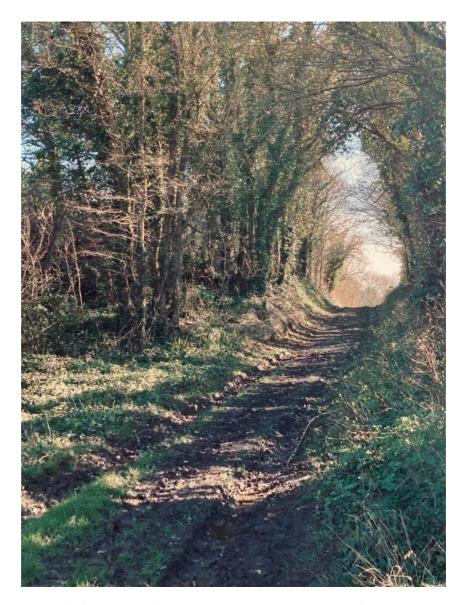
# **STOGURSEY NEWS**



Benhole Lane, Shurton

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**April 2024** 

# Deadline for MAY 2024 contributions: 10.00am Monday 15th April 2024

#### **EDITORIAL**

Welcome to the April edition of Stogursey News.

It's exciting to see how much is going on in the village. There's a good variety of new events and activities planned this month, together with the regular popular groups which continue to flourish.

We are lucky in Stogursey to have two active community centres – the Victory Hall and the Jubilee Rooms - providing the venues for much of what is on offer. A quick glance through this edition illustrates what a variety of uses they are both put to.

The Victory Hall, is hosting, for example, a sketching workshop, children's cinema, a charity football match, a concert by 'Two Tone', and the Stogursey Arts 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration party. And for all readers who love cars, either their own or others, there will be a display of such vehicles at the Victory Hall.

The Jubilee Rooms, amongst other things, are hosting a Bric-a-Brac sale and coffee morning, the ever-popular Stogursey Lunches, the Soap Factory's showing of the Academy award-winning film, 'Oppenheimer', and providing the venue for the traditional St. George's Day Supper. Great news, too, that the Jubilee Rooms have been able to improve the Rooms' insulation and heating, thanks to a grant from the Fairfield Charitable Trust, as you will read.

Slightly further afield, read about the positive and heartening project the National Landscape Team with Somerset Council are working on, establishing a flagship demonstration farm near Nether Stowey to benefit nature, climate and agriculture. When it's up and running, this looks to be well worth a visit.

If, after all this, you have any time to sit down, make a coffee and have a go at the crossword. Many thanks, as always, to Helen for producing it!

With best wishes from all the team at Stogursey News.

#### 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 <a href="https://www.stogursey-online.uk">www.stogursey-online.uk</a>

Stogursey News is posted every month on the website - useful if the delivery of your paper copy is delayed.

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- \* Attach it to an email.
- \* Send it to stogursevnews@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.
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- 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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### **APRIL SUNDAY SERVICE ROTA for Quantock Gate Parishes**

CHURCH	7 <sup>th</sup> April	14 <sup>th</sup> April	21st April	28 <sup>th</sup> April
	Easter 2	Easter 3	Easter 4	Easter 5
<b>Cannington</b> St Mary	8.00 & 9.30am Holy Communion	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Rise & Shine All Age Service	8.00 & 9.30am Holy Communion	8.00 & 9.30am Holy Communion
Combwich St Peter	11.15am Family Service		11.15am Holy Communion	
Fiddington St Martin	9.00am Holy Communion	9.00am Holy Communion	9.00am Holy Communion	9.00am Family Service
Stockland St Mary Magdalene		11.15am Family Service		11.15am Holy Communion
<b>Stogursey</b> St Andrew	10.30am Holy Communion	10.30am Holy Communion	10.30am Holy Communion	10.30am Rise & Shine All Age Service
	Gold/White	Gold/White	Gold/White	Gold/White

#### Regular Weekday Services

Tuesdays 6.00pm **Holy Communion** Cannington, St Mary the Virgin Church

Thursdays 9.00am **Prayer Meeting** Combwich, St Peter's Church

Fridays 9.00am **Holy Communion** Cannington, St Mary the Virgin Church

#### Babes and Tots Play Group

Tuesdays (termtime) 9.00-11.30am Cannington Village Hall

#### **Coffee Mornings**

Thursdays 10.00am Cannington Church

Fridays 10.30am Jubilee Rooms, Stogursey

Bellringing

Tuesdays 7.30pm Cannington Church

Wednesdays 7.00pm Stogursey Church (1st Wed) / Fiddington Church (2nd-5th Wed)

Fridays 7.00pm Combwich Church (1st and 3rd Fri)

Do be in touch if you would like to marry in one of the churches, or to arrange a baptism, or if there is anything else we can help with.

