Sunday of the month

NEXT SERVICE: 18th November

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!

Stogursey Arts Photographic Society

"I am forever chasing light. Light turns the ordinary into the magical." *Trent Parke*

This month, as we celebrated our first anniversary and as the autumn evenings closed in, the group were faced with a challenge.

Unpredictable weather, darkness and very little available light, were conditions that made us think we needed to change our strategy and look to the weekends, where we could take photographs during daylight hours. However, one of our members Colin Pye said, 'Why don't we go out and photograph the village at night?'

So with street lamps, the moon and the lights from uncurtained windows, we set out on a rainy evening to see if we could capture some scenes around the village.

For many years, in the recent history of photography, both professionals and 'snappers' have used electric flashlights on their cameras to compensate for low light conditions. The results can often create stark, unflattering, 'bright' and contrasty photos, which, in themselves have character, where the flash adds its own quality to enhance or create its own distinctive look.

Before this technological solution came along, additional lighting was provided in a more subtle way, that of 'painting with light'. This process involves using artificial light sources where you literally project light onto the subject, moving it to cover the object(s) of interest, so the camera can capture the light reflected back through the lens, from the surface and recorded onto the film.

Painting with light has been around since the late 1800s, where it was first used by the French scientists Demy and Marley, who experimented with photography to record movement. The first known light painted photograph, records their assistant's 'Pathological Walk From in Front' and it was made in 1889.

More recently (1950's / 60's) some of you, who have worked at the power station, will remember the strange ghostly images of the turbine halls printed in promotional publications and professional journals. These eerie images are the result of large lamps 'painting' the dark spaces and turbines with artificial light and allowing the camera shutters to be open for a long period of time, sometimes up to 30 minutes, so the film has more time to be exposed to the reflected light.

As we walked around the village we used torches to 'add in' some light to shadowy spaces and painted some of the buildings in the manner of the turbine halls at Hinkley. These experiments were a bit 'hit or miss', but where we had 'hits', some of the images had taken on the visual qualities reminiscent of some of the old postcards we had been looking at a few months ago. Some pictures of the castle for example were so soft in focus, to appear almost like old oil paintings.

Hopefully our descriptions of our endeavours are arousing your curiosity and you are looking forward to visiting our exhibition next year. We will keep you posted. In the meantime if you are part of a local group, society or business, we would like to take your (group) portrait to be included in our 2020's village archive. We will be in touch.

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



SAP members - out on a mission

Solution to Quick Crossword No. 41

October 2023

ACROSS:

1. Dogfish, 5. Shard, 8. Fictional, 9. Tor, 10. Dowel,
12. Redcoat, 13. West Side Story, 15. Elevate,
17. Mayor, 19. Ena, 20. Digestive, 22. Dodge,
23. Tassels

DOWN:

1. Dyfed, 2. GEC, 3. Icicles, 4. Hundredweight,
5. Salad, 6. Astronomy, 7. Dorothy, 11. Wasteland,
13. Weekend, 14. Samosas, 16. Addle, 18. Reeds,
21. Ire

Help!

by Jan Ford

Is there anybody out there
prepared to make a contribution
that reflects our world around us
without sparking revolution?

A few verses, a short story,
fond memories of good times past.
I don't want to be the only one
who feels they can be 'arsed'.

The problem is, it's hard sometimes
to not be too judgemental
when I see some things going on
that make me feel so argumental.

I've written up so many lines
in many a throwaway ditty,
about poo bags tossed on verges
and our pavements left so shitty.

And what about litter all around
that doesn't make it to a bin?
Unless it's there for road salt
- they can't wait to stuff it in!

So who could help me out with writing
something fresh for our "Stog" News?
I'm sure most of those who read it
already know my views!

