

STOGURSEY NEWS



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April 2026

Stogursey Flower Show & Fete
Saturday 18 July 2026
see back pages for the
Flower Show Schedule

Deadline for **May 2026** contributions: 10.00am **Wednesday 15th APRIL 2026**

Editorial

Welcome to April's edition of Stogursey News!

It's hard to believe that we are already a quarter of the way through the year, with only a few bright sunny days so far. The glorious summer of 2025 began in April so let's hope that the weather Gods and Goddesses are getting themselves organized for another one this year.

As always, this edition is full of news and forthcoming activities in and around our lovely parish. The St George's Day 'Entertainment and Supper' on Sunday 25th April looks like fun so don't forget to book your tickets before it's too late. Might there be some 'Knights in Shining Armour' turning up?

Stogursey Lunches – which is part of Stogursey Community Network – provides nutritious, home-cooked lunches every Tuesday (except the first Tuesday of the month) in the Jubilee Rooms. It would be great to see more people using this facility which is open to anyone in the Parish - young, old or in-between. More details and the menus for April can be found later in this edition and future menus are included each month.

It's good to hear that the allotments are now fully occupied and that thoughts are turning to planting as well as pottering! The allotmenters – and other gardeners in the Parish - will no doubt be interested in all the information about this year's Flower Show on Saturday 18 July. It's not just flowers, fruit and vegetables - there are lots of entry classes such as handicrafts, homecrafts, photography and art as well as those specifically for children - so start planning your exhibits now!

This is just a taste of what is to come in April and further ahead. So maybe go and grab a cup or glass of something nice and sit down for a bit and see what else tickles your fancy.

A happy Easter to all our readers.

Stogursey News 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

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

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- * 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 colour, style and size. (*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) <i>Contact: https://www.sasp.co.uk/sedgemoor</i> Singing in Stogursey (fortnightly)	Victory Hall Victory Hall Stear Marshes Car Park Victory Hall	9.30am - 10.40am 11.00am - 12 noon 2.00pm 7.00pm - 8.30pm
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, V.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) <i>Contact - https://www.sasp.co.uk/health-walks</i> Mobile Library visit (once every four weeks) Youth Club (weekly) 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 Various locations	10.00am as per schedule 6.30pm - 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 / JFJnicholson@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*

April

Wednesday 1	Strummers of Stogursey (Ukulele Session)	Greyhound Inn	7.30pm - 9.00pm
Friday 3	Quiz: "Spring & Easter"	Victory Hall	Doors open 7.00pm
Tuesday 7	Parish Council Meeting	Victory Hall	7.00pm
Wednesday 8	Forget-me-not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon
Friday 10	Open Mic night	Victory Hall	7.00pm
Sunday 12	Sunday Roast	Victory Hall	12.00 - 2.00pm
Monday 13	Singing in Stogursey	Victory Hall	7.00 - 8.30pm
Wednesday 15	Strummers of Stogursey (Ukulele session)	Greyhound Inn	7.30 - 9.00pm
Thursday 16	Mobile Library	as per schedule	as per schedule
Saturday 18	Cheese or meat platter & wine evening	Victory Hall	7.30pm
Wednesday 22	Forget-me-not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon
Friday 24	Rock & Roll Bingo	Victory Hall	Doors open 7.00pm
Saturday 25	St George's Day: Entertainment & Supper	Jubilee Rooms	7.00pm
Monday 27	Singing in Stogursey	Victory Hall	7.00pm - 8.30pm
Wednesday 29	Forget-me-not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon

Please send contributions to: stogurseyparishnews@gmail.com

APRIL SUNDAY SERVICE ROTA for Quantock Gate Parishes

CHURCH	5 th April	12 th April	19 th April	26 th April
	Easter Sunday	Easter 2	Easter 3	Easter 4
Cannington St Mary	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Communion & Easter Egg Hunt	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Family Service	8.00 & 9.30am Holy Communion	8.00 & 9.30am Holy Communion
Combwich St Peter	11.15am Family Communion	6.00pm Prayer & Praise	11.15am Holy Communion	4.00pm Café Church
Fiddington St Martin	9.00am Family Communion	9.00am Holy Communion	9.00am Holy Communion	9.00am Family Service
Stear St Andrew*	6.00am Dawn Eucharist (followed by breakfast)	11.15am Family Service		11.15am Holy Communion
Stogursey St Andrew	10.30am Family Communion & Easter Egg Hunt	10.30am Holy Communion	10.30am Holy Communion	10.30am Café Church @ Jubilee Rooms
	Gold/White	Gold/White	Gold/White	Gold/White

