

# STOGURSEY NEWS



**Misty Morning**

Photo: R Elenor

**February 2026**

# Deadline for MARCH 2026 contributions: 10.00am Sunday 15th FEBRUARY 2025

## Editorial

Dear Readers,

Welcome to our February edition full of information, advice and events for your diary.

The Christmas Tree Festival is growing in strength and was a spectacular success this year! However, the current organisers are retiring from organising the event so some volunteers will be needed if you want to see this event again next Christmas . . .

The lace-making workshop sounds interesting. I remember my Grannie with her shuttle making fine lace edges for handkerchiefs. She called it 'Tatting'.

Stogursey Arts AGM is on Monday 9th February - your support will be much appreciated.

Allotment News contains advice on sowing times for some vegetables, and advice on free assistance from worms in a dig-free plot!

The Quantock Medical Centre has plenty of news and advice as well as the remarkable fact that they dispense over 10,000 items each month!

Events in Fiddington may be of interest, just up the road.

The Stogursey Forget-me-not café has some events that you could participate in; the Victory Hall is hosting a comedy night and a quiz night; and do you fancy a 'Murder Mystery Dinner'?

Finally, yet more impressive statistics from Hinkley Point with the arrival of the reactor pressure vessel by road from Combwich Wharf on a monster trailer taking 6 hours to do 4 miles! And we thought Bridgwater traffic was slow!

We wish you a peaceful time - the Editorial team

## Stogursey-Online.uk

This is the parish website. It hosts pages for events, societies, community links and Parish Council news . You can post local upcoming events on the parish website [www.stogursey-online.uk](http://www.stogursey-online.uk)

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

## Stogursey News

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- Please submit by the deadline date published at the top of this page.
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- Send your contribution for each and every month that you would like it published.
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**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: <a href="https://www.sasp.co.uk/sedgemoor">https://www.sasp.co.uk/sedgemoor</a>	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 Hall	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 Greyhound Inn To be arranged	10.30am - 12 noon 7.30pm - 9.30pm 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Thursday	Health Walks - Level Two (weekly) Contact - <a href="https://www.sasp.co.uk/health-walks">https://www.sasp.co.uk/health-walks</a> 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 / <a href="mailto:JFJnicholson@talktalk.net">JFJnicholson@talktalk.net</a>	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](mailto:siancocks@btinternet.com) / 01278 652411

## February

Wednesday 4	Strummers of Stogursey - Ukulele session	Greyhound Inn	7.30pm
Friday 6	Quiz: "Around the UK"	Victory Hall	7.00pm
Monday 9	Stogursey Arts Annual General Meeting	Jubilee Rooms	7.00pm
Wednesday 11	Forget-me-not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon
Friday 13	Supper Night	Victory Hall	from 6.00pm
Saturday 14	Comedy Night	Victory Hall	6.30pm
Wednesday 18	Strummers of Stogursey - Ukulele session	Greyhound Inn	7.30pm
Sunday 22	Sunday Roast	Victory Hall	12 noon - 2.00pm
Wednesday 25	Forget-me-not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon

## March

Tuesday 3	Photo Show - Local Wildlife	Fiddington Village Hall	7.00pm
Friday 6	Steaks Night	Victory Hall	7.00pm
Wednesday 11	Forget-me-not Café	Jubilee Rooms	7.00pm
Friday 13	Quiz Night	Victory Hall	10.30am - 12 noon
Saturday 14	Murder Mystery	Jubilee Rooms	7.00pm
Sunday 15	Sunday Roast	Victory Hall	12 noon - 2.00pm

## FEBRUARY SUNDAY SERVICE ROTA for Quantock Gate Parishes

CHURCH	1 <sup>st</sup> February Candlemas	8 <sup>th</sup> February 2 <sup>nd</sup> before Lent	15 <sup>th</sup> February Next before Lent	22 <sup>nd</sup> February Lent 1
<b>Cannington</b> St Mary	8.00 & 9.30am <b>Holy Communion</b>	8.00am <b>Holy Communion</b> 9.30am <b>Family Service</b>	8.00 & 9.30am <b>Holy Communion</b>	8.00 & 9.30am <b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Combe</b> St Peter	11.15am <b>Café Church</b>	6.00pm <b>Prayer &amp; Praise</b>	11.15am <b>Holy Communion</b>	4.00pm <b>Family Service</b>
<b>Fiddington</b> St Martin	9.00am <b>Holy Communion</b>	9.00am <b>Holy Communion</b>	9.00am <b>Holy Communion</b>	9.00am <b>Family Service</b>
<b>Stockland</b> St Mary Magdalene		11.15am <b>Family Service</b>		11.15am <b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Stogursey</b> St Andrew	10.30am <b>Holy Communion</b>	10.30am <b>Holy Communion</b>	10.30am <b>Holy Communion</b>	10.30am <b>Café Church*</b> (in Jubilee Rooms)
	White	Green	Green	Purple

\* Tea/coffee and breakfast served, if you wish to partake.