HOLFORD GARDENERS' GROUP

Tuesday November 21st 7.20pm

Holford and District Village Hall

AGM followed by

'Christmas Cracker Fun with Flowers' with Myra Cox

Members £1.00 Visitors £2.00

Stogursey Oil-buying Group

The Stogursey Oil-buying Group's next order will be in November. 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 January 2024. 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 13th November

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 14th November**

COFFEE MORNING

East Quantoxhead Village Hall

Saturday November 18th 10.00am -12 midday

Café/Bric-brac/Books/DVDs



Christmas Tree Festival

**"I bought a Christmas tree for twenty dollars.
When I came home the next day,
my wife was wearing it in her hair."**

*Milton Berle (also known as 'Mr Television',
was an American actor and comedian)*

During early December, we will be purchasing some Christmas trees for Stogursey's Christmas Tree Festival. The size of the trees will depend on what deals we can get at the time, but be assured they will be big enough not to be mistaken as hair ornaments!

Last month, we announced that we are intending to run the Christmas Tree Festival in the church, in the run up to Christmas day. We promised we would give you a bit more information this month so you can get involved. So to recap:

The 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 have already had more than ten responses from groups who have contacted us and said they would like to 'make' a tree. So our first task is to find out how many trees we need to purchase for those who want to 'decorate' a tree. We are asking for a £5 entry fee and we will be happy to receive additional donations towards the cost of the trees.

You can let us know about taking part by filling out a simple request form, which you can find and leave for us to pick up from the Post Office.

We will also need tree stands, so if you have any surplus to requirements, that you could lend us, please let us know by leaving your contact details on 01278 734550 and we will make arrangements with you for 'pick up'.

There is limited capacity to run tree lights on 'mains' electricity, so we would urge participants to use battery powered LED lights. We will however be testing the available day light in the church to assess the feasibility of running solar powered lights and will let you know our findings in due course and also at the drop-in session (see below).

We have contacted some groups directly, but if you have ideas that you are working on independently; as promised, **we are running a drop-in session in the Church for advice and help on 8th November between 6.30pm and 7.30pm.** If you can't make this date, do let us know and we will let you know when we will have a follow-up session.

Making a Christmas tree for this project and/or its decoration is an 'open brief', encouraging all involved to get creative and have some fun.

However, you don't have to have made or decorated a tree to help support the Festival; if you can do the odd hour or two to help steward the exhibits during opening times, again please let us know so we can organise the rota.

Watch out for our update on progress in next month's Stogursey News where we will provide information on the dates, opening times and additional events.

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

Mike Bradshaw, Stogursey Arts Trust



Nether Stowey Church Centre

Thursday 16th November -

'Roses' A talk by Micky Little (Avon Bulbs)

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

**Wednesday December 13th -
Members' Christmas Party**

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

House Captains

Last week the Year 6 children were invited to write a speech to become our new House Captains of 2023/2024! The children stood up in front of the whole school to give their speeches. Each child across the whole school was given one single vote and they had to pick who they would want for each House. So, massive congratulations to our new House Captains, India for Criddle, Lenny for Murray, and Octavia for Farah. Well done to you all!



India, Lenny and Octavia

AROUND THE CLASSES:

Beacon

In preparation for celebrating Harvest Festival in St Andrew's Church, we have been working on a presentation all about harvest celebrations around the world. We partnered up and researched a different country in our pairs. We learned about how harvest is celebrated in our countries and wrote short speeches. We have practised our reading voices which needed to be loud, clear and not too fast. We hope everyone enjoyed hearing about the different countries as much as we enjoyed learning about them!



Also, we created some artwork for the Harvest Festival. We used our knowledge of painting techniques to create a printed backing of copper and black. Next, we drew

our own fruit and vegetable stencils and carefully cut them out. We all had fun stenciling the fruit and vegetables over the top of our copper and black backing. To finish it off, we cut letters from newspapers and magazines to label our stenciled foods – they look amazing! We are going to display them in school for all to see before we take them home.



Alfoxton

Highlight of the week for Rupert was Science, where he learned all about friction and how it slows a moving object down. The children learned that if they rub their hands together eagerly, they can demonstrate how friction makes things hotter. The children explained how they took five different materials; carpet, rubber, rough plastic, sandpaper and smooth plastic to understand that the greater the friction, the shorter the distance the car travelled.