* all services usually held at Stockland Bristol Church will be held at Steart whilst repair works are ongoing

Holy Week Services

Holy Monday	Holy Tuesday	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Holy Saturday
7.00pm 'The Crucifixion' by John Stainer with the Quantock Deanery Singers at Stogursey Church	7.00pm Tenebrae <i>a service of light and shadow</i> at Cannington Church	7.00pm Holy Communion at Cannington Church <i>followed by silent vigil and Compline at 9pm</i>	Prayer & Reflection in Church for Good Friday 9.00am – Combwich 10.00am – Fiddington 10.30am – Stockland 12.00pm – Stogursey 12.00pm – Cannington Eucharist 3.00pm - Cannington	8.00pm Easter Vigil Cannington Church

All are always welcome to any of our services

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

VICTORY HALL LOTTERY WINNERS

March Draw 2026

1 st Prize	£25.00	Nick Baker	No. 67
2 nd Prize	£15.00	Ron Dyer	No. 86
3 rd Prize	£10.00	Susan Young	No. 107

Stogursey Victory Hall SUNDAY ROAST



on 12th April

Served from 12 o'clock – 2pm

1 course £10.00
2 courses £15.00

For bookings please contact
DENISE OLIVER
Tel: 01278 733594 / 07453381844



St George's Day Entertainment & Supper

Saturday 25th April
Jubilee Rooms, Stogursey
7.00pm start



Bring your own bottle

RAFFLE!

An evening with a variety of live entertainment, music and singing, and a two-course supper (choice of menu)

Early-bird price: £15 per adult
- up until 6.00pm on Wednesday 15th April.

Late booking price: £18 per adult
- up until 6.00pm Wednesday 22nd April

Make your menu choices when you book -

email: stogurseytwinningassociation@gmail.com
or phone **01278 733052**

PLACES LIMITED -
Book early to avoid disappointment!
(No tickets on the door)

Stogursey Oil-buying Group

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

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

The next order after this one will be in September.
Please note that I will not be ordering oil in May.

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 Monday 13th April** with the following information

Delivery will be in the 2 week period commencing 14th April

Stogursey Oil-buying Group

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:



Stogursey C of E Primary and Pre-School



Headteacher: Mrs R Rood

Tel: 01278 732389

email: stogurseyschool@educ.somerset.gov.uk

website: <http://www.stogurseyprimaryschool.co.uk>

Over the past few weeks, we have been delighted to welcome a variety of visitors into school. In PreSchool, members of our local community have joined us to share their occupations as part of the children's learning about the world of work. Across the school, we continue to enjoy weekly Collective Worship led by Reverend Alison, and our fortnightly visits from the Open the Book team. We were also pleased to welcome Patrick Weld, from Great Wood and Chaplain at Haygrove, who shared an important message about *treating others as we wish to be treated*, alongside a visit from Michael Tinker.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of our school community—pupils, staff, parents, and governors—for helping me feel so warmly welcomed. I am genuinely excited about the future developments at Stogursey CofE Primary School and PreSchool and feel privileged to be part of such a positive and dedicated community.

Mrs Rood, Executive Headteacher

Beacon Class

In honour of NSPCC number day we were looking at how art and Maths could be combined by exploring the artist Piet Mondrian.

In his work, we saw that it was made up of different sized rectangles and saw how this related to our Maths knowledge of arrays. This led to us creating pieces of art through our Maths times table knowledge using arrays, just like Mondrian.

We used squared paper and created various different coloured arrays to form our abstract art work, making sure to use a ruler to help us. Some of us even created a mixture of designs using arrays.



Triscombe Class

In Geography, Year 1 and Year 2 have been learning about the weather around the world. They have been comparing the climate in Kenya with the weather we experience here in the UK, exploring how different climates can affect the types of weather people have.

Reception have been busy writing their own versions of *The Little Red* story and taking part in a range of Valentine's Day-themed activities. They have shown great creativity and imagination in their work



In PE, the children have continued developing their balancing skills and practising safe jumping and landing using the apparatus.

It has been lovely to see them growing in both confidence and ability each session.