### Ash Wednesday – 18<sup>th</sup> February

Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes

10.00am Stoford, St Peter's Church & 7.00pm Cannington, St Mary the Virgin Church

### Regular Weekday Services

Tuesdays	6.00pm <b>Holy Communion</b>	Cannington, St Mary the Virgin Church
Thursdays	9.00am <b>Prayer Meeting</b>	Combe, St Peter's Church
Fridays	9.00am <b>Holy Communion</b>	Cannington, St Mary the Virgin Church

### Babes and Tots Play Group

Tuesdays (termtime)	9.00-11.30am	Cannington Village Hall
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### Coffee Mornings

Thursdays	10.00am	Cannington Church
Fridays	10.30am	Jubilee Rooms, Stogursey

### Bellringing

Tuesdays	7.30pm Cannington Church
Wednesdays	7.00pm Stogursey Church (1 <sup>st</sup> Wed) / Fiddington Church (2 <sup>nd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Wed)
Fridays	7.00pm Combe Church (1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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, Associate Priest  
01278 652953 / [cannington.benefice@gmail.com](mailto:cannington.benefice@gmail.com)

## THE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2025

Once again, the Festival seems such a long time ago, as I write this in the wake of Storm Goretti to go in February's edition of Stogursey News. Judging by the lovely comments we received, both during and after the Festival, it proved to be as big a success as in the two previous years.

The 21 trees included 7 new entrants including craft and music groups, nature-based ones plus the 'Christmas Teddy Bear Tree' – a fundraiser for the Beacon Centre at Musgrove Park (Google it and you will find the write-up in the West Somerset Free Press following attendance at the opening by a reporter). As always, we were delighted by the variety, imagination and artistic flair that went into the making of the decorations which gave us such a wonderfully eclectic display of trees.

Over the three years we have kept the entry fee at £5 to enable as many participants as possible and despite fundraising earlier in the year, the number of entrants meant we needed to ask the Parish Council again for some financial support, which we received; a big thank you to them for this.

After running the Festival for 3 years, we have come to the decision that it is time to 'pass the baton on' to someone else – individuals or group. Ageing and the inevitable accompanying health issues for both of us, have played a big part in this decision. So, if you think you would be interested in taking over, please give us a ring (01278 734550) and we will happily have a chat with you about what is involved.

For now, we would just like to pass on our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has been part of the Festivals – entrants/stewards/helpers – we couldn't have done it without you, we loved working with you and you all did a really fantastic job.

Best wishes for 2026

Pauline & Tim Kaye

## THE VICTORY HALL LOTTERY

The Victory Hall has had a monthly lottery for a number of years now and those paying into it are entered into the draw each month to win £25, £15 or £10 with higher prizes in June and December. We currently charge £12 per annum, and proceeds support the running of the Victory Hall for the benefit of the community. Many people who already have a ticket will be visited by our representatives in the next couple of weeks to collect their entry fee.

This year, however, we are looking to modernise payment by helping you to pay by BACS if you should wish. You will be entered into the draw once payment has been received. You will need to reference your ticket number which will be given to you by Lisa Dunwood who is the new lottery coordinator.

The lottery year runs from the end of January, so if you wish to join later in the year please pay for the number of months left in that period.

We are always looking to increase the number of members and hope that giving you more options for payment it will encourage this.

If you wish to join our lottery, or pay by BACs, please message or call Lisa on 07487 760611.

## LACEMAKING WORKSHOP

At last year's Arts Festival the Crafternoon Club held a demonstration of different crafts. I dug out my bobbins and lace pillow and demonstrated the traditional craft of bobbin lacemaking. I first learnt to make bobbin lace 40 years ago when I lived in Bedfordshire, a traditional hub of lacemaking, especially in the 19th century.

