

STOGURSEY NEWS



Thankyou SAPS

December 2025

Deadline for JANUARY 2026 contributions: 10.00am Friday 12th DECEMBER 2025

Welcome to our December edition, full of seasonal entertainment and activities.

The cover photograph must have been taken several years ago as we haven't seen that much ice on the moat for a number of years! This resident can recall skating on the frozen moat many years ago and having to avoid large objects that local youths had thrown to try to break the surface. To no avail! Showing my age I'm afraid...

Please note the earlier deadline for articles and submissions to our magazine due to the Christmas holiday.

The regular events calendar is worth a careful look at as you may benefit from some of the activities on offer.

The Christmas Tree Festival is gaining support every year and is set to be even bigger and more spectacular. Thanks to all our organisers and contributors.

It is good to read comments and thanks in the magazine underlining a real sense of the community we enjoy here. We are pleased to provide a platform through our pages.

How about joining Stogursey Community Network as a volunteer. See article within.

Finally we wish you a peaceful and warm Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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, no tables and not 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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DECEMBER SERVICE ROTA for The Quantock Gate Parishes

CHURCH	7 th	14 th	21 st	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	28 th
Cannington St Mary	8.00 & 9.30am Holy Communion 2.00pm Christingle Service & Toy Service	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Service	8.00 & 9.30am Holy Communion	4.00pm Crib Service 11.30pm Midnight Mass	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am United Benefice Service
Combwich St Peter	4.00pm Christingle Service		11.15am Holy Communion	9.00pm "Not Quite Midnight" Mass		
Fiddington St Martin	9.00am Holy Communion	4.00pm Carol Service	9.00am Holy Communion	9.00pm "Not Quite Midnight" Mass		
Stockland St Mary Madalene		11.15am Family Service	4.00pm Carols by Candlelight		11.00am Family Communion	
Stolford St Peter		6.00pm Carol Service			9.00am Family Communion	
Stogursey St Andrew	10.30am Holy Communion	10.30am Holy Communion	6.00pm Carols by Candlelight	4.00pm Crib Service	10.30am Family Communion	
	Purple	Purple	Purple	Gold/White	Gold/White	Gold/White

Christmas Services

All are always welcome to any of our services.

See our flyer for more detail of Christmas Services at Stogursey and Stolford, and our Christmas Tree Festival.

A very happy Christmas to all and a joyous New Year!

Revd Alison Waters, Rector & Revd Jan Church, Associate Priest

01278 652953 / cannington.benefice@gmail.com

Regular Events			
Monday	*60+ Rehabilitation Fitness Class (weekly) *Spinal Mobility, Balance & Strength Class (weekly) Health Walks - Level One (weekly) <i>Contact: https://www.sasp.co.uk/sedgemoor</i>	Victory Hall Victory Hall Stear 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) <i>(Contact AgeUK 01823 345 624)</i> 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) <i>Contact: Ron 01278 732688</i> 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) <i>Contact - https://www.sasp.co.uk/health-walks</i> 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) <i>(2nd Thurs of month. Contact 5 St Andrews Rd, Stogursey)</i>	Stear 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) <i>Contact John Nicholson 01278 732711 / JFNicholson@talktalk.net</i>	Victory Hall Jubilee Rooms Multi-sport court, Victory Hall	9.30am - 11.30am 10.00am - 12 noon 10.00am - 12 noon
Sunday	Quantock Tennis Club (weekly)	Multi-sport court, V Hall	10.00am - 12 noon

* Contact siancocks@btinternet.com / 01278 652411

DECEMBER 2025			
Wednesday 3	Forget-me-not Cafe	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon
Wednesday 3	Christmas Bingo	Victory Hall	Doors open at 7pm
Friday 5	Christmas Quiz	Jubilee Rooms	Doors open at 7pm
Saturday 6	Stogursey Victory Hall Market	Victory Hall	10am-2pm
Saturday 6	King Alfred's Concert Band	Victory Hall	Doors open at 7pm
Sunday 14	Christmas Lunch	Victory Hall	12 Noon - 2pm
Thursday 18	Christmas Tree Festival	St. Andrews Church	7pm
Wednesday 31	New Years Eve Party - Bring a plate of food to share	Victory Hall	7pm - Late



Stogursey Community Network (SCN)

DECEMBER 2025

Happy Christmas from us!



