STOGURSEY NEWS



Steart Marshes at Sunrise

Photo: Fi

September 2025

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Editorial

Welcome to our September edition.

There is plenty of feedback from the very successful Flower Show. It was full of produce despite a lack of rain during the previous months. Well done for your efforts.

You may fancy some light relief and a laugh, so note the 'Comedy at the Victory Hall' night later in the month.

There is an interesting sounding talk on Eels and a recovery project to be given courtesy of the Quantock u3a group.

Do you want to take part in the Stogursey Arts Festival this year? There are many ways you can do this. See inside.

Have you always wanted an allotment and like to grow your own produce? There is an opportunity inside. You may even end up winning a prize in next year's Flower Show!

You will notice that our magazine has a page from Fiddington included. This will be a regular addition from this month.

Hinkley Point News continues to provide amazing statistics. Well done to the catering staff! See 15,000,000 meals . . .

We wish you school pupils a safe and happy start to the new academic year, and our best wishes to you all.

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

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 extra pages monthly for the use of Hinkley Point C (EdF) to keep local residents well-informed.

Guidelines

for contributing to Stogursey News

- Prepare your contribution as a straightforward text document (no boxes, tables or pdfs please)
- * Attach it to an email, and send to: stogurseyparishnews@gmail.com

A few more points to remember:

- Please submit by the deadline date published at the top of this page.
- Please keep within a 500-word limit.
- Stogursey News Team reserves the right to edit contributions for length, and for space available.
- Your contribution will be published in our standardised font style, font size and colour. (We do not print colour or A4 posters).
- Send your contribution for each and every month that you would like it published.
- If you include an illustration, it 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	*60+ Rehabilitation Fitness Class (weekly) *Spinal Mobility, Balance & Strength Class (weekly) Health Walks - Level One (weekly) Contact: https://www.sasp.co.uk/sedgemoor	Victory Hall Victory Hall Steart Marshes Car Park	9.30am - 10.40am 11.00am - 12 noon 2.00pm
Tuesday	*Core Stability - Pilates-based (weekly) Tai Chi Shibashi for over-50s (weekly) (Contact AgeUK 01823 345 624) Stogursey Lunches (weekly, except 1st Tues of month) Bingo (weekly) Parish Council Meeting (2nd Tuesday of month) Meditation (1st & 3rd Tuesday of month) Short Mat Bowls (weekly) Contact: Ron 01278 732688 Quantock Tennis Club (1st 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	9.00am - 10.00am 10.30am Doors Open 12 noon Eyes Down 2.00pm 7.00pm 7.15pm 7.30pm - 9.00pm 3.00pm - 5.00pm
Wednesday	Forget-Me-Not Café (alternate Wednesdays) Ukulele Sessions (alternate Wednesdays) Sea Shanty Singers (alternate Wednesdays)	Jubilee Rooms To be arranged To be arranged	10.30am - 12 noon 7.30pm - 9.30pm 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Thursday	Health Walks - Level Two (weekly) Contact - https://www.sasp.co.uk/health-walks Mobile Library visit (once every four weeks) Youth Club (weekly) Sing for Fun Group (every 2nd & 4th Thursday of month) Stogursey Arts Photographic Society (SAPS) (2nd Thurs of month. Contact 5 St Andrews Rd, Stogursey)	Steart Marshes Car Park Shurton & Stogursey Youth Club Victory Hall Various locations	10.00am as per schedule 6.30pm - 8.30pm 7.00pm - 8.30pm 7.00pm
Friday	Toddler & Baby Group (term-time only) Friday Social Café (weekly) Quantock Tennis Club (weekly) Contact John Nicholson 01278 732711 / JFJnicholson@talktalk.net	Victory Hall Jubilee Rooms Multi-sport court, Victory Hall	9.30am - 11.30am 10.00am - 12 noon 10.00am - 12 noon
Saturday			
Sunday	Quantock Tennis Club (weekly)	Multi-sport court, V Hall	10.00am - 12 noon