Revd Alison Waters, Rector & Revd Jan Church, Curate 01278 652953 / cannington.benefice@gmail.com

#### STOGURSEY MOTORS

As you may be aware, Stogursey Motors has been on the open market for some time now. For several years we have been trying to hand the business on to previous employees, when they have shown an interest in taking it on, but sadly these never materialized.

We have had very poor interest so far on the open market which is a bit disappointing, as it has always been our hope that it would remain a working business and a village asset.

But we need to have plan B for the end game, if no buyer presents themselves, as we want to retire. We are both exhausted from 30 years of hard slog, and deserve time out to start enjoying ourselves.

Added to which I have just suffered a heart attack this March, which has been a bit scary and definitely a wake-up call. It has therefore become an even more pressing issue that I take it easy as soon as possible, or I could risk further medical issues.

We now wish to convert the downstairs shop into a 2-bed apartment to give us a retirement income, in addition to the existing upstairs flat, currently being rented.

This shop conversion would be our main priority. We did in fact secure planning permission for a 1-bed conversion 15 years ago, and completed basic groundworks/ drainage.

I want to retain the main workshop for myself for light car repairs, restoration work etc, which also fulfills my motorcycle hobby. I will maybe have a small business in this field, too, as classic motorcycles are my passion.

Regarding the small secondary workshop to the rear, we are applying for change of use/planning for a residential unit. I may wish to utilise this as workshop space also, or rent it out, but if not required we have the option to develop or sell the plot.

But it makes sense practically and financially to get permission for change of use for all parts of the property, including the main workshop, in one hit, should we choose to do so at a later date. Other possibilities are that we may not redevelop, or sell as a workspace but with the bonus of having consent. A workshop with consent will make it more appealing to buyers in future.

Early next year we want to attend a family wedding in Australia giving us a good break and the chance to travel a bit. This, we feel, will be the right moment we bow out. With my recent heart attack it's even more pressing and important that I slow down and finish full-time work.

These plans are in the very early stages, but I wanted to advise first, to avoid rumours and uncertainty of our intentions as the planning process moves forward.

There is another MOT garage just outside the village, ALS, without the constraints of the nightmare of parking etc, so we are not leaving the village without an amenity. Various other small car workshops have come and gone over the years in the village, and we will still be here, but in a smaller way.

We will continue to keep you informed as we progress.

Kind regards,

George & Clare

# Sylvia Slade

On behalf of her family, I would like to thank everyone who sent cards, flowers and best wishes on the passing of our mum Sylvia Slade.

We always knew she was much loved.

Sylvia moved to Stogursey in 1982 with her late husband Brian and they both involved themselves in village life. Whether it was the Church, the WI, the Twinning and later the 'It's a Knockout', they relished living in the community, believing you got out what you put in.

And in the latter years of her life, after the passing of her beloved Brian, the community did indeed give so much back to her. From coffee mornings, to lunches and Forget-me-not Café, Mum could always be found enjoying good conversation and company.

It is impossible to thank individual people, but you know who you are, the lifts, the scones, the visits and telephone calls when she could no longer get out to see you anymore. Mum so enjoyed the company. She never wanted to miss anything.

We are so fortunate to live in such a caring community. Thank you all,

Alison and family

# VICTORY HALL LOTTERY WINNERS

# February 2024 Draw 1st prize £25.00 Claire Blacks

1st prize£25.00Claire BlackmanNo 14 $2^{nd}$  prize£15.00Jill FordNo 126 $3^{rd}$  prize£10.00Sue KnoxNo 71



The Stogursey Jubilee Rooms Committee, on behalf of all the users of this popular central village facility, wish to express our heartfelt gratiitude to the Fairfield Charitable Trust for its generous grant. The funds have enabled the roof of the Jubilee Rooms to be mended and insulated (for the first time ever!) and new 'smart' heaters to be installed.

All our users are very grateful and are much enjoying the new "gentle heat" and "comfortable environment" of the Jubilee Rooms.

#### THANK YOU



Spring has sprung and what better way to celebrate than with the Academy Award-winning epic, 'Oppenheimer'.

Witness the extraordinary story of the enigmatic J Robert Oppenheimer, the brilliant mind behind the Manhattan Project on screen. This is more than just an historical drama: it's a thrilling exploration of ambition, innovation, and the power that has changed the world forever.

Christopher Nolan conducts a symphony of guilt and genius whilst Cillian Murphy delivers a haunting performance as the father of the atomic bomb grappling with the monstrous creation fathered by his intellect. The film's non-linear structure mirrors the fractured psyche of its protagonist, leaving the audience to piece together the impact of a decision that forever altered the world. While the three-hour runtime may test some, 'Oppenheimer' is a thought-provoking exploration of the burden of knowledge and the ethical tightrope walked by those who dare to unlock the universe's secrets.

