

# **STOGURSEY NEWS**



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## **March 2024**

# Deadline for **APRIL 2024** contributions: 10.00am **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

## EDITORIAL

Welcome to our March edition with much for you to note and maybe plan for in your diaries. We are already noticing the early spring flowers putting in an appearance and adding some colour to our surroundings - a welcome sight after grey mornings and early evenings.

We have Mother's Day approaching and the prospect of a roast dinner at the Victory Hall (see notices on the bus shelter) and Easter Sunday celebrations for our church-going community.

Anyone prepared to act as volunteer drivers for appointments and the like are always in demand. It could be you, sometime down the road, in need of their services!

Please try to support the sponsored run in aid of the Downs Syndrome Association from Land's end to John O'Groats, mentioned within and being organised by Iris. We wish you well!

The Soap Factory Cinema continues to entertain, but we will lose Sarah and Lynn in the near future and will miss them, and we thank them for their support.

Somerset Opera is presenting 'This Was Your Life', a celebration of W S Gilbert (of Gilbert & Sullivan fame) for your delectation later in the month. See village noticeboards and within.

Finally, the Quantock U3A is presenting a talk on trees in the landscape and how they have changed the landscape over the years. You may even remember the ravages of Dutch Elm Disease . . .

Have a happy Easter from the Editorial Team

## 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](http://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.

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- \* Attach it to an email.
- \* Send it to [stogurseynews@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stogurseynews@hotmail.co.uk)

### b) by hand:

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

### A few points to remember:

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

We look forward to receiving your contributions.

## Thank you

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## Regular Events

Monday	Health Walks (weekly) Contact: <a href="https://www.sasp.co.uk/sedgemoor">https://www.sasp.co.uk/sedgemoor</a>	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) 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 St Andrew's Church, Lilstock Victory Hall Multi-sport court, Victory Hall	9.00am 10.30am  Doors Open 12 noon Eyes Down 2.00pm 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 Greyhound Inn	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 <a href="mailto:jfnicholson@talktalk.net">jfnicholson@talktalk.net</a> 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 2024

### March

Sunday 10	Mother's Day Roast Dinner	Victory Hall	12 noon - 2.00pm
Tuesday 12	Parish Council meeting	Victory Hall	7.00pm
Wednesday 13	Forget-me-Not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon
Wednesday 13	Strummers of Stogursey - Ukulele Session	Greyhound Inn	7.30pm - 9.30pm
Friday 15	Stogursey Twinning Association's AGM	Jubilee Rooms	7.30pm
Saturday 16	Tea/Coffee & Cake	Victory Hall	11.00am - 1.00pm
Thursday 21	Mobile Library	as per schedule	As per schedule
Thursday 21	Film Night: <i>Florence Foster Jenkins</i>	Jubilee Rooms	Doors Open 7.00pm
Friday 22	Somerset Opera: <i>W S Gilbert - This Was Your Life</i>	Victory Hall	7.30pm
Wednesday 27	Forget-me-Not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon
Wednesday 27	Strummers of Stogursey - Ukulele Session	Greyhound Inn	7.30pm - 9.30pm
Thursday 28	Easter Bingo	Victory Hall	7.00pm - 11.00pm

## MARCH SUNDAY SERVICE ROTA for Quantock Gate Parishes

CHURCH	3 <sup>rd</sup> March	10 <sup>th</sup> March	17 <sup>th</sup> March	24 <sup>th</sup> March	31 <sup>st</sup> March
	Lent 3	Mothering Sunday	Lent 5	Palm Sunday	Easter Sunday
<b>Cannington</b> St Mary	8.00 & 9.30am <b>Holy Communion</b>	8.00am <b>Holy Communion</b>  9.30am <b>Rise &amp; Shine</b> <b>All Age Service</b>	8.00 & 9.30am <b>Holy Communion</b>	8.00am <b>Holy Communion</b>	8.00am <b>Holy Communion</b>  9.30am <b>Family</b> <b>Communion &amp;</b> <b>Easter Egg Hunt</b>
<b>Combwich</b> St Peter	11.15am <b>Family Service</b>		11.15am <b>Holy Communion</b>		11.15am <b>Family</b> <b>Communion</b>
<b>Fiddington</b> St Martin	9.00am <b>Holy Communion</b>	9.00am <b>Holy Communion</b>	9.00am <b>Holy Communion</b>		9.00am <b>Family</b> <b>Communion</b>
<b>Stockland</b> St Mary Madalene		11.15am <b>Family Service</b>			
<b>Steart</b> St Andrew					6.00am <b>Dawn Eucharist</b> (followed by breakfast)
<b>Stogursey</b> St Andrew	10.30am <b>Holy Communion</b>	10.30am <b>Holy Communion</b> (Jubilee Rooms)	10.30am <b>Holy Communion</b>	10.00am <b>Benefice</b> <b>Communion</b> <b>Service</b>	10.30am <b>Family</b> <b>Communion &amp;</b> <b>Easter Egg Hunt</b>
	Purple	Purple	Purple	Red	Gold/White

### Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday	Holy Tuesday	Holy Wednesday	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Holy Saturday
2.00pm <b>Deanery</b> <b>Festival</b> <b>Service</b> at Stogumber Church	7.00pm <b>Tenebrae</b> <i>a service of</i> <i>light and</i> <i>shadow</i> at Stogursey Church	7.00pm <b>Seder Meal</b> at Cannington Village Hall <i>free but ticketed</i> <i>– call</i> <i>01278 652953 or</i> <i>sign up in church</i>	7.00pm <b>Holy Communion</b> at Cannington Church <i>followed by</i> <i>silent vigil and</i> <i>Compline at 9pm</i>	<b>Prayer &amp; Reflection in</b> <b>Church for Good Friday</b> 9.00am – Combwich 10.00am – Fiddington 10.30am – Stockland 12.00pm – Stogursey 12.00pm – Cannington  <b>Eucharist</b> 3.00pm - Cannington	8.00pm <b>Easter Vigil</b> Cannington Church

All are always welcome to any of our services.  
 Revd Alison Waters, Rector & Revd Jan Church, Associate Priest  
 01278 652953 / [cannington.benefice@gmail.com](mailto:cannington.benefice@gmail.com)

## RunAcross –

**raising money for people with Down's Syndrome.**

My name is Iris Hammond, I am a 20 year old university student and my family live in Shurton. Many of you may know me and my little sister, Nancy.

I am organising a run from Land's End to John O'Groats (800+ miles) to raise money for the Down's Syndrome Association and Down's Syndrome Scotland. This event brings together a variety of different people who share my vision of creating a world where people like Nancy are actively encouraged to achieve their goals. Every penny raised will be split to go to these fabulous charities who are on the same mission as me to create a more inclusive and empowering society. RunAcross will begin on International Down's Syndrome Day (21st March 2024) and last for 14 days.

Nancy, is bright, funny, kind, sporty, competitive, and creative . . . she also has Down's Syndrome. She has inspired me to organise this event because viewing the world through her eyes is one of the most beautiful parts of my life. She has taught me patience, kindness and unconditional love. The aim of RunAcross is to spark a new conversation and show the world the capabilities of people with Down's Syndrome.



If you would like to donate to this amazing cause, you can do so through Just Giving (Scan QR code) or you can find out more by visiting the Down's Syndrome Association website <https://www.downs-syndrome.org.uk/get-involved/runs/run-across/>

## RunAcross

Hello there!

My name is Emily, and on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March I will be running a 15-mile leg across Cornwall as part of the wider run from Lands End to John O'Groats to raise awareness and money for the Downs Syndrome Association and Downs Syndrome Scotland.

I will personally be running inspired by my cousin Tom (Elenor) who has Downs Syndrome. I will also be wearing odd socks, and hope that you will too, to celebrate and raise awareness for Downs Syndrome.

For more information, to see the team members running, and if you would like to donate, please visit:

<https://www.jusgiving.com/team/runacross>

## Stogursey Community Network's MEDICAL TRANSPORT TEAM Needs You!



We urgently need more volunteer drivers to meet the needs of our community.

### Can you help?

You must have your own car and hold a clean driving licence.

We offer the full Gov't approved mileage reimbursement, and we will pay for your essential DBS certificate\*.

This is not a regular commitment, we would be grateful for any time you can spare to assist.

**To find out more, please contact Tricia to discuss.  
Tel: 07485 350560**

*\*A Disclosure and Barring Service check is required for this work. We will organize and pay for this for you. For further information please contact us or visit:*

*What Does A Basic DBS Check Reveal? - DBS Checks*

Stogursey Community Network:  
[stogurseycommunitynetwork@gmail.com](mailto:stogurseycommunitynetwork@gmail.com)

## Stogursey Victory Village Hall Questionnaire

A massive thank you to all for returning your questionnaires. We have read them all and taken notes of all your remarks. We would now like to invite anyone interested to a free tea/coffee and cake morning **Saturday 16th March 11am -1pm** to talk about what we / you would like to do next.