^{*} Contact siancocks@btinternet.com / 01278 652411

SEPTEMBER 2025						
Friday 5 Wednesday 10 Thursday 11 Saturday 13 Saturday 13 Sunday 14 Thursday 18	Fortress Friends Jumble Trail Comedy Night Sunday Roast Mobile Library Forget-me-not Café Singing for Fun	Victory Hall Victory Hall Jubilee Rooms Victory Hall around the parish Victory Hall Victory Hall as per schedule Jubilee Rooms Victory Hall Victory Hall Victory Hall	2.00pm - 4.30pm Doors open 7.00pm 10.30am - 12 noon 7.00pm - 8.30pm from 10.00am 6.30pm 12 noon - 2.00pm as per schedule 10.30am - 12 noon 7.00pm - 8.30pm afternoon			
OCTOBER 2025						
Wednesday 1 Thursday 2 Friday 3	NHS Covid vaccinations Victory Hall AGM Quiz Night 'Spooky Traditions of Somerset'	Victory Hall Victory Hall Victory Hall	9.30am - 2.00pm 7.00pm 7.00pm			

SEPTEMBER SUNDAY SERVICE ROTA for Quantock Gate Parishes

CHURCH	7 th September Trinity 12	14 th September Holy Cross Day	21st September St Matthew	28 th September Trinity 15
Cannington St Mary	8.00 & 9.30am Holy Communion	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Service	8.00 & 9.30am Holy Communion	8.00 & 9.30am Holy Communion
Combwich St Peter	4.00pm Family Service	4.00pm Prayer & Praise	4.00pm Holy Communion	4.00pm Café Church
Fiddington St Martin	9.00am Holy Communion	9.00am Holy Communion	9.00am Holy Communion	9.00am HARVEST FESTIVAL
Stockland St Mary Magdalene		11.15am Family Service		11.15am Holy Communion
Stogursey St Andrew	10.30am Holy Communion	10.30am Holy Communion	10.30am PET SERVICE All creatures great and small very welcome	10.30am Café Church at the Jubilee Rooms
	Green	Red	Red	Green

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) 9.00am - 11.30am Cannington Village Hall

Get Togethers

Thursdays 10.00am Coffee Club Cannington Church

Fridays 10.00am Social Café Jubilee Rooms, Stogursey 3rd Thursday 3.00pm Tea & Chat Village Hall, Fiddington

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)

All are always welcome to any of our services.

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

Stogursey Flower Show 2025

This year's show proved to be very successful. Despite a very dry and hot start to the growing season, our green-fingered gardeners managed to produce a wonderful display of vegetables, flowers and plants; the homecraft section was very well supported displaying plenty of delicious cakes, scones, biscuits, jams, and many more homemade treats; and there were some wonderful exhibits in the handicraft section showing us what talented parishioners we have within our community. In the children's sections, there were some outstanding and imaginative exhibits.

It was particularly encouraging to see so many first-time exhibitors taking part, from people who have lived in the village for years, to people who only moved to the village a few days before the show.

Thank you to all the exhibitors who put time and energy into producing and bringing their exhibits to the show, and a big thank you to the judges for giving us their time and expertise on the day. We wish to thank the team of volunteers who gave so much of their time in organizing the administration side of the show, such as producing the schedules, entry forms, prize certificates, plus recording the points awarded to the exhibitors: thank you Teresa, Kate, Fiona, Jane and Ian.

Thank you also to Denise and Sheila for their hard work serving refreshments from the kitchen during the day; thank you Lisa for running the cake stall, and Shey for serving drinks from the bar. A big thank you to Stogursey Strummers who entertained us with music and songs, they were brilliant.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Stogursey Parish Council for its kind grant of £400.00 to help with the cost of running our annual flower show, and our final thanks must go to all those who kindly gave cakes and raffle prizes, and to everyone who came along to the show helping to make it such a wonderful and successful day.

Make a note in your diaries! Next year's Flower Show will be on **Saturday 18**th **July**.

Flower Show 2025 Winners

Iris Searle Challenge Cup for the best exhibit of vegetables: Aaron Turner

Paul Tipney Cup for the best collection of 6 vegetables: Aaron Turner

Les Wells Memorial Cup for the best exhibit of flowers and plants: Rosemary FitzGerald

Thordown Cup for the best exhibit in the show: Linda Brown

Knighton Cup (Children's section) for the most imaginative use of materials: Daniel Packer.

Chris Johnson Memorial Challenge Cup - overall best in the Fruit & Vegetables section: 1st Ian Elenor, 2nd Aaron Turner, 3rd Rosemary FitzGerald.