This is a craft that goes back to the 16th century and is thought to have developed in Italy from medieval braid weaving. It requires a pillow and many bobbins, which are used in pairs to create intricate designs.

At the Arts Festival some of the people who watched the demonstration showed an interest in learning this endangered traditional craft. In light of this I have booked the St Audries Room at the Victory Hall on **Sunday 1st February between 1pm and 3pm** to run a workshop in lacemaking which I hope will turn into a lacemaking class on a regular basis.

If you have your own equipment then bring it along. I have some homemade starter kits which I can sell for £8 to cover costs. A place on the workshop will cost £5, again to cover costs. If you are interested, please email me [labond222@gmail.com](mailto:labond222@gmail.com) .

I look forward to seeing you there.

*Linda Bond*

## VICTORY HALL LOTTERY WINNERS

### December Draw 2025

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£100.00	Jenny Nicholson	No.151
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£50.00	Chris Ford	No. 69
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£25.00	Jan Manley	No. 36

### January Draw 2026

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£25.00	Roy Keirle	No. 84
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£15.00	John Baker	No. 3
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£10.00	Claire Blackman	No. 14

## STOGURSEY ARTS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Stogursey Arts invites all interested people to attend the Annual General Meeting on **MONDAY 9th FEBRUARY, 7.00pm** IN THE JUBILEE ROOMS, CASTLE ST, STOGURSEY

We plan to give a presentation of the 2025 Arts Festival (maybe even see yourself on film!) and offer the opportunity for you to sign up for further activities in 2026.

We need your input on what you want. We hope to have the results of our Survey to help us too.

Drinks and eats provided for a small donation.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

RSVP [stogurseyartstrust@gmail.com](mailto:stogurseyartstrust@gmail.com) or Tel: 01278 732149 and leave a message.

## STOGURSEY VICTORY HALL



### SUNDAY ROAST

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

LUNCH SERVED BETWEEN 12 noon - 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: 01278 733594 / 07453 381844

## Solution to Crossword No 68

January 2026

### ACROSS:

1.Ascends, 5.Pecan, 8.Chequered, 9.IOC, 10.Tepee, 12.Wallace, 13.Consumer goods, 15.Bloater, 17.Manat, 19.Lai, 20.Majorette, 22.Reels, 23.Meerkat

### DOWN:

1.Ascot, 2.Cue, 3.Nouveau, 4.Strawberry Jam, 5.Pedal, 6.Chiatown, 7.Nucleus, 11.Pantomime, 13.Cobbler, 14.Gumtree, 16.Temps, 18.Trent, 21.Tak



## STOGURSEY ALLOTMENT NEWS

It's been a fairly slow month at the allotments, what with seasonal festivities and the biting cold inviting oneself to stay indoors.

There's still plenty to do to keep warm if venturing out. Digging the allotment has pretty much ended on our plot as, inspired by the late, great Ron and his love of the "no dig" method, we tend to feed the soil with as much compost as we can get hold of and by making our own. Spreading an inch or two of compost over the soil allows the worms and soil microbes to get to work, taking in nutrients, aerating the soil and doing the digging for you.

That's the theory anyway. Time will tell if it's successful but it sure does help with the back pain!

Now is a good time to plant soft fruit, or prune established plants to encourage a bountiful crop, and for many, February is sowing time for tomatoes, peppers and aubergines. These plants need a long growing season so benefit from an early start. Once sown, be sure to keep the seeds warm or they'll struggle to germinate.

At the time of writing, all plots are currently taken, but there is still one large raised bed available if anyone wants to try their hand. Or maybe put your name down on the waiting list in case a plot becomes available. If interested contact the Clerk to the Parish Council by emailing [clerk@stogurseyparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@stogurseyparishcouncil.org.uk)

Here's to a successful, productive year ahead and the hope that Cabbage Whites develop a taste for bindweed and couch grass!

Stogursey Allotment Holders



invites you to  
**DEAF AWARENESS**  
Accessibility & inclusion of people with hearing loss

A talk by Emm Sharpe  
Owner and founder of Study Sharpe

2.00 - 4.00pm

Monday 23rd February  
Holford Village Hall

Refreshments will be served

Website: <https://quantocku3asite.uk/>

## Notes from the Quantock Medical Centre

I would firstly like to wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year and thank you for all your Christmas cards, kind wishes and treats at Christmas which were greatly appreciated.