We have talked to Somerset Skills and Learning who would like to run courses in the village, but we need to know what courses you would like to attend.

On 16<sup>th</sup> April, there will be a 2-hour Nature sketching workshop at Stogursey Castle. More details to follow in next month's Stogursey News.

## VICTORY HALL LOTTERY WINNERS January 2024 Draw

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	£25.00	Marc Dawson	No 174
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	£15.00	John Baker	No 32
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	£10.00	John Pearce	No 167

## THE DEANERY SINGERS

The Deanery Singers are meeting again to rehearse for a service on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May, including selected choruses from Handel's Messiah. The first rehearsal will be held on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** in the Church Centre in Nether Stowey at 7.30pm. Roger Stacey will be conducting and music will be provided.

New singers are always welcome: if you are interested in taking part, please contact Sarah King ([sarahrking14@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sarahrking14@hotmail.co.uk)) or phone 01278 734777 to let us know you're coming.

## MOTHER'S DAY ROAST DINNER



at Stogursey Victory Hall  
on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March**



Lunch will be available from  
12 noon to 14:00

1 course £9.50 / 2 courses £12.50  
Child's course under 11 years £7.50,  
Child's pudding £1.00

CASH ONLY PLEASE

Bookings are required: please contact Denise  
on 07453 381844 or 01278 733594



## The Stogursey Twinning Association

will hold its Annual General Meeting on  
**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.30pm in the  
Jubilee Rooms, Stogursey.

If you are new to the Twinning Association, come along and find out about who we are and what we do. New members are always welcome. Membership costs just £5 for individuals and £10 for families.

The main event of the Association is our biennial trip to Lonlay l'Abbaye in Normandy in May, and their return visit to us in the alternate year. We hold a range of social fundraising events during the year. There is no need for members to speak French!

### Upcoming events:

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April** 6.30pm. St George's Day supper in the Jubilee Rooms. Tickets, at £17.50 for adults and £8 for children, are limited and need to be ordered in advance. Contact [stogurseytwinningassociation@gmail.com](mailto:stogurseytwinningassociation@gmail.com) for more details and to reserve your place.

For more information about the Stogursey Twinning Association please contact us at the email above.

Here at the **Soap Factory Cinema**, we wanted to wish Sarah and Lynn the very best for the future as they bow out and we hope to see them at one of our showings in the near future.



This month we have the incredible true story of **Florence Foster Jenkins**. This isn't just a comedy about a bad singer, it's a poignant exploration of passion, delusion, and societal expectations. Streep captures Florence's charm and vulnerability, while Grant's performance adds bittersweet complexity. The film walks a tightrope between humour and pathos, celebrating Florence's spirit while acknowledging the heartbreak beneath. Despite the off-key notes, the film resonates with a beautiful melody about living authentically, leaving you both amused and touched.

Come and join us on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> of March** at the Jubilee Rooms where you will be guaranteed a warm welcome.

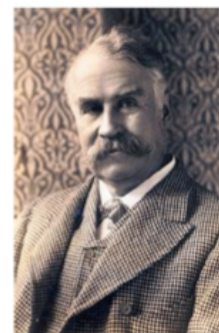
Doors are open from 7pm for a 7.30pm start. There will also be a super selection of very reasonably priced refreshments available for you to enjoy. Tickets are priced at just £6 and are available at the door or from our friendly Spar shop in advance. See you then!

*The Soap Factory*

## W S Gilbert: THIS WAS YOUR LIFE

*A rollickingly funny musical look at the theatrical genius behind those much loved operas.*

*Written by Robert Traynor and presented by the multi-talented members of Somerset Opera.*



## STOGURSEY VICTORY HALL

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**  
at 7.30pm

Tickets £12 (including buffet) from Stogursey Post Office and members of the Hall Committee



<https://www.somersetopera.org.uk/>

## The Strummers of Stogursey

We strum our ukuleles and sing our little hearts out every second Wednesday at the Greyhound Inn Lime Street from 7.30pm. We've been known to have the occasional drink too.

Why not come along and join us? You'll be glad you did. Dates for March are Wednesdays 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>

Further info:

Rose - [Rose.palmer280@gmail.com](mailto:Rose.palmer280@gmail.com)

Ian - [lanelenor@gmail.com](mailto:lanelenor@gmail.com)

## QUANTOCK U3A MONTHLY MEETING

**Monday 25<sup>TH</sup> March 2.00pm**

Holford Village Hall

ALL WELCOME!