Stogursey Lunches DECEMBER MENUS*

Tuesday 2 December : No Lunches today

Tuesday 9 December

(book by Friday 5 December - phone 07856 147324)

Chicken korma (mild curry) with rice,
poppadoms & chutney OR
Macaroni cheese casserole with broccoli & carrots

Moroccan orange drizzle cake

Tuesday 16 December

(book by Friday 5 December - phone 07856 147324)

Christmas Lunch

Roast turkey OR
Nut roast with glazed carrots,
served with vegetables
and all the trimmings

Christmas pudding with cream or rum sauce, OR
Cheesecake with summer fruit compôte

How to contact us:

Email: stogurseycommunitynetwork@gmail.com,

Telephone: **07856 147324** EXCEPT for Medical Transport (see dedicated number below).

STOGURSEY LUNCHES ~

Doors open 12.00, we serve from 12.30pm.

Everyone is very welcome to enjoy our wonderful home-cooked meals. Come along with friends or make new friends at the Lunches! **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.

Remember to book your meals first!

Phone: **07856 147324**

by 5pm on the preceding Friday.

Please book in advance in order to avoid waste, and to cater to your individual needs.

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.)

See our December Menus at the top of this page, also, outside the Jubilee Rooms and on the Gravel community noticeboard.

MEDICAL TRANSPORT ~ phone 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 in Stogursey News, on the 'Contacts & Parish Information' page. **The Mobile Pantry comes weekly (3pm on Tuesdays) to the Victory Hall car park for Pantry clients.**



Days are short and the weather is cold, but the allotment sits largely dormant, tucked in for the winter. Traditionalists might lean on the gate admiring their freshly-dug and fertilised patch, dark weed-free soil ready for planting in the new year. Elsewhere the work of converts to "no-dig" gardening is clear to see: fertile earth sits cosily under tarpaulin or cardboard, worms happily munching in the dark through compost and manure and wriggling all that goodness deep down into the soil. Those who have planned ahead might wander along to harvest parsnips or sprouts for Christmas Day, to accompany potatoes, squash and beans collected and stored earlier in the year. A jar or two of home-made zingy green tomato chutney (what a bonzer year it was for tomatoes!) or perhaps spiced marrow chutney goes down well with cheese and biscuits.

Meanwhile, thoughts turn to next year. Too soon, maybe, to start sowing, but out comes the box of seeds collected and carefully stored through the year: beans, tomatoes, pumpkin, cucumber... Plans start to form in the mind. Could I add some marigolds and nasturtium to attract the bees? How about onions next year? Roll on the New Year and new beginnings...

If you are interested in taking on an allotment please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council by emailing clerk@stogurseyparishcouncil.org.uk

Stogursey Allotment Holders



Thank You!

A big thank you to all the Stogursey-ians and passers-by who helped us get through our enormous glut of apples & greengages from our garden! Also thank you to the Great Grandmother of a little baby in Lonlay Mews, who had lots of greengages and some time later left a pot of greengage jam on our doorstep, delicious.

What a wonderful year for fruit, we couldn't eat it all so thanks for the help, we hope you enjoyed it!

Deb and Nial

From Diligence Cottage.

VICTORY HALL LOTTERY WINNERS

October Draw 2025

1 st Prize	£25.00	Sally Fox	No. 115
2 nd Prize	£15.00	Carl Gardener	No. 41
3 rd Prize	£10.00	Jo Ferris	No.6

Forthcoming Events in Fiddington.