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Eco-Club

Eco-Club started the term by harvesting our winter grown rocket and now we are getting busy with Spring planting. The broad beans are in, the sweet peas are growing and last week we planted the strawberries. We are also building two new beds on the field. The children who come are so enthusiastic and very reliable. Two of our Eco-Club children kept the plants in good health by remembering the regular watering last term and everyone works hard at learning new skills, sowing seeds, potting on new plants and learning how to recognize a weed!



NSPCC “ Dress Up for Digits” Fundraising

Thank you for your generosity in supporting our fundraising for the NSPCC. We are delighted to share that we raised £59.

Your contributions will help the NSPCC continue their vital work to keep children safe. We look forward to welcoming their team to our school in April.



Stogursey Community Network (SCN) : APRIL 2026

Contact us: stogurseycommunitynetwork@gmail.com,

New Tel No: **07856 147324** EXCEPT for Medical Transport (see dedicated number below).

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, stating your name, address, the date/time and venue of your appointment)

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.

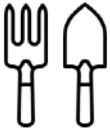
(Please Note: This is only for those patients who are unable to collect from the Surgery or the SPAR/PO.)

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



Allotment news - April

The days are lengthening and at last it is possible to toddle along to the allotment after work: plenty of rain and warmer temperatures are perfect for growing weeds as well as veg! Half an hour spent hoeing the little critters is half an hour of pure decompression - a blackbird sings his melody as the dark earth crumbles before the hoe. Time afterwards to potter around the plot admiring burgeoning rhubarb and vigorous spinach. The garlic cloves, planted out on a whim after starting to sprout in the kitchen, are coming up a treat too!

Movement in the corner of my eye . . . the neighbourhood cat is prowling its territory. The allotments provide plenty of habitat for wildlife, and the attraction is strong! It's all a balance: each to their own, and the cat and I turn back to our own distractions.

Is it too soon to plant out the onions? Seed bought enthusiastically in the Black Friday sales was started equally enthusiastically too soon in the year, and the plants are getting leggy. Will a late frost scupper them? It's worth the gamble . . .

The light is fading, and it's time to head home for a cuppa. Might come back at the weekend with those onions . . .

The Strummers of Stogursey meet at the Greyhound, in the back room, at 7.30pm on alternate Wednesdays. This month we are meeting on **1st, 15th** and **29th April**.

We welcome new members, and we always have spare ukuleles so do come along if you'd like to give it a try. You'll find us a very friendly group. For further information: Rose.palmer280@gmail.com or lanelenor@gmail.com

Solution to Crossword No. 70 March 2026

ACROSS:

1.Ketchup, 5.Agasp, 8.Yodellers, 9.Err, 10.Knead, 12.Iberico, 13.Catherine Parr, 15.Amnesia, 17.Icons, 19.Lai, 20.Bridleway, 22.Swear, 23.Nosegay

DOWN:

1.Kayak, 2.Tad, 3.Hylidae, 4.Precipitation, 5.Aisle, 6.Americano, 7.Parkour, 11.Extensive, 13.Charles, 14.Edibles, 16.Saber, 18.Stymy, 21.Wag



Stogursey Lunches

Jubilee Rooms

TUESDAYS

(except first Tuesday of the month)

Doors open at 12 noon,

Lunch served at 12.30pm

Everyone, especially children, very welcome.

Book a table and come with friends and enjoy a freshly-cooked meal followed by a cup of tea or coffee.

Payment is by an anonymous cash donation. As an indicator, most donations are between £8 - £12.

No donation is expected for under-12 year olds (but children must be accompanied by a responsible adult).

We can cater for special diets/preferences when requested at time of booking, and a vegetarian option is always on the menu.

**Advance booking is essential -
please phone 07856 147324
by 5pm on the preceding Friday**



MENUS FOR APRIL

Tuesday 14 April 2026

Creamy Tuscan chicken, OR
Creamy stuffed mushrooms,

both served with new potatoes and vegetables

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Apple tart with ice cream

Tuesday 21 April 2026

Cottage pie, OR
Vegetarian cottage pie (lentils)

both served with vegetables

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Pear and gingerbread cake with cream

Tuesday 28 April 2026

Tuna macaroni casserole, OR
Cauliflower and leek cheese gratin

both served with peas and carrots

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Caramelised banana upside-down cake

an AFTER : IMAGE of Steep Holm

“Over the last century, Photography gradually became recognised and understood as a contemporary form of Art. In this century, with the rapid increase in access to camera phones, more and more of us are taking photographs”.
MB 2026

Viewed from the Southern shoreline of the Bristol Channel and between the mountains of Wales in the North, the island of Steep Holm, often appears to be floating above the sea, ghostly and surrounded in mystery associated with its history.