### 'Trees in the Landscape'

exploring how and why the landscape of the Quantocks has altered over the last 300 years, and implications for the future.

Presented by Dan Broadbent - Historic Heritage Officer, and Jem Gibson - Wildlife Officer, Quantock Landscape Partnership Scheme.

## HOLFORD GARDENERS' GROUP

**Tuesday March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm**

Holford and District Village Hall



### 'Strawberries'

a talk by Dave Simpson

Members £1.00 Visitors £2.00

## Solution to Quick Crossword No. 45

February 2024

ACROSS:

1. Rendang, 5. Angel, 8. Stromboli, 9. Veg, 10. Starr, 12. Anagram, 13. Impulsiveness, 15. Arizona, 17. Pasty, 19. Idi, 20. Agincourt, 22. Ernie, 23. Nestles

DOWN:

1. Roses, 2. Nur, 3. Admiral, 4. Globalisation, 5. Akita, 6. Governess, 7. Legumes, 11. Amphibian, 13. Imagine, 14. Expects, 16. Orate, 18. Yetis, 21. URL

## March Events at the Victory Hall:

Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday Lunch	12 noon - 2pm
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Somerset Opera	7pm - 11pm
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Bingo	7pm - 11pm

## STOGURSEY

### FORGET-ME-NOT CAFÉ

Jubilee Rooms, Castle Street, Stogursey

FORTNIGHTLY ON WEDNESDAYS

10.30am – 12.00 noon



#### Upcoming Café Dates:

Wednesday March 13<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday April 24<sup>th</sup>

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.

There are a variety of activities, some involving existing local groups, such as music, singing, arts, crafts, poetry, bingo, quizzes, or if preferred, just a quiet chat over a coffee.

The Café runs fortnightly, planned so that the café is open the alternate week to Watchet Forget-me-Not Café. Many friendships have been made over the years. Please come along and see what we do.

***People from all the surrounding villages are welcome.***

#### **What we did in January & February:**

We celebrated our 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday in the Jubilee Rooms with a beautiful afternoon tea which was provided by our lovely friends Sue and Charlotte, with help from Darcie, so a very big Thank You to them. It was a very enjoyable afternoon with delicious food.

Valentine's Day was celebrated too.



Thank you once again to all our volunteers and supporters; we could not do this without you all.

#### **For more information please contact:**

Helen: 01278 733451 [cuttelhelen@gmail.com](mailto:cuttelhelen@gmail.com)

Rose: 07507 374234 [rosechalk@icloud.com](mailto:rosechalk@icloud.com)

*We are on Facebook and Instagram*



## Stogursey Arts Photographic Society

**"When words become unclear, I shall focus with photographs. When images become inadequate, I shall focus with silence."**

**Ansel Adams**

The SAPS met in early February to review where we were up to with our gathering of images. Towards the end of last year, we had discussed the potential of developing a website to enable those who had access to a computer to follow our progress with photographs, in addition to the 'words' we use in our monthly contribution to Stogursey News.

In leading this month's discussion, Andy had taken the best photos from those we had shared through our WhatSAPS group and had begun to set up a prototype for a website, for the group to discuss. We gathered around a welcome log burner, and a TV screen Andy had set up to show the photographs. It was great to see all of the images together for the first time, collated under subject titles. This simple and effective vehicle for organisation enabled us to discuss the clarity in what we saw and in what we had achieved over the past year. Looking forward, it also gave us some pointers as to how our endeavours maybe be interpreted in our planned exhibition.

It was great to see that we had passed the Ansel Adams critique. Our images were far from inadequate, the combined collection of our photos was not 'silent'. There are some great images, telling great stories,

recording both present and past Stogursey, but our task now must be to cover any gaps and get on with publishing them.

Viewing the work on the TV screen helped in identifying our approach to this next stage. We decided that we would begin by adding all our edited images to the website and as we get closer to the opening of the exhibition, we will use the screened/projected images to collectively review and select the photographs we will use for the show. We can then collate, print selected images and create a coherent display that everyone can access even if they don't have a computer themselves.

The website will also, eventually, be accessible to all 'our followers' who have access via a computer. Once it is up and running, we will let you know the details, so you can see the SAPS portfolio of recent images and the archive we have collated from past examples.