Fairfield Challenge Cup - overall best in the Flowers and Plants section:

Joint 1st Fiona Johnson and Rosemary FitzGerald; Joint 2nd Heather Ranson and Carole Mallett; Joint 3rd Jo Cavill & Emily Waite.

Victory Hall Challenge Cup - overall best in the Floral Art section: 1st Lisa Dunwood; Joint 2nd Heather Ranson and Jenny Nicholson.

Mary Hume Cup - overall best in the Handicraft section:
Joint 1st Helga Staddon and Linda Blower;
Joint 2nd Emily Waite and Vicki Thomas;
Equal 3rd Eddie Griffee, Fiona Johnson and Tricia List.

Honibere Challenge Cup for the overall best in the Homecraft section: 1st Heather Ranson; 2nd Michelle Craggs; 3rd Jan Ford.

Peggy Elenor Cup for the best decorated hat: Jan Ford.

Junior Cup - overall best in the Children under-12 section: 1st Caleb Packer; 2nd Daniel Packer; 3rd Charles Brewer.

The photo on the front cover of this month's Stogursey News was the winning entry in the photograph class

Please could all of you who won cups at the Flower Show kindly return them to Allan Searle at 1 Meadow Gardens Stogursey, by Friday 26th September, in order to have your name engraved on the cup.

Fortress Friends Jumble Trail

13th September 2025 from 10am

Don't pile everything you want to sell into the car and drive it to a muddy field - sell in the comfort of your own garden/doorstep.

£5 donation to The Fortress gets your location on our amazing map of Stogursey and lets the customers come to you.

Contact Hilary 07947238566, or Fortressfriends@outlook.com

VICTORY HALL LOTTERY WINNERS July Draw 2025

TRUSTEE VACANCY



A vacancy has arisen on the Board of Trustees for the Stogursey Charities which comprise: The William Paulett Charity (who own and maintain ten Almshouses in Stogursey) the Maud Stodden Charity and the James Morgan Charity. Trustees are volunteers, therefore unpaid, however out-of-pocket expenses are reimbursed.

Our Trustees are friendly, compassionate, and forward-thinking, and commit to attending quarterly Board meetings, lasting no more than ninety minutes, on a Tuesday evening. In return we offer an engaging opportunity to make a positive impact, and a real difference, to local people in need.

Further information and an application form is available from the Steward via email:

stogurseycharities@gmail.com or by calling 01278 321 306

Please return completed application forms to the Steward by 1st October 2025

Solution to Crossword No. 63 AUGUST 2025

ACROSS

1.Alpacas, 5.Basle, 8.Balalaika, 9.Bob, 10.Ripon, 12.Tedious, 13.Carol Ann Duffy, 15.Tarnish, 17.Larch, 19.LSD, 20.Identical, 22.Plead, 23.Easiest

DOWN:

1.Amber, 2.Pal, 3.Colonel, 4.Stilton Cheese, 5.Beard, 6.Subwoofer, 7.Embassy, 11.Partridge, 13.Catflap, 14.Deletes, 16.Iliad, 18.Holst, 21.Coe

Stogursey Victory Village Hall

Annual General Meeting - we hereby give 4 weeks' notice of the AGM to take place on Thursday 2nd October 2025 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall. Everyone welcome

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Village Hall Caretaker - part time

We are looking for a person to work as part of a team. This requires a person who is fit and willing to "roll up their sleeves" and get involved in manual tasks. IT knowledge will be required as well. This is a paid position for approximately 10hrs a week.

Please forward your CV to

heatherranson124@btinternet.com

Shadow Treasurer

The Victory Hall Committee is looking for a reliable, conscientious person who is good with figures to work alongside our Treasurer as she will be standing down in 2026. This is to ensure a smooth transition of an important role.

Please contact Heather Ranson, Chairperson, with a CV: heatherranson124@btinternet.com, or



stogurseyvillagehalltreasurer@gmail.com

Saturday 13th September 2025

Victory Hall, Stogursey

<u>Ticket Collection</u>: Stogursey Post Office

Ticket Delivery:

Call Davey: 07398-738-804



Doors open 6.30pm Show starts 7.30pm

STOGURSEY VICTORY HALL

SUNDAY ROAST



on Sunday 14th September

LUNCH SERVED BETWEEN 12.00 - 2.00pm

One course: £10.00 Two courses: £15.00 Veggie options available by request

BAR OPEN AT 12 NOON

Please contact Denise Oliver TEL 01278733594 /07453381844



HOLFORD GARDENERS GROUP

presents

Garden Design Getting The Most Out Of Garden Space

A talk by Sally Leaney

Tuesday 16th September 7.30pm

Holford Village Hall

Club Raffle All Welcome, Members £1.00 Visitors £2.00

Quantock u3a



invites you to

It's Time toTalk Eels
and the
Somerset Eel
Recovery Project

a talk by

Vanessa Becker-Hughes

Founder & Community Engagement Director of SERP

2.00pm - 4.00pm

Monday 22nd September

Bicknoller Village Hall

Refreshments will be served

Website https://quantock.u3asite.uk/

Stogursey Oil-buying Group

The Stogursey oil-buying group's next order will be in September. The scheme is open free of charge to all households within the Stogursey News distribution area except those whose oil delivery has to be made through the house. The minimum order is 500 litres. We usually get a better price than that quoted for individual orders.

The next order after this one will be in November.

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

Chris Ford

To place an order please leave the form in the Post Office or telephone (01278 732191) or email stogurseyford@gmail.com by **10am on Monday 15th September** with the following information:-

Name
Address
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:

Delivery will be in the 2 week period commencing 16th September 2025.

A Short History of Medicine

2000 BCE: "Here, eat this root."

1000 BCE: "That root is heathen, say this

prayer."

1850 CE: "That prayer is superstition,

drink this potion."

1940 CE: "That potion is snake oil,

swallow this pill."

1985 CE: That pill is ineffective, take this

antibiotic."

2000 CE: "That antibiotic is artificial.

Here, eat this root."

Author unknown

VICTORY HALL EVENTS

Wow! A super July for our village and activities at the hall . . . thank you all for supporting your village hall.

The **Stogursey Summer Fete** was a great success raising £537, followed by Open Mic for the first time in the Victory Hall. This was organized by Colin Pye - what a fabulous evening, a huge thank you! Check the diary dates for future evenings!

The **Flower Show** was another successful event - see the separate report and list of winners.

Changes for next year - the Stogursey Victory Hall Fete and Flower Show are to be combined - the date is 18th July 2026

Singing for Fun - the numbers are growing. We meet once a fortnight at the Victory Hall and ask for a donation of £2.50 per person to help pay for hire of the hall. We are now starting to form some dates for singing at events. Watchout for details.

Sunday Lunches will be restarting in September -see separate notice for details.

DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

Friday 5th: Quiz Night - Autumn & Harvest.

7.00pm for 7.30pm. £2 a head.

Teams of 4, max 6 people.

Thursday 11th Singing for Fun: 7.00pm - 8.30pm

Saturday 13th Comedy Night (see separate notice).

Sunday 14th Sunday Lunch

Thursday 25th Singing for Fun (as above)

DATES FOR OCTOBER

Wednesday 1st NHS Covid Vaccinations 9.30am -

2.00pm. Walk in (For those over 75 and those who are immunocompromised).

Thursday 2nd AGM 7.00pm, details below

Friday 3rd Quiz Night - Spooky Traditions of

Somerset. (Details as above.)

Wednesday 8th NHS Covid Vaccinations 9.30am -

2.00pm (restricted as above)

Thurs 9th / 23rd Singing for Fun: 7.00pm - 8.30pm Friday 31st Halloween Event (details next month)

DATES FURTHER AHEAD (details in future editions)

7th Nov Quiz Night
9th Nov Sunday Lunch
3rd Dec Christmas Bingo

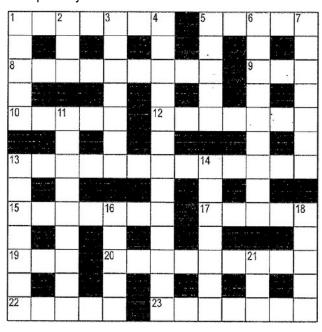
6th Dec Victory Hall Christmas Market

King Alfred's Carol Concert (evening)