We will be joining the Thomas Poole Library on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 10am – 12 noon to support anyone who is interested in using their NHS App or applying for their NHS App. If you would like to have access to the NHS App, do pop along to the Medical Centre and ask for an application form and bring along some ID - a driving licence, passport or utility bill - and we will help set this up for you.

Our Patient Group will be meeting at the Nether Stowey Library on Thursdays at 10am on:

12th March  
11th June  
10th September  
10th December

You are very welcome to come along and join us, feel free to ask any questions about your local health services or what's happening in the area the more the merrier.

Thank you for your responses to our regular Friends and family test questions following your appointment at the practice. We do appreciate your feedback, and try and act on any suggestions where we can make improvements and where funding allows.

Over the last year we have updated several chairs in the waiting area and in the clinical rooms as requested. We have tried to improve the décor to be brighter and more modern and added music to help distract from being overheard on reception.

Unfortunately, one of the key themes which we find hard to accommodate is to open the dispensary window all day. We would struggle to do this due to the need to significantly increase our manpower in the dispensary, which would be a huge cost to the practice. Currently the window is closed for certain times of the day to allow for ordering and replacing stock, as well as making up peoples' requests for medication (we provide over 10,000 items every month). We need to avoid interruptions during these times to ensure mistakes are not made from a patient safety point of view. We are hopeful that, in time, with additional funding we will be able to support this request.

We often get conflicting requests such as: have more patient information available/ too much information is available. If there is anything you cannot find, do please ask at reception and we are happy to search for this for you.

We have launched a Facebook page for patient information and patient notices, and hope patients will find this helpful.

We have a few staff changes at the Practice: we will be sad to say goodbye to Ali in dispensary in February, and to Jacqui one of our Long-Term Condition Nurses in March. We hope to find good replacements to join the team as soon as possible to ensure we maintain our excellent patient care.

*Helen Stacey Practice Manager*

## Forthcoming events in Fiddington

### **'Summer Colour Amid Winter's Drear'**

– a digital photo show and discussion of wildlife local to Fiddington, Stogursey and Stowey Wood.

Fiddington Village Hall, **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**, 7pm.  
£5 entry, all proceeds going to Somerset Wildlife Trust's appeal for land purchase at Catcott.

For further information contact Rod Cole 01278 732345.

### **Book Swap and Coffee morning –**

Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> February, Village Hall, 10am to 12midday, 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.

### **Village Hall Committee meeting –**

Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> February, 6.00pm.

### **Parish Council meeting –**

Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February, 7.00 – 9.00pm, Village Hall.

### **Tea and Chat -**

Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2.00 til 5.00pm, in the Village Hall. All friendly faces welcome.

Run in association with St Martin's Church.

### **Fiddington Art Group –**

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

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

## VICTORY HALL NEWS AND EVENTS

What an amazing evening we had on 31st December - our New Year's Eve Party. Great support from everyone - a happy, friendly, lovely event. Thank you all for coming.

I must just mention some thank yous - to our amazing Ren who provided us with a large variety of music & coped with the requests too! Plus our fabulous volunteer bar ladies Vicki & Naomi who were kept very busy!

Do keep an eye out for our next musical evening on Saturday 21st March - family disco night "Flower Power" 60's & 70's. 8.00pm till late.

### Coming in February:-

**Friday 6th** - "Around The UK in Questions"  
7.00pm for 7.30 start. £2 per person

**Friday 13th** - Supper Night,  
serving from 6.00 - 8.00pm

**Saturday 14th** - Comedy Night - tickets from Spar or scan bar code on poster. Doors open 6.30pm -starts 7.00 pm. Not to be missed. Bar will be open.

**Sunday 22nd** - Sunday Roast (see separate notice)

Look forward to seeing you all soon, Sue

### And for the rest of the year:

#### March

6th Steaks Night  
13th Quiz Night  
15th Sunday Lunch  
21st Spring Fling Family Night  
60s 70s Music  
27th Easter Bingo

#### April

3rd Good Friday Quiz  
12th Sunday Lunch  
18th Cheese & wine/meat plate  
24th Rock and Roll Bingo  
25th St George's village supper

#### May

8th Quiz  
17th Sunday Lunch  
30th Murder Mystery Night

#### June

5th Quiz  
13th Car Rally Treasure Hunt  
20th Disco Summer/Grease/  
Glastonbury