Come and join us on **Thursday 18th April** at the Jubilee Rooms, where you will be guaranteed a very warm welcome. Doors will be open from 7.00pm 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

# BRIC-A-BRAC SALE & COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 20th April

10.00-12.00 in the Jubilee Rooms, Castle Street

PROCEEDS TO STOGURSEY FORGET-ME-NOT CAFÉ & THE JUBILEE ROOMS FUNDS

# The Marion Evered Trust presents

#### **Two Tone Duo**

Enjoy an evening of music from 60's to 2024

#### Sat 27th April from 7pm

Victory Hall, Stogursey
Tickets £12.50 also includes entry to raffle

Bring your own nibbles

For tickets, call: 07415 868531, 01278 732522 or 07984 943464

# **Victory Hall Events in April**

#### 16th April

# Nature Sketching Workshop (2 hours)

with Somerset Skills and Learning at Stogursey Castle Time to be arranged Booking is a must so we can get contact details Please ring Heather Ranson on 07968799312 or email heatherranson124@btinternet.com

# 3rd and 10th April Children's Cinema (free)

11.30am - 2.00pm Kids' lunchboxes and Popcorn, sweets and soft drinks available to buy

# 17th April Charity Football Evening

On the football pitch Bar Open

### 20th April Quiz Night

Doors open 6.00pm, start 7.00pm Teams of up to 6 £2.50 per person Raffle £1 a strip

# An 'evening out' to celebrate memories from the Arts Festival

It was ten years ago, that a group of villagers came together to re-establish Peggy Elenor's 'Stogursey Festival of the Arts'.

Peggy had run the Festival successfully for many years, so it was a hard act to follow. Back then we had no idea how our version of her legacy would be received or how popular our reformed version of the Arts Festival would become.

Looking through our past records we found our first call for volunteers. It sums up what we were setting out to achieve and still remains a good reminder for running the Festival going forward.

>Festivals promote diversity, they bring neighbours into dialogue, they increase creativity, they offer opportunities for civic pride, they improve our general psychological well-being. In short, they make . . . better places to live. **David Binder** 

... and they are fun, so: 'If you are a 'maker', creator, painter, sculptor, photographer, writer or just interested in the Arts and would like to contribute in some way by exhibiting, running demonstrations or workshops, giving talks on related subjects, poetry readings etc. we want to hear from you. All ages welcome'. **Stogursey News 2014**<

In the first two years of running the Festival, the Arts magazine Evolver reported:

'In a climate where funding for the Arts is hard won, the Stogursey Arts Festival project has established itself, finding its way through developing additional opportunities to exhibit the work of local artists, musicians and performers.'

By 2017, Stogursey News reported: 'from its humble beginnings, Stogursey Arts Festival has grown into an event, which has featured well over a hundred artists and performers'.

As a team we were lucky to have loads of ideas and a combined expertise in both the Arts and Community Arts,

but the main motivation was we had a lot of fun putting the programmes together and seeing the project grow. Things that have created Arts Festival memories include the following:

Projections on the Church, scarecrow and sculpture trails, International concert performance, Street Bands, the Music Galas, Artist 'platform talks', the 'Outside Gallery', 'Light Up Stogursey', exhibitions by local and nationally acclaimed artists, textile and craft designers, flower artists, 'The Plinth', the Pop-up-restaurant, The Soap Factory Cinema, Vintage Teas, 'Breakfast at Tiffany's', live events such as the 'Ark-tiques Road Show', the quirky traditional dance routines performed by the 'Morris Travellers', Raku Firings on the Gravel and the very popular Open-mic Nights with a wide programme of poetry, readings, music and song and we kept going through the pandemic. More recently we enabled village groups, along with others, to launch the Christmas Tree Festival. We are proud to have an excellent track record of delivery with many local arts organisations, with some great reviews in the local press including Somerset Life Magazine. Media attention has been strong, including being profiled on TV and Radio with the children from the School's sculpture project, starring on Points West last year.

We think we have done pretty well against our original aims and we would like you to join us for an evening to celebrate our tenth anniversary and to enjoy some images from past.

You are invited to **Stogursey Victory Hall on 10<sup>th</sup> April 7pm** for what will be a fun evening looking back through pictures from the past, and thinking forward to a celebration of ten years at this year's 2024 Festival in September. Festival followers or new to the village, we look forward to seeing you and hearing your ideas, the bar will be open.