Building on the creative successes of contributors to the Christmas Tree Festival, we will soon be approaching these groups and others, to make a visual record, a portrait of these important individuals who work together and form the groups at the heart of our village life.

SAPS is just one of the groups that is enabled through the support of the Stogursey Arts Trust. If you would like to become a volunteer to keep these organisations alive in the village do get in touch. You can find us at [www.stogurseyartsfestival.co.uk](http://www.stogurseyartsfestival.co.uk) or Facebook **Stogursey Arts Festival**

*Mike Bradshaw, SAPS for Stogursey Arts Trust*



Stowey Gardeners is a vibrant club based in St Mary's Church Centre, Nether Stowey.

We meet monthly, at 7.30pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, to enjoy a guest speaker, raffle, garden table, tea, coffee & home-made cake. Members free (annual membership £25), guests £5, to include free tea/coffee & home made cake! All welcome.

The aim of the club is to offer gardeners, whatever their enthusiasm, a chance to get together with other gardeners in the locality, to their joint advantage and mutual interest. Novices welcome!

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March: 'Pruning: when, why & how'**  
A talk by Gilly Hayward

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April: 'Vegetable growing'**  
A talk by John Addison

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

## Attention – Save the Date!

On **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May** the Victory Hall will be hosting our first ever **Stogursey Wheels** auto enthusiasts meet.

From 12pm, a selection of cars and vehicles from Stogursey and the surrounding villages will be on display for everyone to enjoy.

There is no vehicle qualifying criteria – **if you can drive it and you love it, bring it along!**

It is free entry for everyone.

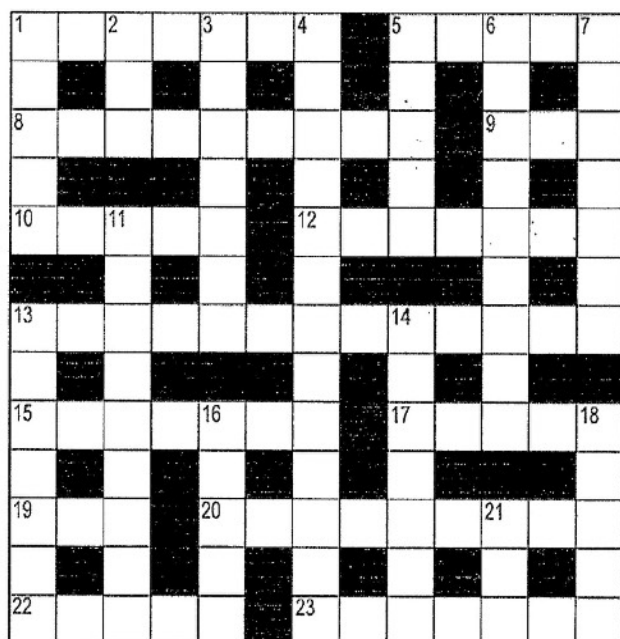
The bar will be open and the kitchen will be selling a selection of hot food and snacks.

Watch out for updates on social media and in next month's Stogursey News.

For any further enquiries, contact Brandon on 07771 590360.

## Quick Crossword No 46

compiled by Helen Cuttall



### CLUES ACROSS

1. Variety of coffee bean (7)
5. Hollyhock (5)
8. Occurring in the daytime (9)
9. Overwhelming feeling of wonder (3)
10. Dignified and sombre in manner (5)
12. Beginning to develop (7)
13. A natural object visible in the sky (9, 4)
15. Mexican tortilla filled with food (7)
17. Scottish word for turnips (5)
19. The basic unit of money in Bulgaria (3)
20. Mid-morning snack (9)
22. Cook by dry heat in an oven (5)
23. Nine sided polygon (7)

### CLUES DOWN

1. Mountain range in South America (5)
2. The Asiatic gazelle (3)
3. Refuses to acknowledge (7)
4. The second largest body of water on Earth (8, 5)
5. Bottomless gulf or pit (5)
6. Someone who accompanies a young person (9)
7. In a skilful or expert manner (7)
11. Fashionable & wealthy district in Central London (9)
13. Person who makes or repairs shoes (7)
14. A light with a transparent protective case (7)
16. Unable to move (5)
18. Lady's name (5)
21. Blakey (3)

## Stogursey Oil-buying Group

The Stogursey Oil-buying Group's next order will be in **March**.

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 a better price than that quoted for individual orders.

**The next order after this one will be in September.**

If you have any questions about the oil buying group I can be contacted on 0755 261 0692.