Weather conditions surrounding the Island, have a direct impact on the atmospheric light and in turn the reflection and absorption of colour seen in the clouds and sea sediments. This changing landscape is often seen presenting curious visual surprises, including abstractions of contrasting bands of light, colour and texture.

Over the past five years, local artist/photographer Mike Bradshaw has taken multiple images of the Island, travelling along the coast to the west of the River Parrett estuary. These images of the Island from the shore depict his observations through the seasons at different times of the day.

Using just a camera phone as a sketchbook and edited from over two hundred images of the island, the original images have been re-presented through a variety of media and paintings of this atmospheric place.

He says “the multiple compositions of the same subject in the exhibition, are designed to encourage the observer to connect and build their own personal, imagined perception of the island; their own *after images*”.

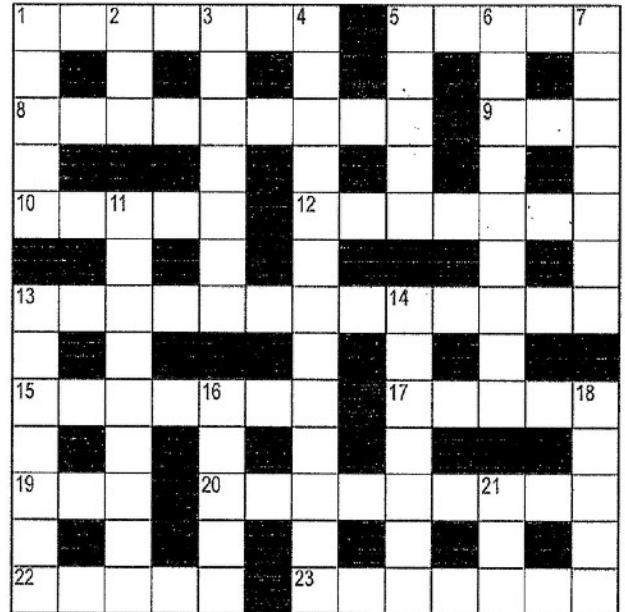
This work is part of the second collaboration between artists Mike Bradshaw, Vanessa Clegg and Andrew Davey. All the work in the exhibition has been developed using photography and explores and builds on its tentative relationship with drawing and painting.

The exhibition is open from:
29th April – 23rd May at the
CICCIC - Memorial Hall, Paul Street, Taunton.
TA1 3PF

Public viewing 29th 6-9pm then:
**Wednesdays/Thursdays 10-4pm and
Fridays/Saturdays 10-1pm**

Crossword No. 71

Compiled by Helen Cuttell



CLUES ACROSS

1. Clap (7)
5. Son of Isaac and Rebekah (5)
8. Alights from a horse (9)
9. Cry noisily (3)
10. Ancient Roman Goddess of the hunt (5)
12. Rock having solidified from lava or magma (7)
13. The Jesuit Treason (9,4)
15. Species of aquatic mammal (7)
17. Surface or colour of paint that is not shiny (5)
19. A deed (3)
20. Decoration or ornament (9)
22. Person who owns a large estate in Scotland (5)
23. Fried tortilla with a variety of toppings (7)

CLUES DOWN

1. Helped (5)
2. Purulent fluid (3)
3. Pear shaped fruit with oily flesh (7)
4. Terrier from the Scottish borders (6,7)
5. Leader of the Argonauts (5)
6. French stew made with meat and beans (9)
7. Look after children when their parents are out (7)
11. Pasta squares stuffed with a variety of fillings (9)
13. A type of duck (7)
14. New York punk band formed in 1974 (7)
16. Stock or store of money or vegetables (5)
18. More than usual (5)
21. A division of geological time (3)

Victory Hall News

Hello to our regulars, and welcome to residents who are new to the area.

Our regular events Quiz Night, Bowls and Sunday Roasts are always popular. If you haven't attended, everyone is most welcome.

Comedy Night on 14th February was very successful with huge thanks to Davy & Jo Cavill for their hard work organizing & running it smoothly. Plus thanks to Emma for running a busy bar.

The committee has been busy networking with members of the community - the Victory Hall is there for everyone to enjoy and use.