#### July

3rd Quiz Christmas in July  
18th Flower Show & Village Fete

#### August

7th Quiz  
14th ABBA Night Greek Food  
23rd Family Treasure Hunt

#### September

4th Quiz  
13th Sunday Lunch  
26th Disco 80's 8pm to late

#### October

2nd Quiz  
11th Sunday Lunch  
23rd October Fest 7-30 to late  
31st Halloween Party

#### November

6th Quiz  
8th Sunday Lunch  
28th Christmas Market

#### December

4th Christmas Bingo  
6th Christmas Lunch  
13th Christmas Lunch  
31st New Year's Eve Party

#### January 2027

23rd Pantomime  
24th Pantomime



STOGURSEY

FORGET-ME-NOT CAFÉ

JUBILEE ROOMS, CASTLE STREET,

FORTNIGHTLY ON WEDNESDAYS  
10.30am- 12.00 noon

### Café Dates:

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

### FORGET-ME-NOT NEWS:

We celebrated seven years of Forget-me-Not last month. Thank you everyone who supports us.

**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](mailto:cuttellhelen@gmail.com)

Rose: 07507 374234

[rosechalk@icloud.com](mailto:rosechalk@icloud.com)



## Strummers of Stogursey

Happy to say that the Strummers are back in Stogursey at the newly refurbished Greyhound. You will find us in the warm and comfortable back room, and our grateful thanks to Landlords Phil and Lyn.

We meet at 7.30pm on alternate Wednesdays.  
The February dates are **4th** and **18th**.

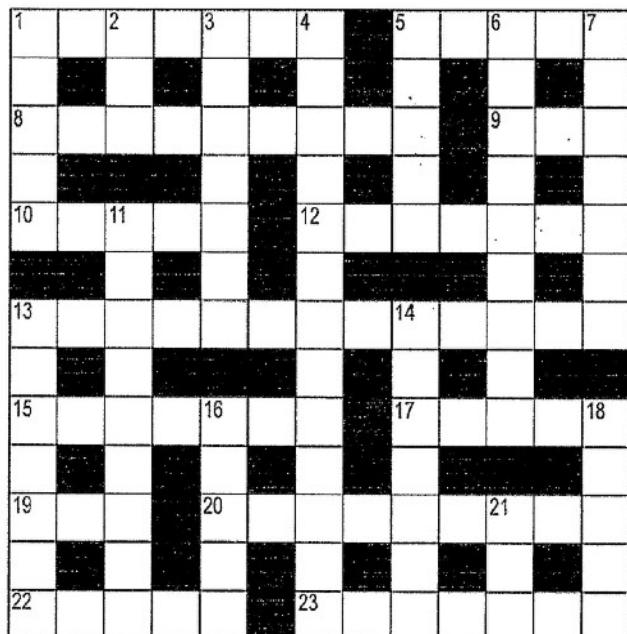
New members are very welcome and spare ukuleles always available. Perhaps Ukulele will be your new hobby for 2026.

\*While our village pub was closed, we were kindly hosted by Landlord Nick at the Quantock in Wembdon, Bridgwater. We will continue to meet there, in the conservatory, every other Wednesday - dates for February 11th and 25th, where new members are equally welcome.

Further information:  
[rose.palmer280@gmail.com](mailto:rose.palmer280@gmail.com) or [ianelenor@gmail.com](mailto:ianelenor@gmail.com)

## Quick Crossword No. 69

compiled by Helen Cuttell

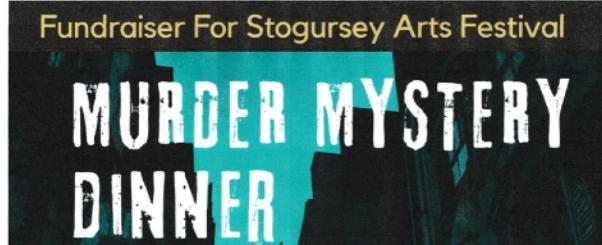


### CLUES ACROSS

1. World-famous open-air museum (7)
5. Length of hair made up into three interlaced strands (5)
8. Flowering plant of the Arum family (9)
9. Polio vaccine (3)
10. Fertile spot in a desert with water (5)
12. Relating to beliefs of what is morally right or wrong (7)
13. Handheld device that controls a cursor on a screen (8,5)
15. Spiral cavity of the inner ear (7)
17. Discourage (5)
19. Friend (3)
20. Descending a rockface using rope (9)
22. Plant of the daisy family (5)
23. Inspect thoroughly (7)