Harry B explained, "There was a big meter ruler and our smaller rulers to measure how far the car had gone – it was fun I enjoyed it."

Kayleigh added, "We wrote down in our books how far the car went."

Rupert summarised, "This showed us how different materials had different friction and that more friction meant the car travelled less."

Harry L admitted that he was, "Very tired and my head is exploding every day because I've been learning so much".



We are looking forward to the Harvest celebration, and have been working hard on our fruit and vegetable collage and poem.

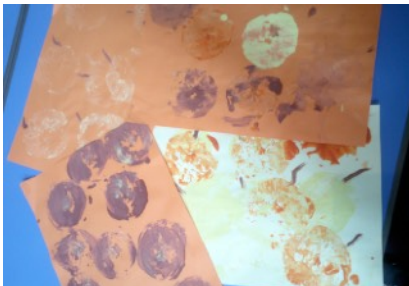
Triscombe

Triscombe have been writing their own food poems based on the poem Spaghetti Spaghetti by Jack Prelutsky. We've enjoyed hearing the children sharing their lovely creative ideas for favourite foods.



In the outside classroom, the reception children have been busy using construction role play resources. They have been talking about how to use tools, how they work, and what they can be used for.

In Art, children have been painting fantasy homes based on the art of Colin Thompson. The children have used watercolour paints and fine brushes to paint detail. They have been working carefully and thoughtfully on their masterpieces.



The Triscombe pupils went into our orchard to pick apples and collect leaves. The children had a great time picking the best ones to do printing. The children enjoyed

painting the apples and leaves and arranging them to make pretty patterns.



Our reception children have already started to take books home to share with their families. They are thoroughly enjoying their books at school, and were incredibly proud to show their chosen books!

Parent reader Tash comes into school each week to listen to children read, "It is so rewarding, it so nice to see how the children progress week to week in their reading".

ADVENTURERS

Alfoxton students were able to apply their learned knowledge of how bridges are built to construct their own beam bridge from found objects. The resourcefulness of children enabled them to see first-hand the advantages of using strong and rigid spans of steel or wood when weight was applied to test the strength of their completed bridges. They also knew to ensure that the columns supporting the spans were both strong and positioned appropriately.



Triscombe Class have just finished their 4-week block of cooking. In their last lesson, they kneaded bread dough into small pizza shapes. They then layered a choice of tomato sauce, mozzarella cheese, pepperoni, ham and tomatoes. They were able to see how the dough rose as it was cooked. The pizzas were a real favourite with the children.



HAPPINESS CLUBS

The children at our Happiness Clubs enjoyed trying different food. On Tuesday the children and staff had chicken in a mushroom sauce with rice and carrots. Some of the children and a member of staff were quite shocked when they were told they had eaten mushrooms and had enjoyed it! The children are always encouraged to try new things. On Wednesday, the children made their own pizzas for tea. Ivie-May, in Triscombe Class, was able to instruct the others how to make them. In **Breakfast Club**, the children have enjoyed a variety of breakfasts; this has included toast, cereals and croissants with a variety of spreads.

The **After-school Club** enjoyed a games evening. The children and staff played Ludo, Chess, Dobble and Pick-Up Sticks. Mrs Payne only just beat Eugene at Pick-Up Sticks and Max was very competitive at Ludo.

UKULELE SESSIONS

The pupils have been enjoying learning the ukulele since returning to school in September. They have begun to learn the names of the notes and where they are positioned on the stave. "We have been playing all together," beamed Kayleigh. Rupert said, "I like the ukulele, they are calming and nice and have a quiet sound."

In ukuleles we are learning to play a song all together! Octavia says, "It's called, 'My dog has fleas, fleas, fleas, he likes climbing trees, trees, trees. We use the notes G, C, E and A.'" "We remember it by the words 'Green Cats Eat Apples!'" said Casey M.



Stogursey Community Network (SCN)

November 2023 Update

The SCN volunteers offer a range of services to our community, including:

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.