Please do get in touch if you have any suggestions for events or would like more information on how to become more involved with helping or being part of the Victory Hall Committee.

Heather Ranson, Chairperson, 07968 799312
heatherranson124@btinternet.com;
or Sue Hocking, Vice-Chair, 07772 181740
hocking24@aol.com

COMING UP at the VICTORY HALL IN APRIL:

Friday 3rd

(Good Friday) Quiz Night with a flavour of Spring & Easter. Doors open at 7.00pm, Quiz starts 7.30pm. Teams of up to 6 people. £2 per person. Bar open.

Friday 10th

Open Mic organized by Colin Pye
Starts 7.00pm. Bar is available.

Sunday 12th

Sunday Roast. 12.00-2.00pm.
Please Contact Denise Oliver to book, 01278 733594
or 07453381844. Bar open.

Monday 13th

Singing in Stogursey run by Naomi. 7.00pm -8.30pm
Donation £2 . Everyone welcome.

Saturday 18th

Cheese or Meat platter & Wine Evening.
7.30pm till late.
Need to book - tickets - £10 per person - available from Spar, Heather Ranson, or from behind the Bar.

Friday 24th

Rock & Roll Bingo.
Doors open 7.00pm Eyes down at 8.00pm
Musical tracks replace numbers in this perfect fusion of musical bingo!! £5 for 5 games. CASH PRIZES.
Don't stress if you do not know all the tunes...they will be revealed.

Monday 27th

Singing in Stogursey run by Naomi. 7.00pm -8.30pm
Donation £2 . Everyone welcome.

LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD

Friday 8th May

Quiz Master will be Brandon - May Mash Up!
7.00pm doors open, starts 7.30pm. Teams up to 6 people. £2 per person

Sunday 10th May

Roast Lunch

Monday 11th & 25th May

Singing in Stogursey. 7.00pm-8.30pm
Run by Naomi. Donation £2

Saturday 13th June

Car Treasure Hunt, followed by BBQ
Everyone welcome!
£3 per car. More details to follow next month.

Saturday 18th July

Flower Show & Fete
The Flower Show with extras- Dog Show
Bouncy Castle, games, stalls, candy floss . . .

*Hope to see you all very soon!
Stogursey Victory Hall Committee.*

Stogursey Parish Council - March 2026

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will take place on **14 April 2026 at 7:00pm** in **Stogursey Victory Hall**, beginning with the Annual General Meeting, followed by the routine Parish Council session.

Allotments

The allotments, restored in 2025, are now fully occupied. We look forward to seeing them well-cultivated and providing tenants with productive plots of vegetables and flowers. Thank you to everyone who contributed to their successful restoration.

Burgage Road Playground – call to action

We previously invited children and parents to propose ideas for new or improved playground equipment for 2026/27. The Council recognises that today's children have different expectations compared with when the playground was originally installed. To ensure their views are fully considered, the Council will hold a "Meet the Councillors session" in May to gather suggestions for the planned update.

Highways Concerns

Thank you to everyone who has reported their Highways concerns via Somerset Council's Report It service (www.somerset.gov.uk/contact). Your reports help Highways identify and prioritise work, and teams have actively been marking and repairing potholes and pavement defects. Although further work is required, steady progress continues.

Paddons Farm

A recent flytipping incident was promptly addressed by Strongvox. The land transfer, however, cannot proceed until the contractor's compound has been cleared. This matter will be discussed at the next Parish Council Meeting,

Increased cyclists traffic throughout the Parish

Rising numbers of cyclists and ebikers on local footpaths are creating safety concerns for pedestrians. This issue potentially linked to increased Hinkley-related traffic, will be reported at the next Hinkley Transport Forum.

News from Somerset Council

Somerset Council has approved a 4.99% Council Tax increase. The average Band D charge will rise to £1,950.30 per year, an increase of £1.78 per week. This remains below the average for unitary authorities and lower than the rates in Dorset, Wiltshire, and Cornwall.

Communication

The Parish notice boards have deteriorated over the recent wet and cold winter, making it difficult to post information. Parish Council updates are always available on www.Stogursey-online.uk If you are unable to access the internet, please contact the Clerk for assistance.