*Chris Ford*

To place an order:

Please leave the form in the Post Office;

or telephone (01278 732191);

or email [stogurseyford@gmail.com](mailto:stogurseyford@gmail.com)

by **10am Monday 25th March**

with the following information:-

### STOGURSEY OIL-BUYING GROUP

Name .....

Address .....

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Postcode .....

Email (if available) .....

Tel: .....

Amount of oil required ..... litres

*Note. Please specify an amount and not an unknown quantity such as top up.*

Special instructions: .....

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**Delivery will be in the 2 week period  
commencing 26th March.**



## Stogursey Community Network (SCN)

### MARCH 2024

*SCN is a group of volunteers who offer a wide range of services to our community.*

#### STOGURSEY LUNCHES

Delicious 2-course meals, cooked and served in the **Jubilee Rooms, Stogursey on Tuesdays**. Everyone is invited to enjoy our yummy 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 (in order to avoid waste and to cater to your needs). Tel: 01278 733451 by 5pm on the preceding Friday to book your meal(s).**

See our menus for March on the other half of this page.

#### 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** (leave a clear message please).

#### PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION DELIVERY

In addition, SCN volunteers collect **prescriptions** from the two local Health Centres and deliver these to the SPAR/POST OFFICE for collection. If your Surgery has designated you a housebound or home delivery patient, we will deliver to you at home. (Note: This is only for patients who are unable to collect from the Surgery or the SPAR/PO.)

#### Food Bank Donations and Deliveries

The SCN is an official outpost of the Quantock Food Bank and Pantry. We 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 in this copy of **Stogursey News**.

### Stogursey Lunches



#### MARCH'S MENU

##### Tuesday 5 March

(book by Friday 1 March - phone 01278 733451)

Sausage, bean & potato casserole OR  
Bean casserole;  
served with vegetables

\* \* \* \* \*

Marmalade tart with cream

##### Tuesday 12 March

(book by Friday 8 March - phone 01278 733451)

Minced beef and onion pie, OR  
Pea and potato pie;  
served with new potatoes and vegetables

\* \* \* \* \*

Peach and cherry rice pudding

##### Tuesday 19 March

(book by Friday 15 March - phone 01278 733451)

Lancashire hot pot, OR  
Mushroom and lentil cottage pie hot pot;  
served with vegetables.

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Bread and butter pudding

##### Tuesday 26 March

(book by Friday 22 March - phone 01278 733451)

Savoury fish crumble OR  
Stuffed peppers  
served with vegetables

\* \* \* \* \*

Apricot tart, with cream or yogurt

How to contact us: [stogurseycommunitynetwork@gmail.com](mailto:stogurseycommunitynetwork@gmail.com) / Tel: 01278 732149

## Points from the Parish Council Meeting

13<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### Somerset Council – Financial issues

The Parish Council is monitoring the issues that the financial problems of Somerset Council may bring to services in the Parish that they currently provide. The possible cuts in the number of recycling centres, the cut to the school crossing patrol budget, which may impact the service provided at Stogursey School, cuts to highways budgets and the impact that may have on roads and verges throughout the parish are just some of the areas that top a very long list of services that are being scrutinised by Somerset Council. By early March the position may become clearer for the coming financial year, and the Parish Council will be able to further assess the impact of changes at its next meeting.

### Remembrance Day – Service on The Gravel

The Parish Council is researching the implications that seeking a road closure order may have for the organisers of the service held annually on The Gravel. The next meeting will further consider information from their insurers, as well as the advice and guidance from the local Police and Somerset Council in respect of such events.

### 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 barred 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 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024**, which we hope will commence with an update from HPC on current issues and the impact the uplift to workforce numbers and the extension of completion date will have for the parish. All are welcome to attend.

Please see the agenda and draft minutes of the last meeting on the parish website, [www.stogursey-online.uk](http://www.stogursey-online.uk) or any of the parish noticeboards, where you will also find the dates of meetings due to be held until May 2024.

If necessary, please contact the Clerk for any further information ahead of the meeting. My phone number is 01278 652534 or you can e-mail me at [clerk@stogurseyparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@stogurseyparishcouncil.org.uk)

*Richard Wand*  
Clerk to Stogursey Parish Council

## Thanks

Joan Moore would like to thank all the people who came to her birthday party. They donated £200 to the Parkinson's Disease Society UK.