### CLUES DOWN

1. Children's comic (5)
2. Appropriate (3)
3. Waterfall system between Brazil and Argentina (7)
4. An emperor of Abyssinia who visited Stogursey in 1938 (5,8)
5. Tedious or useless printed material (5)
6. Battle of 1415 in Northern France (9)
7. Reveal (7)
11. Punctuation mark (9)
13. Place where pilot sits (7)
14. Portuguese island in the Atlantic Ocean (7)
16. Letting water in (5)
18. Villain (5)
21. Māori tribe (3)



Saturday 14th March  
7pm start - Jubilee Rooms Stogursey  
**2-course dinner**  
Delicious menu choices provided on booking  
Bring your own drinks  
Raffle!

Pre-Booking ESSENTIAL - Booking ends 7th March

Early-Bird price (January until 13th February)  
£12/head

Late booking price (14th February until 7th March)  
£15/head

Book via [safickets2@gmail.com](mailto:safickets2@gmail.com)  
or Tel: 01278 732149

**PLEASE NOTE EXTENDED DEADLINE  
FOR BOOKING**

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## Stogursey Lunches FEBRUARY MENUS\*

**Tuesday 3 February 2026**

No lunches today

**Tuesday 10 February 2026**

(book by Friday 30 January  
phone 07856147324)

Turkey & vegetable soup  
OR

Creamy vegetable soup  
Both with roll & butter

\*\*\*\*\*

Somerset apple cake and cream

**Tuesday 17 February 2026**

(book by Friday 30 January  
phone 07856147324)

Chicken & broccoli pasta bake,  
OR

Macaroni cheese,  
both with vegetables

\*\*\*\*\*

Ginger cake with lemon icing

**Tuesday 24 February 2026**

(book by Friday 30 January  
phone 07856147324)

Chicken & leek casserole with mashed  
potatoes and vegetables,

OR

Anglesey eggs with vegetables  
(Hard-boiled eggs in a bed of leeks & mashed  
potatoes with cheesy sauce on top)

\*\*\*\*\*

Fruity crumble with custard



**Stogursey Community Network (SCN)**

**FEBRUARY 2026**

How to contact us: [stogurseycommunitynetork@gmail.com](mailto:stogurseycommunitynetork@gmail.com),

New Tel No: **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, 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!

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, that would be very helpful.*)

**Advance booking please** (in order to avoid waste and cater to your individual needs). **Tel No to book: 07856 147324**

### MEDICAL TRANSPORT

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 from 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 of Stogursey News.

**The Mobile Pantry comes weekly (3 pm on Tuesdays) to the Victory Hall car park for Pantry clients.**

\* Menus may be subject to change

2026 is set to be a pivotal and action-packed year for Hinkley Point C with progress and transformation across the construction site. Our top priority will be driving progress on Unit 1, with a strong focus on Mechanical, Electrical, and equipment installations. You'll see major milestones as more equipment is fitted into buildings whilst thousands of individual pipe sections will be installed. We will also be continuing to see progress on the second reactor with the installation of the Reactor Pressure Vessel later in the year.

### Second Nuclear Reactor has arrived

The Reactor Pressure Vessel for Unit 2 arrived safely at the construction site last month.

The pressure vessel harnesses nuclear fission to make heat and steam for the world's largest turbines. Each one will power around 3 million homes around the clock. The high strength steel cylinder weighs in at 500-tonnes and is just 13-metres long.



The reactor was shipped from the Framatome Saint Marcel factory in France to Avonmouth Docks in Bristol, before being transported by barge to Combwich Wharf on the River Parrett in Somerset. The final journey was a six hour road trip for four miles by a transporter to the construction site.

### Rotor delivery

We've received the first main-shaft component for the world's largest steam turbine.

The high and intermediate pressure rotor arrived last week from Arabelle Solutions in Belfort, France, and is now in the Unit 1 Turbine Hall.

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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](mailto: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

## Parish Neighbourhood Welcome Pack

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

## EdF Main Site Neighbourhood Forum

### Representatives for the hamlets:

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#### Stogursey Parish Council

Chris Ford and Sue Goss

### Dates of next Main Site Forum Meeting:

## EdF Contacts

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

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## Health/Medical Centres

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**2026 dates:** 19 February; 19 March

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