Stogursey Parish Council

4 Church Street, Stogursey, TA5 1TQ

Tel: 01278 732181, Email: clerk@stogurseyparishcouncil.org.uk

STOGURSEY FORGET-ME-NOT CAFÉ

JUBILEE ROOMS, CASTLE STREET,
STOGURSEY TA5 1TG

FORTNIGHTLY ON WEDNESDAYS
10.30 – 12.00

Our Next Café:

Wednesday 8th April
Wednesday 22nd April
Wednesday 6th May
Wednesday 20th May
Wednesday 3rd June



FORGET-ME-NOT NEWS:

Stogursey Sea Shanty Crew came to play for us which was lots of fun for everyone.

We recently welcomed Claire who brought in a rescued African Pygmy hedgehog, and we had a very interesting morning finding out about these beautiful animals and how they are rehabilitated. There were lots of smiles when we met this lovely animal named Fizz!



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. All are welcome from the surrounding villages.

VOLUNTEERING - We have a lovely group of friendly volunteers, but we always love to welcome extra helpers - making teas and coffees, washing up, or chatting to people. Why not pop in one Wednesday for a cuppa and say hello?

For more information please contact:

Helen: 07891 547982 cuttelhelen@gmail.com

Rose: 07507 374234 rosechalk@icloud.com

A round up of the latest news from Hinkley Point C

Getting ready to start tunnelling the fish return system

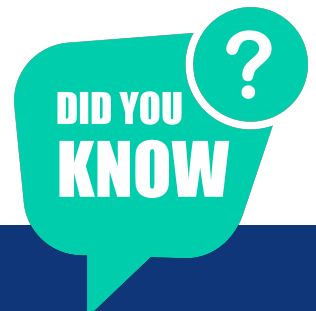
Engineers are ready to start tunnelling the second of three fish protection measures at Hinkley Point C.

The fish return system will be 620m long and 1.8m in diameter. The tunnel boring machine has been named Sarah Guppy by local schoolchildren after the pioneering 19th century woman engineer.

With two other systems in place, Hinkley Point C will have more fish protection than any other power station in the world.



Hinkley Point C's other fish protection systems are specially designed intake heads to slow the speed of water entering the cooling tunnels and a new type of acoustic fish deterrent to keep fish away.



At HPC there are 7.7km of underground galleries which will connect electrical, mechanical and water systems to ensure HPC runs smoothly - and that's what the MEH Alliance and other fit out contractors are focusing on right now. The total length of the galleries is roughly the same distance as Cannington to Nether Stowey by road.



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Stogursey Flower Show 2026

Saturday 18 July SCHEDULE

TAKING PART IN THE FLOWER SHOW

- All exhibits (entries) to be grown by or be the work of the exhibitor.
- Exhibitors may only enter one exhibit in each class.
- Classes A - E are for competitors of all ages; Sections F & G are for children only. Children may produce their entries at school or at home.
- An Entry Form must be completed for each person (adult or child) wishing to take part in the Flower Show.

SUBMITTING AN ENTRY FORM

- Entry forms can either be on paper or by email.
- All entry forms (paper or email) must be submitted by **5.00pm on Thursday 16 July 2026.**
- EITHER submit a paper form, together with the correct Entry Fee, to 12 St Andrew's Road, Stogursey; OR send an email entry form to elenorkate2@gmail.com, and pay the Entry Fee when bringing the exhibits to the Victory Hall.
- Any Entry Forms received after 5.00pm on Thursday 16 July cannot be accepted.

ENTRY FEE

For each entry: Adults-30 pence; Children-10 pence

More details and the Entry Form will be published in the June edition of Stogursey News

With thanks to Hinkley Point B for printing the Flower Show Schedule

Section A: VEGETABLES & FRUIT

	Collection of 6 different kinds of vegetables	Max width 24" / 60cm
A1	Collection of 6 different kinds of vegetables	Max width 24" / 60cm
A2	Potatoes	5
A3	Onions	3 large
A4	Shallots	10
A5	Beetroot	3
A6	Carrots	3
A7	Lettuce	1 of any type with roots
A8	Cucumbers	1 pair
A9	Runner beans	5
A10	Longest runner bean	1
A11	French beans	5
A12	Peas/Mange tout	5 pods (1 variety with stalks)
A13	Tomatoes	5 with calyx
A14	Cherry tomatoes	5 with calyx
A15	Heaviest tomato	1 with calyx
A16	Radish	5
A17	Courgettes	3 - Max length 8" / 20cm
A18	Heaviest courgette	1
A19	Chillies	3
A20	Collection of herbs	5 varieties, 2 stems each
A21	Bunch of herbs	Any one variety
A22	Funniest-shaped vegetable	1
A23	Raspberries	5
A24	Dish of fruit	5 of one variety, not raspberries
A25	Longest stinging nettle	