'Great things are done by a series of small things brought together' **Vincent Van Gogh** 

Mike Bradshaw for Stogursey Arts Festival

# **Ukulele Wednesdays**

It's Spring and we're still strumming, every second Wednesday at the Greyhound Inn. Pop along and give it a try – we start at 7.30pm - next session **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April.** 

Further info lan <a href="mailto:ianelenor@gmail.com">ianelenor@gmail.com</a>
Or Rose <a href="mailto:rosepalmer280@gmail.com">rosepalmer280@gmail.com</a>

# Stogursey History Society

If anyone is interested in re-establishing this, please get in touch with Ralph Hammond.

ralphandloki@yahoo.co.uk / 07969777325.

# HOLFORD GARDENERS' GROUP

Tuesday April 16th 7.30 pm Holford and District Village Hall

'Future of Wildlife Conservation in the UK'

A Talk by Chris Sperring -Hawk and Owl Trust





### Would you like to learn **British Sign Language** in Stogursey?

Coming soon in the Victory Hall . . .

#### **BSL Taster:**

Wed 17 April 2.00pm - 5.00pm Come and find out all about BSL. Still interested? You will have the opportunity to progress on to the BSL starter

#### **BSL Starter (3 weeks)**

1.30pm - 3.00pm Wed 24 April Wed 01 May 1.30pm - 3.00pm 1.30pm - 3.00pm Wed 22 May Learn the BSL manual alphabet, greetings, share basic information etc

#### **BSL Developer (6 weeks)**

2.30pm - 4.30pm Wed 05 June Wed 12 June 2.30pm - 4.30pm Wed 19 June 2.30pm - 4.30pm Wed 26 June 2.30pm - 4.30pm 2.30pm - 4.30pm Wed 03 July 2.30pm - 4.30pm Wed 10 July Recaps on previous signs learnt and also includes everyday signs for weather, transport, directions etc

For more information look out for the posters around the village, or take a look at SS&L website

https://www.sslcourses.co.uk/courses/

# St George's Day VILLAGE SUPPER

Saturday 20th April

Jubilee Rooms Doors open at 6.30pm

2-course supper and entertainment

£17.50 adults £8.00 under 11 years

Cash Bar

Tickets and information: K Henson: 01278 732949

email -

stogurseytwinningassociation@gmail.com

# **Stogursey Arts Photographic Society (SAPS)**

"Art pulls a community together... Art makes you feel differently. That's what artists are doing all the time, shifting and changing the way you see life."

This sentiment, beautifully expressed by playwright Lister Sinclair, resonates deeply, even if his name may not be immediately familiar.

I think we witness this truth in our village through a variety of artistic endeavours, one of which of course is the Stogursey Arts Photography Society (SAPS). Do I hear a cheer?!

Fresh from another lively SAPS gathering, we're thrilled with the progress on this year's photographic project: capturing individuals and groups within our village to create a photographic record - a snapshot of our community's essence. Some of you may recall glimpsing historical village life photos at the Christmas Tree festival; now, we aim to build a digital archive on a dedicated web site, juxtaposing past and present images for comparison and reflection.

Exciting, isn't it? We think so, and we are eager for your participation:

- Do you have old photos of the village / village life tucked away? We'd love to scan and include them.
- Keep an eye out for our intrepid photographers—they might approach you or your group for a snapshot. Your warm welcome would be greatly appreciated!
- Perhaps you'd like to try your hand at photography? We'd be delighted to feature your portraits of individuals or groups.

Please send any contributions to colinmpye@gmail.com

We have some other ideas floating around and are hoping to get things together for the Stogursey Arts Festival later this year. But in the meantime, don't forget you would be most welcome to join our happy troupe. Let's make art, memories, and connections together!

Colin Pye

### Solution to Quick Crossword No 46

March 2024

#### ACROSS:

1. Arabica, 5. Alcea, 8. Diurnally, 9. Awe, 10. Sober, 12. Nascent, 13. Celestial body, 15. Burrito, 17. Neeps, 19. Lev, 20. Elevenses, 22. Roast, 23. Nonagon

#### DOWN:

- 1. Andes, 2. Ahu, 3. Ignores, 4. Atlantic Ocean, 5. Abyss,
- 6. Chaperone, 7. Adeptly, 11. Belgravia, 13. Cobbler, 14. Lantern,
- 16. Inert, 18. Susan, 21. Seg

#### **HEALTH WALKS**

There is now a second weekly health walk at Steart marshes in addition to the Level One walk on Monday afternoons. It is a Level Two walk on Thursday mornings, meeting at 10.00am for a 10.15am start. The walk is 3 miles and takes about 1 hour. (https://www.sasp.co.uk/health-walks)

Jenny, Health Walks leader



#### STOGURSEY FORGET-ME-NOT CAFÉ

Jubilee Rooms, Castle Street, Stogursey

FORTNIGHTLY ON WEDNESDAYS 10.30am – 12.00 noon

#### **Upcoming Café Dates:**

Wednesday April 10th

Wednesday April 24th

Wednesday May 8th

Wednesday May 22nd

We will be at BurtonFete on Sunday 26th May with our annual fundraising Tombola. A traditional village fete with lots of extras! Lots to see and do for children and adults, including a dog show and live music. Hoping to see you there.