The collection taken for The Beach'd Buoys raised just over £200 for the Wraxall Children's Hospice.

## Lost Bracelet

*by Jan Ford*

I thought it too expensive,  
When purchased many years ago;  
Not gold but worth its weight for me  
In the memories that with it go.

It has silver, shiny, wavy links.  
With pearly abalone set.  
It's been to many, many places  
With potential for a few more yet.

One day I went to put it on;  
A match for many an outfit:  
Now conspicuous by its absence:  
Just assumed I must have left it

On the shelf where I keep odds and ends  
- It does get in a clutter,  
With jewellery, make up, perfume sprays;  
Tidy people might well mutter!

Daughter-in-law gifted me a ring  
Hand made to match its lustre.  
The ring's still there, a little large,  
And I still search, get in a fluster.

So if you've found a bracelet  
- Wavy, silver, lustrous, a greeny-greyish hue,  
Be careful not to spring the clasp, or,  
Like me you'll end up feeling rather blue.

I think I've given up for now  
Any hope of being re-united,  
But I'm sure I've lost it locally.  
If you've found it I would be delighted.

"I am at the moment deaf in the ears,  
hoarse in the throat, red in the nose, green  
in the gills, damp in the eyes, twitchy in  
the joints, and fractious in temper from a  
most intolerable and oppressive cold."

*Charles Dickens*

## Contacts and Parish Information

### Parish Council:

Chris Morgan (Chair), Sue Goss (Vice-Chair), Chris Ford, Julie Jones, Susan E Jones, Greg Millar, Scott Nurton, Jenny Ody, Allan Searle

**Clerk:** Richard Wand 01278 652534/  
clerk@stogurseyparishcouncil.org.uk

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

Somerset Council: Watchet & Stogursey Division  
Councillors: Hugh Davies, Rosemary Woods

### Site Stakeholders Group Representatives:

Sue Goss, Chris Morgan

**Somerset County Council:** All services 0300 123 2224

### Parish Neighbourhood Welcome Pack

Burton & Knighton:	Sue Goss	01278 733405
Wick & Stolford:	Susan E Jones	01278 652287
Stogursey & Shurton:	Chris Morgan	01278 734887

### EdF Main Site Neighbourhood Forum

#### Representatives for the hamlets:

#### Burton & Knighton

Mike Laver, m\_laver@btinternet.com 01278 732069  
Sue Jones, suekibjones@yahoo.co.uk 01278 732275

#### Shurton

Richard Cuttell, cuttellrichard@gmail.com 01278 734818

#### Stolford

Susan E Jones, suejones279@btinternet.com  
01278 652287

#### Wick

Dick Blomfield, richie.blomfield@btinternet.com  
01278 653302

#### Stogursey Parish Council

Chris Ford and Sue Goss

### EdF Contacts

#### Hinkley Point C Drop-ins/Main Site Forums

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email: hinkley-enquiries@edf-energy.com

HPC Hotline for enquiries or complaints: 0333 009 7070

### POLICE

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### Community Venues

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Jubilee Rooms - sjrbookings7@gmail.com / 01278 732149  
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St Peter's Church, Stolford - Susan E Jones 01278 652287

### Stogursey Community Network (SCN)

Email: stogurseycommunitynetwork@gmail.com

Tel: 01278 732149

**Medical Transport:** 07485 350560

### Homestart - supporting families & young children.

Tel: 01643 707304

Email: admin@homestart-westsomerset.org.uk

### Village Agent - Sarah Bennett 07985 680269

sarahb@somersetccc.org.uk - NetherStoweyCare

### Health/Medical Centres

Cannington	01278 652 335
Repeat prescription line	01278 655 464
Quantock (Nether Stowey)	01278 732 696
Repeat prescription line	01278 733 385
Out-of-hours (both Centres)	111

### Defibrillators - 3 in the parish:

♥ Stogursey - on wall outside Stogursey Motors  
♥ Shurton - side entrance of Babbling Brook  
♥ Stolford - church of St Peter.

### Mobile Library - Route G

The library van visits on Thursdays - every 4 weeks

#### Shurton

Babbling Brook Inn 12.05pm - 12.30pm

#### Stogursey

Greyhound Inn 1.10pm - 1.40pm

Town Close (No 30) 1.45pm - 2.10pm

#### Next scheduled Visits in 2024

21 March; 18 April; 6 May

For more information, contact Libraries Direct:

Tel: 0300 123224, or email [www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries)

### Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

If you see any ASB or criminal damage incidents happening in public spaces, **phone the police on 101.**

If you are disturbed by out-of-hours noise problems or ASB relating to businesses, **phone 01823 351411.**

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

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

### Stacy's Update

Spring is on its way and I have started to see a few Daffodils! I am looking forward to longer days and enjoying the evening sun.