14th Dec Christmas Lunch 12-2pm 31st Dec New Year Eve's Party

Crossword No. 64

Compiled by Helen Cuttell



ACROSS

- 1. Sharp and forthright (7)
- 5. - - Marley, character in a Christmas Carol (5)
- 8. Traditional Scots cap (9)
- 9. Open area of grassy land (3)
- 10. Suit worn by women from China (5)
- 12. Supervise (7)
- 13. Secretly listening to a conversation(13)
- 15. Root vegetable (7)
- 17. Small Australian cockatoo (5)
- 19. Women's Army Corps (3)
- 20. Powerful whirlpool in the sea or river (9)
- 22. Dangerous (5)
- 23. Walks in an ostentatious way with exaggerated movements of hips and shoulders (7)

DOWN

- 1. The Brown - - British butterfly (5)
- 2. Make something last longer (3)
- 3. Children's animated TV series (7)
- 4. Map maker (13)
- 5. James ---- Irish novelist and poet (5)
- 6. Relating to the sky (9)
- 7. German Footballer Jerome - - (7)
- 11. Unorthodox or independent minded people (9)
- 13. Encourage and support the ability to do something (7)
- 14. Winged horse (7)
- 16. Not in my back yard (5)
- 18. Residences(5)
- 21. Long narrow inlet formed by the partial submergence of a river valley (3)







It's happening, it's building, the picture is forming – yes it's

The Arts Festival!

and more particularly your Arts Festival.

There is still time to get involved

Prior to the Festival Week:

- Floral Workshop (adults) Victory Hall,
 Friday 5th September see details below.
- Pottery Workshop Jubilee Rooms, Wednesday 17th September
 - see details below
- Willow Lantern Making Workshop (adults).
 Victory Hall, Saturday 27th September
 - see details below.

During the Festival Week

- Lantern Parade on Friday 10th October 5.30pm
- * Craft demonstrations on Sunday 12th October, Victory Hall (12 noon 3.00pm)
- Music events throughout the Festival week including an opportunity to try out Ukulele & Shanty singing
- * Barn Dance on Saturday 18th October in the Victory Hall

Stogursey Arts Festival, with many thanks to an HPC Community Fund Grant and Stogursey Arts Trust fundraising is delighted to offer these workshops.

Floral Workshop

Friday 5th September 2025 Victory Hall, Stogursey 2.00pm to 4.30pm

Come along and join us for a handson workshop where creativity blooms and learn how to make a beautiful symmetrical style floral arrangement.

All materials, tuition and light refreshments are included.

This is a subsidised event, the only cost is £10/person and participants take home what they create.

(Please note that this non-refundable fee must be paid in advance in order to secure your booking.)

Places are limited!

(Please bring an apron, and if you would like to, bring any additional flowers or foliage to include in your design,)

To book, please contact Lisa or Jo Email: <u>lisa.dunwood@btinternet.com</u> Email: <u>illogan63@gmail.com</u>

Pottery Workshop Wednesday 17th September Jubilee Rooms, Stogursey

Jubilee Rooms, Stogursey
4.00pm - 5.30pm

You have a ball of clay that could turn into something to keep forever... but what? This workshop is particularly aimed at those who always wanted to have a go but haven't had the opportunity since school days.

Adults and accompanied children 10 years and older are welcome to attend where guidance, support and materials are available.

Your item(s) will be biscuit fired once dry and then you can collect (or we will deliver) for you to paint at home, ready for display in the festival exhibition – though not compulsory!

Light refreshments are included.

The workshop is free.

Numbers are limited, so book now via saftickets2@gmail.com

Lantern Workshop

(for adults & suitable for over-12s)

Saturday 27th September

Victory Hall, Stogursey

10.00am - 4.00pm

Sarah Butterworth of Emerald Ant will be running Lantern-making workshops in September. This workshop for adults to make one, or more, large shared lanterns based on Stogursey buildings. (Two in school for the children to make individual lanterns.) The lanterns will be on display at the Lantern Parade on Friday 10th October, and afterwards in the exhibition in the church.

(You may like to bring a packed lunch to have in the 40 minute break.)

The workshop is free.

Numbers are strictly limited - book now via saftickets2@gmail.com.

If you can't come to the workshop why not have a go at making your own lantern and bringing it to join the procession on the 10th?



Tuesday 2 September 2025

No lunches today

Tuesday 9 September 2025

No lunches today

Tuesday 16 September 2025

(book by Friday 12 Sept phone 07856 147324)

Sausage & veg casserole, OR Mediterranean veg & chickpea casserole, both with potatoes and green vegetables

Apple dessert

Tuesday 23 September 2025

(book by Friday 19 September - phone 07856 147324)

Creamy tomato basil soup with mini tomato and cheese-filled pasta, served with fresh bread.