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.

Medical transport Tel only: 07485 350560 (phone and leave a clear message please).

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 the diner's choice, cheques also accepted.

Advance booking essential. Tel: 01278 733451 by 5 pm on the preceding Friday to book your meal(s). See our Menus in this edition of Stogursey News 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 **Stogursey News**.

Stogursey Lunches



NOVEMBER MENU

Tuesday 7 November

(book by Fri 3 Nov - phone 01278 733451)

Beef lasagne, OR
Red lentil lasagne;
served with salad and ciabatta bread

Chocolate & orange mousse cake

Tuesday 14 November

(book by Fri 10 Nov - phone 01278 733451)

Meatball & tomato bake with vegetables, OR
Cheesy vegetable bake
with a bread roll/garlic bread

Nutty chocolate brownie with clotted cream

Tuesday 21 November

(book by Fri 17 Nov - phone 01278 733451)

Roasted fish with bacon, tomato and basil,
OR
Grilled halloumi with lime & caper dressing;
with vegetables and potatoes

Treacle tart and custard

Tuesday 28 November

(book by Fri 24 Nov - phone 01278 733451)

Chicken, leek & mushroom casserole with mash
OR
Leek & mushroom casserole with cheesy mash

Raspberry bakewell tart

How to contact us: stogurseycommunitynetwork@gmail.com / Tel: 01278 732149

Points from the Parish Council Meeting 10th October 2023

Housing Needs

Just a quick reminder that if you are in need of social housing, registering with Homefinder Somerset www.homefindersomerset.co.uk is essential for ensuring that you are informed of opportunities in the area. Homefinder Somerset is a partnership between Somerset Council and housing associations with homes in Somerset, who are working together to make finding an affordable home as simple and transparent as possible. Alternatively, ring Somerset Council on 0300 123 2224 and ask for "Housing Options Team West".

Vacancy for Parish Councillor

There is still a vacancy for a Councillor to join the Parish Council. The role can be filled by co-option of an individual who is: a British subject, on the electoral register of the parish, 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.

Somerset Prepared

Somerset Prepared is a multi-agency partnership working closely with communities to deliver advice, support and training to help enhance local resilience to emergencies. Recent weather has heightened the need for residents to be aware of what they can do to help in time of emergency, such as flooding, fire, severe weather and utility failure. Take a look at their website for more information: www.somersetprepared.org.uk

Local Riparian Owners can also help reduce the issues of flooding of their own or their neighbours' property by ensuring that the watercourses they are responsible for are well maintained. Information is available on the parish website – www.stogursey-online.uk/guidance-for-riparian-owners

Date of next meeting

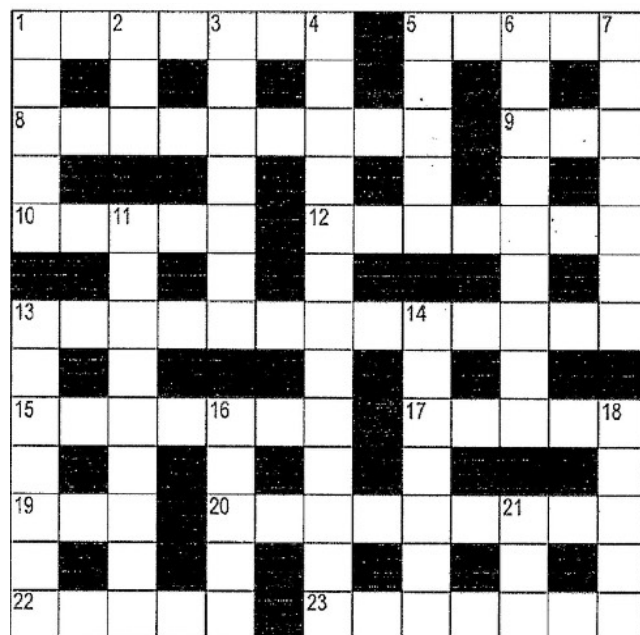
The Parish Council is due to meet on the evening of **Tuesday 14th November 2023**. Please see the agenda and draft minutes of the last meeting on the parish website, www.stogursey-online.uk, or on any of the parish noticeboards, where you will also find the dates of meetings due to be held until May 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