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. We are a voluntary group, financed by donations and fundraising events.

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 March:

A relaxing time making Easter cards and ornaments.







For more information please contact:

Helen: 01278 733451 <u>cuttellhelen@gmail.com</u>

Rose: 07507 374234 rosechalk@icloud.com





#### **BURTONFETE**

May 26th: 10am - 10pm

Market Traders	10 - 3
Kids' Games	
Brass Band	11 - 3
Food & Bar	All day
Dog show	4 - 5.30
Live Music	6 - 10

£1 entry all day



Attention – Save the Date – Sunday 5th May!

Not long to go now until the Victory Hall hosts the 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. We have already had a lot of interest so there should be a wonderful group of vehicles for you to view.

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 additional updates on social media.

For further enquiries, contact Brandon on 07771 590360.



Stowey Gardeners is 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 18th April

Vegetable growing A talk by John Addison

Tuesday 7th May

Car visit to Postbox Cottage, West Bagborough

Thursday 16th May

Fragrance in the garden A talk by Jenny Short

Saturday 18th May

Plant sale Thomas Poole Library, Nether Stowey

For more information contact secretary Lucy Haswell 01278 671289, shbassoon@aol.com. Or visit https://sites.google.com/site/stowey-gardeners



#### **APRIL 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 cash donation of the diner's choice*, cheques also accepted.

**Advance booking please** (in order to avoid waste and to cater to your needs).

Tel: 01278 733451 by 5 pm on the preceding Friday to book your meal(s). See our Menus opposite and outside the Jubilee Rooms to book.

#### **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.

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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**



#### **APRIL'S MENUS**

#### Tuesday 2 April

(book by Friday 29 March- phone 01278 733451)

Chicken chasseur, potatoes & vegetables OR Lightly spiced chickpeas with vegetables and coconut, served with rice

Almond pudding with cream

#### **Tuesday 9 April**

(book by Friday 5 April - phone 01278 733451)

Quiche lorraine OR Leek tart with baked potatoes & salad

Sticky toffee pudding with custard

#### **Tuesday 16 April**

(book by Friday 12 April - phone 01278 733451)

Baked fishcakes with vegetables, OR Vegetable pasta bake with garlic bread

Banana & date pudding with custard or cream

#### Tuesday 23 April

(book by Friday 19 April - phone 01278 733451)

Creamy turkey & vegetable soup with fresh bread OR

Cauliflower, leek & cheese gratin

Panna cotta with apricot purée

#### Tuesday 30 April

(book by Friday 26 April - phone 01278 733451)

Cottage pie, OR Lentil cottage pie both with vegetables

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Peach custard cake

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# Stogursey C of E Primary and Pre-School



This term has been a short one but nevertheless packed with much excitement at the school. Here are some highlights from this past month:

#### Beacon Class (Year 5/6)

Beacon pupils received a letter inviting them to participate in a writing competition . . . of course they were VERY excited. All pupils have designed a monster character to write a short saga about. Once completed, entries will be posted off and, fingers crossed, our amazing sagas will become winning entries!

In Maths, Year 6 pupils have been working on a very challenging puzzle which involves finding fractions and decimals of amounts. They decided to work as a team to complete the challenge in order to win some extra break time... they are halfway through the problem and VERY good at finding any fraction or percentage of ANY amount! Well done all!

#### Alfoxton Class (Year 3/4)

We have been planning and writing the next chapter of our narrative in English. For this we are using, among other grammatical features, speech marks, fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases.

In Science, we have been learning about the digestive system and will be completing a task called 'First chew to poo' which involves using equipment to simulate what happens to our food as we digest it.







We have concluded our work about the Victorians and the poor laws. The children have enjoyed researching about work houses and have discovered that it was not a very nice place to have to go to, and that the days and work were long and hard.

#### Triscombe Class (Y Rec/ 1/2)

We have been busy completing assessment tasks in Phonics, writing and wellbeing in preparation for the Summer Term.

In Science, the children have learned about gravity.





We have also made cards for Rosh Hashanah as the Jewish New Year has been explored. The children have also tasted bread and apple dipped in honey with pomegranate.

#### Preschool

We have continued our bear theme in the preschool. The children have been very creative whilst making their masks and have made some wonderful creations again this week. We have practised our pen control following straight, wavy and zig zag lines and we have been looking at number formation, particularly numbers 1 to 5. The children have also enjoyed making buses out of chairs and going on adventures together; going on holiday, visiting beaches and going shopping!