Blackberry and apple crumble with custard

Tuesday 30 September 2025

(book by Friday 26 September - phone 07856 147324)

French chicken casserole *Normandy style*, OR

Butternut Squash and Vegetable stew, both served with mash and vegetables

Pear crumble, with custard or cream

*MENUS MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE



Stogursey Community Network (SCN) SEPTEMBER 2025

Contact us at: stogurseycommunitynetork@gmail.com,

or on our new Tel No: 07856 147324.

EXCEPT for Medical Transport use dedicated number given below.

STOGURSEY LUNCHES -

Book in advance on: 07856 147324

Doors open 12.00, we serve from 12.30pm.

<u>Everyone</u> is very welcome to enjoy our wonderful home-cooked meals. Come along with friends or make new friends. We welcome children at the Lunches, meals are FREE for under-12 year olds (children to be accompanied by a responsible adult). A vegetarian option is always available, and we can cater for special diets / preferences on request at time of booking.

Where: Jubilee Rooms, Castle Street, Stogursey

When: Tuesdays (except the first Tuesday of the month)

Cost: Payment is by anonymous cash donation.

(Please pay what you can afford to help cover our costs. If you can afford to pay more, you can help others.)

Don't forget to book your meals first!

Tel **07856 147324** by 5pm on the preceding Friday See our Menus on this page, outside the Jubilee Rooms, and on the Gravel Community noticeboard.

MEDICAL TRANSPORT - Tel: 07485 350560

For residents in the Stogursey parish, our DBS-checked volunteer drivers can take you to a **medical appointment**, if you are unable to get there any other way. Payment by cash donation. *Please note that we are all volunteers and sometimes we may not be able to fulfil your request, although we always do our very best.*

We require 48 hrs notice for all requests please.

Medical Transport Tel only: 07485 350560
(please leave a clear message).

PRESCRIPTION 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. (Please Note: This is only for those patients who are unable to collect from the Surgery or the SPAR/PO.)

FOOD BANK / PANTRY ~ DONATIONS AND DELIVERIES

The SCN supports the work of the **Quantock Food Bank** and **Mobile Pantry**. We are always grateful for donations to the Foodbank collection box in the SPAR/Post Office. If you, or someone you know, need food assistance please contact us or the **Village Agent** (for a Foodbank referral) and/or **Home Start** (for families with young children). Phone Numbers are on the 'Contacts and Parish Information' page in this copy of Stogursey News. **The Mobile Pantry comes weekly (3pm on Tuesdays) to the Victory Hall car park for Pantry clients.**

Points from the Parish Council Meeting of 12th August 2025

Would you like to join our ever-growing number of allotment holders?

Stogursey Parish Council's latest project is to help restore our village allotments to their former glory. With the help of our contractor, we have begun a steady process of clearing rubbish, old tools and equipment left behind by earlier holders, on disused plots. This has been a mammoth task. To date two large skips have been filled with more to follow! The plots are being cleared and covered with a membrane, ready for when a new plot is allocated.

To register your interest, please contact Ann, clerk@stogurseyparishcouncil.org.uk

Are you interested in attending a Defibrillator and CPR awareness training session?

Stogursey Parish Council is currently consulting with South Western Ambulance Service, to organise Defibrillator and CPR awareness training sessions to run in October. These sessions have proved extremely popular in the past so you will need to register your interest. The training sessions will be held during the day and early evening. As soon as the dates/locations are agreed we will publish on Stogursey Online and local notice boards.

To register your interest, please contact Ann, clerk@stogurseyparishcouncil.org.uk

OOPs.... Speed Indicator Device (SID) demise at Clayland's Corner

This unit was demolished, by a car, within 24 hours of it being erected. The good news is that it was agreed at the meeting to be replaced. Another post erected at the same time on the Hinkley road, in readiness for another device to be installed, has mysteriously disappeared. It was removed, including the concrete base, from its site. Does anyone know anything about this or did they see it being removed? Please let the Clerk know.

Planning

Since the last SPC meeting three planning applications have been approved.

News from Somerset County Councillor

Councillor Hugh Davies informed the Parish Council meeting about its blueprint for the Local Transport Plan (LTP). This sets out how the Council will plan and prioritise transport provision across Somerset for the next 20 years. Key aims include promoting walking, cycling, and public transport, ensuring new developments prioritise sustainable transport.