Book Swap and Coffee morning

6th December, Village Hall, 10am to 12md, as per the first Saturday of each month. £2 entry incl. coffee and entry; £3 if toast as well; £7 for cooked breakfast. For details, phone Ruth Brazier 07721 012178.

Fiddington Art Group

Village Hall, each Wednesday morning from 10.00am to 1.00pm.

If you are interested in joining or would like further information please contact Richard Brazier 01278 734565.

Christmas Carol Service

St. Martin's Church, Sunday 14th December, 4.00pm, followed by coffee, minced pies and mulled wine.

Christmas Dinner Saturday 13th December, 7pm.

For enquiries and to confirm choice from menu phone Carol Taylor 07870 238102, by 28th November, choosing from :

Starter

- *Prawn cocktail served with brown bread
- *Carrot & coriander soup with warm bread
- *Chicken liver pate served with melba toast

Main

- *Beef brisket with all the trimmings
- *Roast turkey with all the trimmings
- *Nut roast with all the trimmings

Dessert

- *Lemon cheesecake
- *Brownie yule log with ice-cream
- *Christmas pudding with brandy cream

£27 a head
£15 for children

In case of any special dietary requirements please let Carol know.

Stogursey Toddler & Baby Group

Friday mornings: 9.30 - 11.30 at the Stogursey Victory Hall

Thank You!

We would like to say a HUGE

'thank you!' to the Stogursey Community Network for their generous donations to our Toddler & Baby Group.

These donations have helped with organisation, activities and have brought a whole lot of extra fun to our Friday sessions!



STOGURSEY FORGET-ME-NOT CAFÉ

Jubilee Rooms, Castle Street,

Stogursey TA5 1TG

Fortnightly On Wednesdays 10.30 – 12.00

Café Dates:

Wednesday 3rd December

Wednesday 17th December -

Christmas Celebrations in the Jubilee Rooms

Wednesday 14th January 2026 –

New Year Café and Birthday Celebrations

We have lost friends this year and we'll be thinking of them and their families this Christmas. We have gained new ones, and we look forward to a Happy and Healthy 2026 for all. Thank you to all our volunteers, friends and supporters.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

NEWS: Our lovely friends the Strummers of Stogursey paid us a visit recently, it was fun and everyone joined in enthusiastically as always.

We'll be decorating our tree in the Christmas Tree Festival again this year. Please come along to St. Andrew's Church and see all the beautifully decorated trees.

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 twice a month, 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, you will receive a warm welcome.

VOLUNTEERING: We have a lovely group of friendly volunteers, but we always need extra help at the Forget-me-Not Café, making teas and coffees, washing up, or chatting to people. Why not pop in one Wednesday for a cuppa and say hello.

All are welcome from the neighbouring villages.

For more information please contact:

Helen: 01278 733451 cuttellhelen@gmail.com

Rose: 07507 374234 rosechalk@icloud.com



St Margaret's Hospice - December Events

Light up a Life:

St Margaret's Hospice is inviting the community to attend their Light up a Life gatherings. These moving events provide an opportunity to remember and celebrate the lives of loved ones through readings, music, and the lighting of candles.

Thursday 4 December – Monkton Elm Garden Centre, Taunton – Sunday 7 December – St John's Church, Yeovil – 2.30pm to 4pm

More information: <https://www.st-margarets-hospice.org.uk/ways-to-give/light-up-a-life/>

Taunton Tinsel Trot

Festive fun will flood the streets of Taunton with St Margaret's Hospice's Taunton Tinsel Trot, organised for the first time ever in collaboration with the Taunton Carnival Committee. Participants of all ages are encouraged to don their best Christmas jumper and sparkling accessories for this family-friendly run in support of local hospice care.

There is a 3K run for ages 11+, and a 1K kids' run (pushchairs welcome!). All participants will receive a free Santa or Elf hat.