Richard Wand,
Clerk to Stogursey Parish Council

Quick Crossword No. 42

compiled by Helen Cuttall



CLUES ACROSS

1. Agricultural tool shaped like a pickaxe (7)
5. Walk with a stiff gait (5)
8. Ran or jumped about playfully (9)
9. Z (3)
10. Sound (5)
12. Dip or submerge in a liquid (7)
13. A weather forecaster (13)
15. A type of cloth or plastic produced by chemical processes (7)
17. Israeli port (5)
19. Member of the British Empire (3)
20. A long area beside the sea where people may walk for pleasure (9)
22. Round, Indian flatbreads (5)
23. Game played with cues on a table (7)

CLUES DOWN

1. Semi molten material below the Earth's crust (5)
2. Stomach (3)
3. Dark, medium sweet sherry (7)
4. Tubes with mirrors and coloured glass making patterns (13)
5. A succulent plant (5)
6. Black & white seabird with a sharp beak (9)
7. Most neat and orderly (7)
11. Water soluble cleansing agent (9)
13. Burma (7)
14. Aromatic herb (7)
16. City in Yorkshire (5)
18. Belonging to them (5)
21. Short winged diving seabird (3)

FIREWORKS DISPLAY LAUNCHES 20 BRIDGWATER CARNIVAL ACTIVITIES – Friday 3 November, 7.30pm

The town's carnival weekend celebrations will start with a bang at a 'Grand Firework Day'.

Sponsored by Bridgwater Town Council and supported by Somerset Council, the curtain-raiser event will take place on **Friday 3 November** at St Matthew's Field (TA6 7HD). The glittering fireworks display, which starts at 7.30pm, has proved popular in the past with spectators, and has been well supported by people in and around the Sedgemoor area.

The build up to the fireworks display will start at 3.30pm, as there will be other attractions at St Matthew's Field to entertain the family, including a handful of fairground rides.

Parking on the field for the fireworks display will cost £7, with all proceeds going towards the official Bridgwater Carnival charity and other supported local charities and organisations.

BRIDGWATER GUY FAWKES CARNIVAL - Saturday 4 November The countdown has started . . .

For the carnival clubs who are working on their spectacular entries around the clock, to the carnival organisers who are finalising the arrangements for Bridgwater's biggest night of the year, preparations are in full swing.

Bridgwater Carnival's origins lie in the failed exploits of Guy Fawkes, and in this, the 418th anniversary of these Gunpowder Plot celebrations, Bridgwater Carnival 2023 is set to illuminate the town's streets once again.

This year's carnival celebrations are testament to the town's dedicated carnivalites and the invaluable support received from Arts Council England, the event's main sponsor EDF's Hinkley Point C, and many other local businesses and organisations.

On carnival day itself, the build-up to the grand procession starts in the town centre at 10:30am with a full programme of street entertainment for the revellers who come into the town early. The carnival procession will start at 6pm, and will consist of nearly 100 entries. Over 45 illuminated carnival carts and many other walking entries will enthrall the tens of thousands of people from throughout the UK who are expected to line the route.



The entertainment will be brought to a fitting finale when approximately 200 squibbers line the town's High Street immediately after the procession for the traditional squibbing display.

For those who are unable to make it into Bridgwater on the big night, the carnival is also being streamed live. This is thanks to the technical expertise of Somerset Web Services, Maniac Films, QSS IT and Timeless Images. Viewers can tune in from 6pm on carnival night with the procession coming into range of the Cornhill cameras at about 7pm. For those who would like to make use of the streaming service, all that is needed is internet access, and in return viewers are asked to consider making an optional donation to the Bridgwater Carnival charity. To find out more about the live stream service and to watch it, please visit <https://live.bridgwaterncarnival.org.uk/>.