Somerset Council would like to hear your views on the LTP, and you can have your say here:

https://somersetcouncil.citizenspace.com/active-travel/copy-of-local-transport-plan-2025

The consultation process runs until 7th September 2025.

Development of proposals for a new Hinkley Point C campus to ease pressure on local housing.

The new campus, proposed to be located near Huntworth, Junction 24 of the M5 Motorway. The new accommodation provision will be in addition to 2,500 rooms provided by the project's existing campuses and 4,000 extra bedspaces created in the local private housing stock through the Hinkley Housing Fund.

Around 12,000 people are currently working on the construction site, with a further 3,000 expected over the next year as the power station's fit-out phase accelerates.

Date of the next parish Council Meeting: Tuesday October 14th, 7pm, Stoqursey Victory Village

Hall. All are welcome.

Ann Corrigan, Clerk to the Parish Council, clerk@stogurseyparishcouncil.org.uk

NB There will be no Parish Council meeting in September



Meetings 3rd Thursday of each month

7.30pm at Nether Stowey Church Centre

The aim of the club is to offer gardeners, from around the Quantock area, whatever their enthusiasm, a chance to get together with other gardeners in the locality for their joint advantage and mutual interest. We enjoy a guest speaker, raffle, plant table (season dependant), refreshments. Members free (annual membership £25), guests £5, to include free tea/coffee & home made cake! All welcome.

Thursday 18th September – **Pruning** A talk by John Addison

Thursday 16th October – **Getrude Jekyll's planting** plans A talk by Claire Greenslade

Thursday 20th November – **Chelsea or Bust** A talk by Claire Hart

For more information about our vibrant club, contact secretary Kate Houghton 07940 836139 or

email: stoweygardeners@yahoo.com

Website - https://sites.google.com/site/stowey-gardeners

News from The Quantock Medical Centre

We were very happy to come first in the National Patient Survey for the 3rd year running. Many thanks to our dedicated team at the Medical Centre for their Care and hard work, and many thanks to all our patients who responded to the National Survey when it was sent out, we really do appreciate your views and comments.

The Next Patient Group Meeting is on Wednesday 3rd September in the Thomas Poole Library Nether Stowey at 10.15am. Come along for a chat and catch up on what's happening with local health care in Somerset.

The Covid Team will be attending the Practice on Friday 10th October 2025 to hold a Walk in Clinic from 9.15am - 4.00pm for anyone locally who needs a Covid vaccination (those over 75 years and those who are immunocompromised).

FLU CLINICS 2025

Call us now on 01278 732696

to book an appointment.
The dates are:

Wednesday 1st October, Wednesday 8th October;

and

Saturday 4th October Saturday 18th October.

Last year over 300 patients who would usually get their flu vaccination at the Medical Centre went to a pharmacy or had it during their covid vaccination which meant that we had to throw away 300 vaccines - the equivalent of £3,000. So please, if you are eligible, do support the Practice and come to us for your vaccine.

Who can have the seasonal flu vaccination -

Eligible groups for the 2025 to 2026 season:

- Aged 2 and 3 years on 31 August 2025
- Those aged 6 months to under 65 years in clinical risk groups (Diseases of the Heart, Lung, Kidney, Liver, Blood, Asthma, COPD, Diabetes, Weakened Immune System, Stroke, or with a BMI of 40 or higher.
- Pregnant women
- All those aged 65 years and over
- Carers, those in receipt of carer's allowance, or main carer of an older or disabled person
- Household contacts of immunocompromised individuals
- Frontline health and social care staff
- Children in Reception to Year 11to be done in schools

Art in the Waiting Room

We have been very lucky to have local artist Alison Jacobs' colourful work in our waiting room. It is great having such large, colourful, vibrant pieces up on the walls to help distract and create conversations whilst people are waiting patiently for their appointments. To see more of Alison's work, do visit her studio at East Quay Watchet, or online at https://alisonjacobs.art



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Fortnightly on Wednesdays 10.30am - 12.00 noon

Café Dates:

SEPTEMBER: Wednesday 10th & Wednesday 24th OCTOBER: Wednesday 8th & Wednesday 22nd

FORGET-ME-NOT NEWS

In August we enjoyed a visit from the Children's Holiday Club, the theme was 'Beautiful World.' The children iced biscuits for us, then sang a song and everyone joined in. We all did a quiz and were very impressed by the children's knowledge of the world.