All proceeds will support St Margaret's Hospice in providing specialist, compassionate care for patients and their loved ones.

Sunday 7 December - Castle Green, Taunton - 10am junior race, 10.30am full race

More information: <https://www.st-margarets-hospice.org.uk/event/taunton-tinsel-trot/>



VICTORY HALL NEWS

Apologies for missing last months Victory Hall news. The hall has been busy with private bookings, parties & events.

Thanks to Jo Ferris, Naomi Rose Mock, Denise Oliver, Lisa Dunwood & John Harris for transforming our Hall into the spooky Halloween Hall. Those who were able to attend really enjoyed activities for the children before socialising with music. It was great to see.

We are now getting ready for a busy December & planning for 2026! **Don't miss ...!**

Wednesday 3rd December

Eyes down for our Christmas Bingo

Doors open at 7 & starts at 8pm

Lots of wonderful prizes.

Saturday 6th December, 10am-2pm

Our Christmas Market

Come along & support the hall & find some lovely gifts for others or yourself.

A variety of craft stalls, cake stall, raffle, Santa's Grotto & refreshments.

The Stogursey Singers will be singing some festive songs around lunch /early afternoon.

Saturday December 6th, 7pm

King Alfred's Concert Band

Tickets will be available from the Spar £10, with a light buffet.

Doors open at 7pm, Bar will be open

Sunday 14th December, 12-2pm

Christmas Lunch

Book early to avoid disappointment.

See poster for details.

Wednesday 31st December, New Years Eve Party, 7-late

Everyone welcome. Free but we are asking for people to bring a plate of food to share.

Music from 50's-90's. Dress up optional.

Bar open

Dates for next year,

Quiz night, January 16th- Aussie theme

Quiz Night, February 2nd February

Comedy Night, February 14th, posters coming soon

Easter Bingo, 10th March

Stogursey Fete & Flower Show, Saturday July 18th all day.

Solution To Quick Crossword No. 66

November 2025

ACROSS:

1.Angling 5.Bhaji 8.Aerodrome 9.Ode 10.Dhaka
12.En masse 13.Zebra crossing 15.Matelot 17.Essex
19.Era 20.Imitation 22.Irene 23.Gadroon

DOWN:

1.Award 2.Gar 3.Indiana 4.Globetrotting 5.Bream
6.Acoustics 7.Iceberg 11.Arbitrate 13.Zambezi
14. Shepard 16.Loire 18.Xenon 21.IMO

Come and join in the Wassail on Saturday 10th January 2026 in Shurton.

Meet at the Babbling Brook Inn at 1.00pm, and follow the 'Big Noise' band to the orchard at Yellow Door Cottage.

The celebrations include:

- Toasting the fruit trees
- Planting new trees
- Dancing
- Crowning the Wassail Queen
- Chasing away the bad spirits (bring something that makes a noise!) and welcoming in the good spirits.

Refreshments will be available.

Please bring your own drinking vessel for mulled cider or apple juice

Stogursey Victory Hall Christmas Lunch

On Sunday 14th December



Lunch Will Be Served Between

12 Noon And 2 pm

2 Courses £15.00 Or 3 Courses £20.00

Both Courses Offer Tea Coffee & Mince Pies To Finish

Booking Preferred And Cash Only Please

Please Contact Denise On:

01278733594 Or 07453381844

The Bar Will Be Open As Usual From 12 Noon



What Is Stogursey Community Network?

What Do We Offer? Could You Help?

Stogursey Community Network Is A Not-For-Profit Community Group, Run Entirely By Volunteers For The Benefit Of All Local Residents. Our Funds Come Sometimes From Local And National Grants, And Also From Private Donations For Which We Are Very Grateful. We Publish An Update Of Our Activities Each Month In Stogursey News, Along With The Relevant Information For Users To Access Each Service. Have You Seen It?