#### **Enrichment focus on Debating Society**

Once a week, the Debating Society formally convenes to debate contentious issues.

Madam Speaker India held a formal debate "This house believes that the last day of term, there should be no lessons."

Madam Speaker Jasmine allowed honorable members of the debating society to debate Alfie's motion, "All children from the age of 5 should be able to drive a normal-sized car."

Members were passionate arguing either for or against the motions. Some good points were made and one debate ended up in a draw and the other a clear win. They also learned about the casting vote being made in the event of a draw.

#### **News from**

#### THE QUANTOCK MEDICAL CENTRE

We have responded to comments from our Friends and Family feedback at the practice and installed music in the waiting area. We hope you notice the change and enjoy the music while you wait – we are trialling Classic FM initially as a calming influence.

We have been advised that we are the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest antibiotic prescribing practice in Somerset – unfortunately this is not a good place to be or an award we want to win! We need to reduce the amount of antibiotics we prescribe as they are losing their effectiveness at an increasing rate. The more you use an antibiotic, the more bacteria become resistant to it, both in individuals and in the general population.

Antibiotics are only needed for treating certain infections caused by bacteria such as strep throat, whooping cough and urinary tract infections. It is important to remember that almost all colds and most coughs, sinusitis, otitis media (earache) and sore throats get better without antibiotics.

Taking antibiotics can also cause some unpleasant side effects including rash, dizziness, nausea, yeast infections, diarrhoea, and in more severe cases can lead to colon damage and death, due to severe and lifethreating allergic reactions.

Taking antibiotics creates resistant bacteria. Antibiotic resistance occurs when bacteria no longer respond to the drugs designed to kill them and therefore over-prescribing of antibiotics can render these drugs useless in the long term

So PLEASE don't pressure your doctor to give you antibiotics.

We have an Antibiotic quiz to test your knowledge.

Thank you for reading this.

Helen Stacey – Practice Manager

#### THE ANTIBIOTIC GUARDIAN QUIZ

- 1. Antibiotics are not effective against coughs, colds, flu and most sore throats:
  - a) since these are mostly caused by viruses, which antibiotics do not work against
  - b) but antibiotics sometimes work against viruses, so I should take them just in case
  - c) however antibiotics work against everything
- 2. When I have a cough, cold or sore throat, I should:
  - a) book an appointment with my GP for all mild symptoms or illness

- b) seek immediate emergency medical attention
- c) check with a pharmacist about how to treat my symptoms
- 3. There are lots of colds going around. I've been told taking antibiotics 'just in case' can drive up the number of drug-resistant infections, but:
  - a) taking antibiotics when you don't need to allows bacteria to develop a resistance to the antibiotic
  - b) only older people can get drug-resistant infections
  - c) taking antibiotics will help build up your defences and stop you getting a cold in the first place
- 4. My GP has only given me a short prescription of antibiotics but I think I need them for longer. I should:
  - a) use some of my friends antibiotics as they didn't use all the ones they were given last year
  - b) take one less a day than prescribed, to make them last longer
  - c) take the antibiotics exactly as prescribed or they may not clear the infection
- 5. Drug-resistant infections, also known as antibiotic resistant infections are serious because:
  - a) antibiotics may not work against resistant bacteria
  - without effective antibiotics many routine treatments or operations like chemotherapy, surgery and Caesarean sections will become increasingly dangerous or impossible
  - c) overuse of antibiotics means that antibiotic resistance will spread faster and faster
  - d) drug-resistant infections affect both humans and animals
  - e) all of the above

#### **Drug-resistant infections: the facts.**

- 1. Antibiotics are not effective against coughs, colds, flu and most sore throats. Most coughs, colds and most sore throats and flu are caused by viruses, which antibiotics do not work against. Antibiotics cannot help you recover from infections caused by viruses, such as common colds, and most coughs and sore throats, because antibiotics are only effective against bacterial infections. Mild infections with bacteria may also get better without antibiotics. Remember to wash your hands; this is the single best way to prevent the spread of respiratory tract infections.
- 2. When I have a cough, cold or sore throat, I should... check with a pharmacist first about how to treat my symptoms. A pharmacist is an expert on medicines and can help you treat your symptoms and pain with overthe-counter treatments. However, if you have severe symptoms and warning signs such as difficulty breathing or sharp chest pain for serious illness you