For all of the latest Bridgwater Carnival news, visit www.bridgwaterncarnival.org.uk or the event's social media channels - Facebook (@BridgwaterGuyFawkesCarnival), Twitter (@BCarnival), and Instagram (@bridgwaterncarnival).



Photos by: 'Timeless Images'.

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Sunday 10th December

Christmas Lunch
12 noon - 2pm

Friday 15th December

Christmas Bingo
7pm - 10.30pm

Big Dead Fly

by Jan Ford

It's in my line of vision
when sitting in my chair.
Here's hoping that our visitors
don't notice that it's there.

I know that I should pick it up
and get it gone for good,
but it's harder bending down now
with legs as stiff as wood.

So it's lurking there 'till I remember
to poke the nozzle round,
but when I go to vacuum
that memory's nowhere to be
found!

In time it will have company
behind that table leg
with what I'd call a woodlouse,
but I've heard it called a 'cleg'.

So for now Big Fly is lurking there
for only me to see.
Eventually I'll clear it up
when someone comes for tea.

Now a monument to idleness
- memory of those warmer days.
This year's Autumn gentleness
will soon become a haze.

Then the window cleaner came.
I felt compelled to clean inside;
along with sills and paintwork,
and the ornaments beside.

I tipped out several vases,
- there'd be something there for
certain!
And lo - a shower of long-dead flies
joining those behind the curtain!

So now I'll have to Hoover up
those little heaps of flies,
along with my old friend
behind the table where it lies.

Photo Update

Building on my photo update in July, I am delighted to present another update this month, featuring the latest developments.



Picture 1: The Polar Crane weighs a staggering 750 tonnes and will soon be lifted into Unit 1. To provide a scale, you may notice the wheelbarrow next to the crane.

Picture 2: A glimpse into Unit 1, the internal crane has been removed, paving the way for the placement of the domed roof.

Picture 3: Members of our local community had the opportunity to enjoy a guided walk and talk session in the Southern Landscape Area. This event was part of the Somerset and Exmore Coast Festival.

Picture 4: Our focus for the remainder of 2023 is the preparation for lifting the domed roof onto Unit 1, the roof weighs 245 tonnes and has a circumference larger than that of the Royal Albert Hall.

Picture 5: A view underground, within the tunnels.

Hinkley Point C - Monthly Update

A round up of the latest news from Hinkley Point C

Exciting Progress in the Tunnels

The Marine Team has achieved a major milestone in their tunnelling efforts having successfully excavated their way to the first vertical Liner, a crucial component connecting the heads sitting on the seabed with the tunnel below. This achievement was made possible using advanced technology, specifically a remote guidance system, ensuring precise excavation towards the access hatch of the Liner.

Following this achievement, the team has prepared the Liner for the next steps. They have drained the water, used to weigh down the Liner, and are now ready to conduct detailed surveys and geological studies.

Simultaneously, the team is hard at work connecting the Outfall Tunnel to the second vertical Liner, marking ongoing progress.



Celebrating six years of positive impact

The Hinkley Point C Community Fund has granted a remarkable £15 million to support local initiatives.

Managed by Somerset Community Foundation, the fund consists of two main programmes: the Small Grants programme offering up to £10,000 over one year or £20,000 over three years and the Open Grants Programme for larger projects.

From enabling support sessions at Bridgwater & Taunton Deaf Club to fostering creativity through music workshops at Dunster Festival and enhancing mental health programs by Seed of Hope CIC, the fund is changing lives.

For detailed information and to apply for funding, please visit hpcfunds.co.uk.

Development Consent Order Change

We will soon begin consultation on proposed changes to Hinkley Point C's original planning permission, also known as our Development Consent Order. In the coming months, we will host a series of consultation events designed to provide you with all the information and gather your views on topics such as changes to the way we will store spent fuel, the removal of an acoustic fish deterrent system and our plans for wider habitat creation.

Details of the consultation events will be available through our website, email notifications and updates at public forums.

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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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Somerset Council: Watchet & Stogursey Division
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