Section B: FLOWERS & PLANTS	
B1	Sweet Peas 5 stems
B2	Roses 4 blooms in a vase
B3	Fragrant Rose 1 stem, to be judged on scent alone
B4	Snapdragons 3 stems
B5	Dianthus 5 stems
B6	Dahlia 5 blooms, any type
B7	Vase of Annuals
B8	Vase of Perennials
B9	Foliage Plant (not flowering) Max pot size: 20cm (8")
B10	Flowering Plant Max pot size: 30cm (8") NOT Geranium or Fuchsia
B11	Geranium/Pelargonium Max pot size: 30cm (8")
B12	Fuchsia Max pot size: 30cm (8")
B13	Specimen Cactus Max pot size: 12"/30cm

Section C: FLORAL ART	
C1	Foliage only arrangement 60cm x 60cm (24" x 24")
C2	Table centre with a candle 60cm x 60cm (24" x 24")
C3	Arrangement to represent a country of your choice 60cm x 60cm (24" x 24") Add label naming the country.
<i>Height unlimited</i> <i>No artificial flowers/plant material to be used.</i> <i>If using oasis, it must be eco-oasis.</i>	

Section D: HANDICRAFT, ART & PHOTOGRAPHY	
D1	A tote bag
D2	Item of needlework Embroidery, tapestry, sewing or collage
D3	A knitted or crocheted garment
D4	An item of tatting or lacework
D5	A hand-made greeting card
D6	A homemade toy NOT knitted or crocheted
D7	A decorated hat Theme: "Beside the Seaside"
D8	A piece of pottery Max size: 30cm x 30cm (12" x 12") Height unlimited
D9	An original painting Watercolour /Oil /Acrylic; with/without a frame Max size (incl frame) 43cmx30cm (17"x12")
D10	An original picture Pencil/Pen/Pastel/Charcoal; with/without a frame Max size (incl frame) 43cmx30cm (17"x12")
D11	Photo: Coastal Digital image to be forwarded to elenorkate2@gmail.com by 5.00pm Thurs 16 July
D12	Photo: Animal(s)

Section E: HOMECRAFT		
<i>All food items, E1-E10, to have a clear covering</i>		
E1	Fruit cake	Max 20cm (8") tin
E2	Decorated birthday cake, any flavour	Any flavour and shape; Max size 25cm (10")
E3	Gluten-free brownies	4
E4	Cup cakes (American muffins)	4 - Fruit as an ingredient
E5	Shortbread fingers	4
E6	Scones	4
E7	A loaf of bread	Brown or white flour, not made with a breadmaker
E8	Vegetarian quiche	1 slice
E9	Sausage rolls	6 - any type of pastry
E10	Meringues	3 - any style
E11	Marmalade	1 pot
E12	Jam	1 pot
E13	Fruit Jelly	1 pot
E14	Fruit Curd	1 pot
E15	Chutney or pickled vegetable	1 pot
E16	Home-made liquor	eg, sloe gin 1 any-sized bottle

Section F: CHILDREN aged 7 and under on day of show		
F1	Cress	Grown in an unusual container, max 15cmx15cm
F2	Vase of garden flowers	5 varieties
F3	Tomatoes	3 with calyx, one variety
F4	Vegetable monster	
F5	Decorated cupcakes	4
F6	Sponge cake	Round or square, Max size 20cm
F7	Decorated pebble	
F8	Model from lego	Not made from a kit, Max 20cm x 20cm
F9	An edible necklace	
F10	Coloured-in picture	Picture available from 1 July

Section G: CHILDREN aged 8 - 12 on day of show		
G1	Radishes	3
G2	Vase of garden flowers	5 varieties
G3	Tomatoes	4 with calyx, one variety
G4	Vegetable monster	
G5	Healthy picnic for 1	
G6	Sponge cake	Round or square, Max size 20cm
G7	Collage	From recycled material
G8	Model from lego	Not made from a kit, Max 20cm x 20cm
G9	Coloured in picture	Picture available from 1 July
G10	Photo: Animal(s)	Send digital image, by 5.00pm Thursday 16 July, to elenorkate2@gmail.com