- should seek immediate medical attention; you can learn more at treatyourselfbetter.co.uk.
- 3. There are lots of colds going around. I've been told taking antibiotics 'just in case' can drive up the number of drug-resistant infections, but... taking antibiotics when you don't need to will allow bacteria to develop a resistance to the antibiotic. Bacteria adapt and find way to survive the effects antibiotics. These drugresistant bacteria may also be called 'antibiotic resistant'; antibiotics no longer kill these germs. The more you use an antibiotic, the more the bacteria become resistant to it. When you take antibiotics, it can also kill the good bacteria which lives in and protects your body, making you more susceptible to infection from other harmful and potentially drug-resistant bacteria and like most medicines, taking antibiotics can have side effects. Drug-resistant infections are difficult to treat and can affect anyone; they are a particular threat to older people and those with weakened immune systems.
- 4. My GP has only given me a short prescription of antibiotics, but I think I need them for longer. I should take the antibiotics as prescribed or they may not clear the infection. When antibiotics are prescribed by a health professional it is important that you always take them as directed. Antibiotics are given at a specific dose over a period of time to be optimal to clear an infection, changing the dose may reduce the effectiveness of the antibiotics and enable bacteria to develop drug resistance. Never share your antibiotics with anyone else they are for you only and may not be effective for different infections in another individual.
- 5. Drug-resistant infections, also known as antibiotic resistant infections, are serious because:
  - antibiotics may not work against resistant bacteria,
  - without effective antibiotics many routine treatments or operations like chemotherapy, surgery and Caesarean sections will become increasingly dangerous or impossible,
  - overuse of antibiotics means that antibiotic resistance will spread faster and faster,
  - drug-resistant infections affect both humans and animals.

All of the above: the spread of drug-resistant infections is one of the biggest threats facing us today; routine treatments and operations rely on antibiotics to work! We all need to act now to stop the spread of antibiotic resistance, or else we may not have them for much longer.

# Points from the Parish Council Meeting 12th March 2024

#### **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 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.

#### **Finance Issues at Somerset Council**

The Parish Council has monitored the budget decisions that have been taken by the unitary council and are considering the implications that may come to services that the Parish currently receives from Somerset Council: verge cutting, gully cleaning, highway repairs, litter / dog bin collections, etc. As the coming financial year progresses, the level of service that is received will deteriorate and the Parish Council may need to consider further the support that they can provide to ensure that public safety is not affected.

#### Remembrance Day service on the Gravel

The Parish Council discussed at length the implications of closing roads around The Gravel for the short service held on Remembrance Day, but felt that the likely costs associated with doing so were disproportionate to the possible issues caused by the possible vehicle movements. It will be placing information signs to highlight the gathering and seek that due respect is given during the service.

#### Date of next meeting

The Parish Council is due to meet on the evening of **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 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.

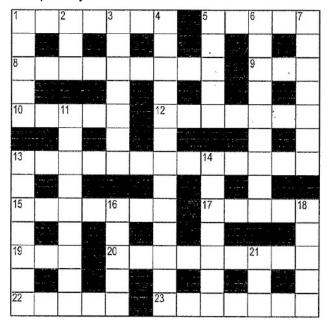
Please see the agenda and draft minutes of the last meeting on the parish website, <a href="www.stogursey-online.uk">www.stogursey-online.uk</a> or any of the parish noticeboards, where you will also find the dates of meetings due to be held until May 2024.

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 <a href="mailto:clerk@stogurseyparishcouncil.org.uk">clerk@stogurseyparishcouncil.org.uk</a>

Richard Wand Clerk to Stogursey Parish Council

#### **Quick Crossword No. 47**

compiled by Helen Cuttell



#### **CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Fall or drop straight down from a height (7)
- 5. Capital city of Bulgaria (5)
- 8. Member of an indigenous tribe in North America (9)
- 9. Female reproductive cells (3)
- 10. Pasta wheat (5)
- 12. Sunshade (7)
- 13. French artist known for her wax sculptures (13)
- 15. Half human, half horse (7)
- 17. Declare invalid (5)
- 19. 7th letter of the Greek alphabet (3)
- 20. Market town in Northamptonshire (9)
- 22. Door in an aircraft or submarine (5)
- 23. Provoked or annoyed (7)

#### **CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Check or tartan twilled cloth (5)
- 2. Suede and sheepskin boot (3)
- 3. The smallest amount possible (7)
- 4. The heaviest living waterfowl native to North America (9,4)
- 5. Device for detection submerged objects by sound waves (5)
- 6. Gelatinous mass of amphibian's eggs laid in ponds or ditches (9)
- 7. Helped or was useful to someone (7)
- 11. No longer needed (9)
- 13. The Scottish Play (7)
- 14. Triangle with sides uneven in length (7)
- 16. British rapper from Manchester (5)
- 18. Unpleasantly bright in colour (5)
- 21. Abbreviation for phone number (3)





# Exciting new partnership to manage New Stowey Farm to benefit nature, climate and agriculture.

The Quantock Hills National Landscape and Somerset Council will be working in partnership to develop a flagship demonstrator farm near Nether Stowey.