Now We Need Your Help – If You Can Spare An Hour Or So A Week?

We Need More Volunteers To Help Us To Continue To Offer Our Invaluable Services.

Drivers – For The Medical Transport. Own Car Required, We Pay For The Essential Safeguarding Check (Dbs Certificate) And Refund You The Highest Government Permitted Mileage; 45P/Mile For Each Trip. More Information On Request.

Cooks – For The Ever-Popular Stogursey Lunches On Tuesdays. We Offer Full Training, Including Paying For The Food Safety And Hygiene Online Course, We Can Order And Pay For The Ingredients For Meals And Help You To Plan Them. If You Enjoy Cooking, Why Not Come Along And See How It All Works? More Information On Request.

Do Get In Touch:

stogurseycommunitynetwork@gmail.com

Or Tel: **07856 147324**

The Big Rock Pool Challenge

How does it work?

The Big Rock Pool Challenge is based around monthly free local community called BioBlitz Battles - fun competitive wildlife discovery open to everyone with various events across the South West.

Next Event

Hello, I am Athena Allen (North Somerset Hub Leader) and I am part of a national citizen science project called The Rockpool Project and we have recently opened a Hub at Kilve Beach as our North Somerset Hub.

We will be running monthly BioBlitz events where volunteers can come down to the beach and get involved in finding and recording Rockpool Creatures. The next event is on 20th December at 11am onwards at Kilve Beach, Sea Lane, Bridgwater TA5 1EF

Email: kilve@therockpoolproject.co.uk

Website: <https://www.therockpoolproject.co.uk/hubs/kilve>

Library 2026 - Route G Thursday

This schedule gives details of mobile library stops in your area. For information about this service, contact Somerset Direct 0300 1232224 or

visit www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries

Cannington

Brook Street TA5 2HP

9.30 – 10.00

Combwich

Harbour TA5 2QU

10.15 – 10.50

Combwich Post Office TA5 2QW

10.55 – 11.20

Stockland Bristol

Sports Club TA5 2PY

11.30 – 11.55

Shurton

The Babbling Brook Inn TA5 1QE

12.05 – 12.30

Driver Lunch Break

12.35 – 1.05

Stogursey

Greyhound Inn TA5 1QR

1.10 – 1.40

Town Close (No 30) TA5 1RN

1.45 – 2.10

Kilve

Hill Top TA5 1SR

2.20 – 2.50

Visits on Thursdays - every 4 weeks

9 Jan	6 Feb	6 Mar	3 Apr
1 May	29 May	26 Jun	24 Jul
21 Aug	8 Sept	16 Oct	

STOGURSEY VILLAGE CHRISTMAS FAYRE



JOIN US FOR FESTIVE FUN!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6th

10AM – 2PM

ENJOY COFFEE, CAKE, CRAFT STALLS, CHRISTMAS SINGALONG... AND MEET FATHER CHRISTMAS!

STOGURSEY
VILLAGE HALL

Stogursey Parish Council News

Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on the 9th of December 2025,
7pm at the Stogursey Victory Hall. All are welcome.

Allotments

We are pleased to report that nearly all allotments have now been allocated. If you are interested in obtaining a plot, please contact the Clerk. If none are currently available, we will add your name to the waiting list.

Speed indicator devices.

Two new speed indicator devices are on order and will be delivered soon:
One will replace the unit destroyed at Claylands Corner. The other unit will be installed further along Hinkley Road.

Defibrillator and CPR awareness training session

Thank you to everyone who attended the Defibrillator and CPR awareness session in October. It was a great success, and we plan to hold more sessions in 2026.

Stogursey Remembers

The Parish Council hosted its annual **Remembrance Day ceremony** at the Gravel, which was very well attended by residents of all ages. A poppy wreath was laid to honour those who gave their lives in both World Wars and subsequent conflicts, so that we may live in peace.