FORGET-ME-NOT CAFÉS provide support, companionship and a warm welcome to those who are recognising issues with their memory, as well as their family, friends or carers.

There are a variety of activities, some involving existing local groups, such as music, singing, arts, crafts, poetry, bingo, quizzes, or 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.

VOLUNTEERING

We have a lovely group of friendly volunteers, but we always need extra help. Why not pop in one Wednesday for a cuppa and say hello and see if you'd like to volunteer.

For more information please contact:

Helen: 01278 733451 <u>cuttellhelen@gmail.com</u> Rose: 07507 374234 <u>rosechalk@icloud.com</u>

FIDDINGTON NEWS

September Events

Tea and chat in the Village Hall,

Thursday, 18th September, 3.00pm til 5.00pm All friendly faces welcome.

A Car Boot Sale

is planned for

Saturday 6th September

to be held in the meadow adjacent to **Fiddington Village Hall**Opening 13.00 hrs. Setting up 12.00 hrs.
£5 per car.
To book, phone Heather on 07887684245

We at Fiddington are delighted to announce a special evening of music and poetry

by Emily Maguire

(supported by Jody Prewett)

Fiddington Village Hall TA5 1JQ on **Saturday September 13th 7.30pm**

Emily is a wonderful singer/songwriter & poet and we are thrilled she has agreed to come and perform for us with new work and some older favourites.

With seven albums and five books to her name, Emily is truly "a talent to be reckoned with" (*RnR Magazine*). With a remarkable, inspiring story to tell, she has been featured many times in interviews and playlists on BBC national radio; her thought-provoking lyrics, supremely expressive voice and spellbinding live performances have won her fans across the globe.

If you want to know more or have a foretaste go to - (www.emilymaguire.com)

Tickets are £12.50 - BYO drinks, tables with nibbles provided.

All profits will go to The Alzheimers Society.

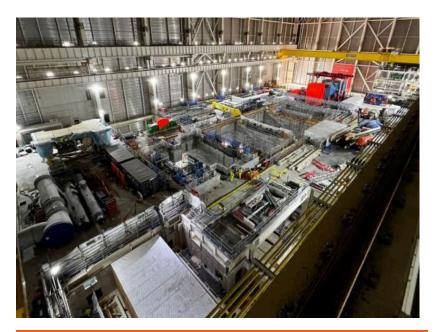
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Juliet Harkness 30-92-13 01310323 Ref: GIG & your surname

As soon as you have paid, Juliet will **CONFIRM** your reservation by email and will keep your places for you.

Don't miss this chance to hear this talented woman - we can't WAIT!





Inside the Turbine Halls: Progress Update

Both Turbine Halls are making strong progress, with Unit 1 completing the Stator installation and preparing for major equipment lifts, while Unit 2 nears completion of its lower-level steelwork.

Across both units, recent heavy lifts, installation of key safety systems, and significant structural upgrades are keeping the project firmly on track for the next stage of delivery.

First Control Cabinets Arrive

The first Instrument and Control (I&C) cabinets have arrived on site and are now being installed!

These cabinets are like the nervous system of the power station. They'll help send important data to the Reactor Operators, making sure everything runs safely and smoothly once the station is up and running. The first seven cabinets are being set up on Level 5 of Unit 1's Electrical Building, with many more to come. In total, there will be hundreds of these cabinets across the site, all playing a key role in controlling the reactors. This marks a major achievement and shows real progress for the MEH (Mechanical, Electrical, and HVAC) programme.





Family Day

Each year, Hinkley Point C workers have the opportunity to invite their loved ones to the construction site for a 'Family Day'.

Many local families got to see the project up close and learn more about Hinkley Point C through short tours and expert talks.



15,000,000 meals served

Somerset Larder have announced they've served the 15-million meal at Hinkley Point C last month. Last year alone, the project's catering provider, served up a staggering half a million bacon butties, using locally sourced ingredients, with meat and dairy supplied by more than 60 regional farms.









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Clerk: Ann Corrigan:

clerk@stogurseyparishcouncil.org.uk

<u>Meetings</u>: held monthly in the Victory Hall, Stogursey 7.15pm - 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

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