### Billboard campaign spotlights local talent

A new advertising campaign is highlighting some of the 'local heroes' who have been forging careers at Hinkley Point C.

Billboards and posters have been created to showcase five team members across the Project and they are now being displayed in the towns and communities where they live.

The aim is to celebrate the impact our Project is having on skills development and jobs creation. For example, 1,300 apprentices have already been trained with 70% of them coming from the local area. It's also a reminder of the positive difference we are making to economic growth in the South West – with a massive £5.3 billion spent to date with local businesses.



Will Rose, Engineering Apprentice, Blyth said: "HPC is a very exciting project to be part of and to start my career with. Being able to show others that these opportunities exist is great, even if my friends and family get a laugh at seeing me on a billboard on the side of a hotel!"



### First transformer delivered

The first transformer has recently been positioned into the Electrical Building. Out of the planned 14 transformers, seven are now in position ready for installation. Once in use these transformers will increase high voltage power to 400V and will link to the National Grid, providing power to various areas and buildings throughout the Site.

### Chemistry Team happy in new science lab

Our dedicated team of chemists are celebrating after moving into their own science lab at Hinkley Point C, with its own testing equipment and computer systems.

The team are looking ahead to commissioning, and in the meantime, will take on work that might have gone to an off-site testing facility.

Hannah McIntyre, Acting Chemistry Lead, said: "This is a big milestone for us. Initially, our work will involve supporting teams here with hydro-testing and analysis."

As we move into commissioning, the team will be responsible for looking at hundreds of samples a day, for example when testing the purity of the water we use to flush our systems."



# Hinkley Point C - Monthly Update

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



### Update on Hinkley Point C

As you may have seen, we now expect the first reactor to be in operation around the end of the decade. Rising costs for civil construction and running the project for longer means it will cost more but there is no impact for UK consumers or taxpayers, as the costs are borne by the project's shareholders.

Going first in building a design adapted for UK regulations and restarting a nuclear industry after an almost 30-year pause has been harder than anticipated. Like any other nuclear developer, we have had to substantially adapt our design to meet British regulations, making 7,000 changes, adding 35% more steel and 25% more concrete.

Building something for the first time is hard, but repeating an identical design with the same people and suppliers is easier. We know this through building our identical second unit, which is typically 20-30% faster. Now the detailed design for the fit-out phase is complete, we know what we need to manufacture and how much time it will take.

An update from Managing Director Stuart Crooks is available: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rxhHTpnKX8Y>



### Turbine Hall Crane installed

At the end of 2023, the 300-tonne crane was successfully installed into Unit 1's Turbine Hall. Built by Fayat in France, it will combine with the secondary 70-tonne winch section and travel on rails along the top of the Turbine Hall.

Together, they will do the heavy lifting inside the turbine hall as work ramps up on installing the Arabelle steam turbine. Like the polar crane within the reactor building, this crane will also be important throughout Hinkley Point C's operation.

### Celebrating Apprenticeship Week

Our apprenticeship schemes bring bright new talent to Hinkley Point C, running in conjunction with project partners, including Blyor, The MEH Alliance and EDF. More than 1,300 apprentices have already been trained.

Apprenticeships are available in over 80 different subjects and provide remarkable learning opportunities during the construction phase and for the next generation of the Hinkley Point C team. Apprentices contribute by working in vital roles while they train all whilst earning a good salary.

In February, we celebrated National Apprenticeship week, with MEH Director Simon Lafferty sharing his apprenticeship story. A number of online events were also run, giving people the chance to learn more about our apprenticeship schemes.

APPRENTICESHIP FACTS			
WE'VE HAD MORE THAN <b>1,300</b> APPRENTICESHIP STARTS ON THE PROJECT	THEY'VE ENROLLED ON MORE THAN <b>80</b> APPRENTICESHIP STANDARDS	APPRENTICESHIPS RANGE FROM <b>LEVEL 2</b> (equivalent to GCSEs) TO <b>LEVEL 7</b> (equivalent to a university degree)	YOU CAN START AN APPRENTICESHIP IF YOU ARE <b>16 OR OVER</b> AND THERE'S NO UPPER AGE LIMIT

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