We would also like to thank **Stogursey C of E Primary School** for providing a beautiful wreath made by the children—a thoughtful and appreciated gesture.

We will remember them.

Land at Paddons Farm

A recent site meeting was held with Strongvox to address the clearing of debris left by contractors, which has become an eyesore at the entrance to our village. Both parties agreed on actions to restore the area promptly.

We also thank two residents who helped facilitate the meeting and raised additional concerns, including:

Repairing streetlamps

Installing a rubbish bin in the infants' playground

Providing a clear sign stating the playground is for infants only.

Unfortunately, older youths have been gathering there late at night, causing noise, and leaving litter. If you experience **anti-social behaviour (ASB)**, please call **101** at the time of the disturbance. Your name will not be shared with those involved.

Once cleared, one plot of land will become a much-needed car park, the other plot will be an eco friendly relaxing area, planted with indigenous trees etc.

Highways

Salt Bins

Stogursey Parish Council has organised for the winter salt bins in our parish to be filled ready for wintry weather. Should you need extra salt please contact the Clerk.

Road Closures

Temporary Road Closure: ttr0831431W(W)S - Castle Street, Stogursey

The works are expected to begin on 8th December 2025 and last for 5 days to conduct drainage works on behalf of Somerset Highways.

Access for Emergency Services through the site is allowed on this occasion.

For any further information about this closure please contact Somerset Highways on 0300 123 2224, quoting reference: ttr0831431W(W)S).

Any enquiries please contact the Clerk, Ann Corrigan

✉ clerk@stogurseyparishcouncil.org.uk

☎ 01278 732181

Christmas Tree Festival 2025



This year's Festival will open on **Thursday 18th December at 7.00pm** with the Grand Switch On plus festive refreshments.

The Festival will be on until late afternoon on Christmas Eve; at the time of writing the daily opening hours are yet to be arranged, but there will be a list up on the Church door on the 18th together with details on Stogursey Pulse.

We have a lovely mix of old and new entrants this year, so do please come along and see them and admire their hard work.

Pauline & Tim Kaye

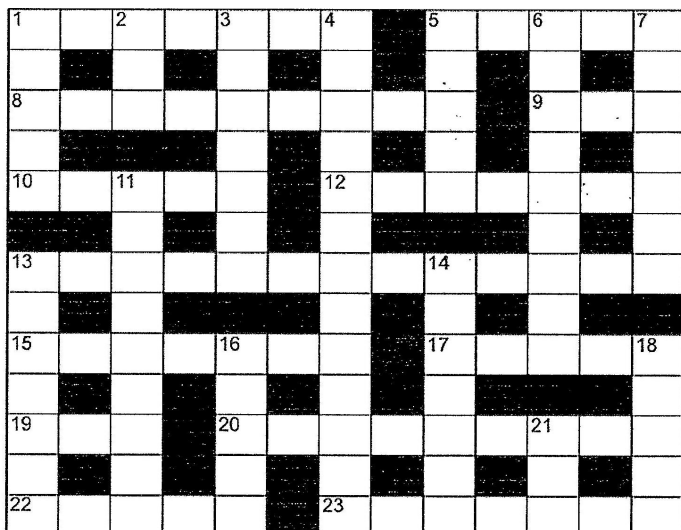
Christmas Quiz

Come and enjoy a fun Christmas Quiz evening in the Jubilee Rooms, Stogursey on Friday 5th December. Doors open 7.00pm, Quiz starts at 7.30pm. First prize of a Christmas hamper. Entrance £7 per person to include a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie. You're welcome to bring your own drinks and nibbles. Teams of 4 to be registered in advance:

Please email Anna at

stogurseytwinningassociation@gmail.com

Crossword No.67 - Compiled by Helen Cuttall



CLUES ACROSS

1. Family of seabirds including gulls (7)
5. Mexican dishes of folded tortillas filled with meat or beans (5)
8. Feeling bitterness at having been treated unfairly (9)
9. Spanish and Portuguese river (3)
10. Queen Elizabeth's favourite dog (5)
12. Children (7)
13. Large gun dog, usually kept as a pet (7,6)
15. Dry, white, French Burgundy wine (7)
17. Sacred state Muslims must enter to complete the Hajj (5)
19. River in South Somerset (3)
20. Chain of volcanic islands belonging to Alaska (9)
22. Hard, calcified structures found in the jaws (5)
23. Archipelago in the North Atlantic (7)

CLUES DOWN

1. Words of a song (5)
2. Radiologically Isolated Syndrome (3)
3. Character in the Cinderella Pantomime (7)
4. 2005 children's Christmas book written by Carol Aebersold (3,2,3,5)
5. Spring flowering bulb with bold, bright colours (5)
6. Person who makes and repairs wooden objects and structures (9)
7. Provide funds for a project (7)
11. Lengthy, complicated procedure (9)
13. Convert into a code (7)
14. Form of letter from an apostle (7)
16. Freshwater fish (5)
18. Conceals something from view (5)
21. Agitation or fuss (3)



HOLFORD GARDENERS GROUP

Present

Join In Make your own Christmas Wreath

A Practical Demonstration

By Myra Cox

Mince Pies & Mulled Wine

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Outfall tunnel complete

A major milestone has been achieved with the completion of structural work on the outfall tunnel system, which will carry sea water away from Units 1 and 2 after it's been used to cool our power station. The final concrete pour into a 42-metre shaft near the seawall marks the successful connection of three key tunnels—two incoming and one leading to the Bristol Channel. This follows the installation of the 250-tonne Triple Point Connection, a complex prefabricated structure linking the tunnels. With reinforcement and formwork now complete, the shaft will soon be sealed and backfilled, marking the end of this phase.

Unit 1 Emergency Diesel Generators installed

We've reached another key milestone with the installation of the first two Emergency Diesel Generators in Unit 1's Diesel Building. These generators provide essential backup power in the event of a mains supply failure and are critical to supporting Cold Functional Testing later in the project.

Each Emergency Diesel Generator can deliver 9.3 MWe and operate for up to 72 hours without refuelling.

With the Emergency Diesel Generators now in place, work can progress on fitting out associated systems and infrastructure.

This marks a significant step forward in delivering the site's robust safety systems.



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To report suspected fly parking to Hinkley Point C's community team, please visit edfenergy.com/flyparking or scan the below QR code to fill in a dedicated form. You'll need to provide the car registration and location of the vehicle. Alternatively, you can also call us on 07813 232358



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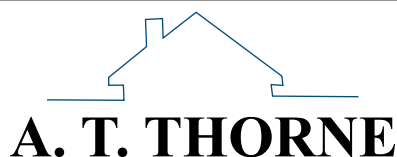
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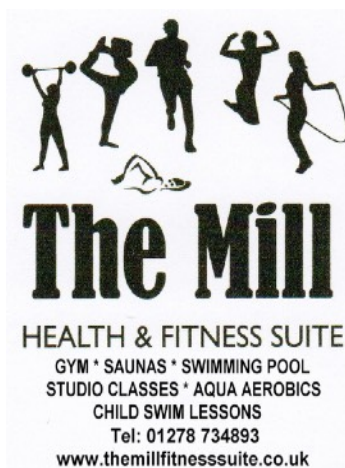
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Contacts and Parish Information

Parish Council:

Sue Goss(Chair), Chris Morgan (Vice-Chair),
Richard Ayre, Chris Ford, Susan E Jones, Jenny Ody,
Allan Searle

Clerk: Ann Corrigan:

clerk@stogurseyparishcouncil.org.uk

Meetings: 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

Site Stakeholders Group Representatives:

Sue Goss, Chris Morgan

Somerset Council: All services 0300 123 2224

Community Venues

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EdF Main Site Neighbourhood Forum

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