New Stowey Farm is a 45-hectare holding on the border of Nether Stowey, at the eastern edge of the Quantock Hills National Landscape. The farm was previously tenanted, most recently for grazing, and will continue to operate as a working farm, employing regenerative agriculture techniques. The partnership aims to create nature rich farmland through habitat creation and restoration, realise carbon sequestration and climate actions and engage communities to increase understanding of agriculture and provide opportunities for learning, training and volunteering.

The National Landscape Team will work with a range of stakeholders, including graziers, community groups and environmental experts to demonstrate the potential of New Stowey Farm to deliver a range of agricultural, environmental, climate and community benefits.

Visitors to the site will notice some changes in the coming months. The barn will be rebuilt, grazing livestock will be reintroduced and the rights of way network across the farm will be improved. Our longer term aims include establishing a community orchard, planting in-field trees, improving woodland health, and assessing how modifications to the stream can restore natural hydrological processes.

lain Porter, Quantock Hills National Landscape Manager said "National Landscapes Partnerships have committed to restore nature, increase climate resilience through working with farmers and land managers.

Mark Baker, Quantock Hills National Landscape Projects Manager said "It has never been more important to understand how farming can sustain livelihoods whilst responding to the climate and ecological emergencies. We're eager to preserve and promote the economic and cultural value of New Stowey as a working farm and explore how livestock can promote biodiversity and resilience to a changing climate

Dixie Darch, Lead Member for Environment and Climate Change, Somerset Council, and Vice-Chair Quantock Hills National Landscape Partnership said "I am so excited about this opportunity to showcase what can be done through regenerative farming, working with nature alongside food production."



#### Stacy's Update

#### Concrete slab paves the way to installation of Reactor Pressure Vessel

A 19.5m concrete slab has been completed inside the first Reactor Building. With the domed roof now on the building, the concrete was pumped through the equipment hatch.

The concrete slab will serve as the base structure when installing rails to support the installation of refueling equipment. With this work completed, the focus shifts to installing secondary steelwork, which will provide permanent working platforms and access points for equipment like pipes and valves. This marks a significant step towards achieving the goal of installing the Reactor Pressure Vessel in 2024.





#### **Celebrating Apprenticeship Week**

We recently celebrated National Apprenticeship week, with MEH Director Simon Lafferty sharing his apprenticeship story.

Our apprenticeship schemes bring bright new talent to Hinkley Point C, running in conjunction with project partners, including Bylor, 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.



#### Saving time and increasing efficiency

Each Reactor is surrounded by buildings housing safety systems and control equipment. Giant earthquake proof concrete slabs are poured to make the foundations for these buildings.

Unit 2's Auxiliary Building slab has just been completed in six months - four months quicker than on Unit 1. The improvement is thanks to the transfer of learning, building on our previous experiences and increasing our use of digital modelling.

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



#### **Accelerating Progress in Unit 2 Reactor Building**

The installation of the 52-tonne equipment hatch in the Unit 2 Reactor Building has been completed six weeks faster than same operation in Unit 1. It was thanks to a more efficient method of fitting the hatch, which involved welding it to Liner Ring 2 on the ground before lifting the whole structure into position in one go. Previously this was fitted at height on the side of the building after the liner had been located.

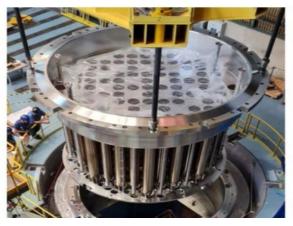
This approach not only significantly reduced the installation time but also eliminated the need for scaffolding to carry out welding on the hatch in Unit 2. This is important as scaffolding could potentially interfere with other ongoing works.





#### Safe Day Safe Month initiative supports local charity

Hinkley Point C recently donated £1,700 to local charity Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. The money will go towards critical care items such as critical care bags for when the crew arrive at an incident.





#### **Reactor Pressure Vessel Internals**

The reactor core contains a series of internal components that hold the 241 fuel assemblies, guide the control rods and regulate neutrons around the fuel.

They were delivered safely by ship to Avonmouth on the 19th February.

#### PLUGGED IN OUT NOW

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

<u>Meetings</u>: 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

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### Parish Neighbourhood Welcome Pack

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Non-Emergencies - Call 101. Emergencies - Call 999

### **Community Venues**

Victory Hall & Youth Club - Allan Searle 01278 732820 Jubilee Rooms - sjrbookings7@gmail.com / 01278 732149 (leave message: contact name/number & date/time venue required)

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@somersetrcc.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

18 April; 6 May

For more information, contact Libraries Direct:

Tel: 0300 123224, or email 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.