

STOGURSEY NEWS



Croatia

Winner in Flower Show: “Coastal”

Photo: IE

August 2026

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Editorial

Welcome to August's edition of Stogursey News!

As August begins, this edition takes stock of a busy few weeks in the parish. This year's Flower Show was well supported, with entries from gardeners, bakers, crafters, children and photographers, and plenty of visitors coming through to see the displays. Thank you to everyone who entered, helped organise, judged, set up, cleared away or simply came along. Congratulations to all entrants and winners.

There is also difficult news this month with the closure of the village pre-school. It has served many local families over the years and played an important part in early childhood in Stogursey. We thank the staff, volunteers, parents and supporters who have given their time, energy and care to keep it running and to support the children who passed through its doors.

We also wish our Year 6 children well as they move on to senior school. It is a big change, with new routines, subjects and friendships ahead. We hope they settle quickly, keep asking questions and make the most of the opportunities that come their way.

Looking ahead, there are plenty of practical ways to help parish life run well: supporting events, maintaining shared spaces, helping village groups, checking in on neighbours, or joining parish projects. Volunteering does not have to be a major commitment; even occasional help can make a difference. If you have time, skills or simply the willingness to lend a hand, please consider getting involved by contacting clerk@stogurseyparishcouncil.org.uk

Stogursey News Editorial Team

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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

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- * Attach it to an email, and send to:
stogurseyparishnews@gmail.com

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- Please submit by the deadline date published at the top of this page.
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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: Steve on 07747 127334</i> Singing in Stogursey (fortnightly)	Victory Hall Victory Hall Stear Marshes Car Park Victory Hall	9.30am - 10.40am 11.00am - 12 noon 10.00am 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: Allan 01278 732820 / rosechalk@icloud.com</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) Knit & Natter (alternate Wednesdays) Ukulele Sessions (alternate Wednesdays) Sea Shanty Singers (alternate Wednesdays)	Jubilee Rooms Jubilee Rooms Greyhound Inn To be arranged	10.30am - 12 noon as advertised within 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 / j0hnfn1c@gmail.com</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) Stogursey Lace Group (fortnightly) <i>Contact Linda: labond222@gmail.com</i>	Multi-sport court, V Hall Victory Hall	10.00am - 12 noon 1.00 - 3.00pm

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AUGUST

Wednesday 5	Knit & Natter	Jubilee Rooms	10.00am - 12 noon
Wednesday 5	Stogursey Strummers (Ukulele session)	Greyhound Inn	7.30pm
Thursday 6	Mobile Library Visit	As per schedule	As per schedule
Wednesday 12	Forget-me-not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon
Wednesday 19	Knit & Natter	Jubilee Rooms	2.00pm - 4.00pm
Wednesday 19	Strummers of Stogursey - Ukulele session	Greyhound Inn	7.30pm
Wednesday 26	Forget-me-not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 2	Stogursey Strummers (Ukulele session)	Greyhound Inn	7.30pm
Thursday 3	Mobile Library Visit	As per schedule	As per schedule
Friday 4	Quiz	Victory Hall	7.00pm - late
Tuesday 8	Parish Council Meeting	Victory Hall	7.00pm
Wednesday 9	Forget-me-not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon
Sunday 13	Sunday Lunch	Victory Hall	12 noon - 2.00pm

Please send contributions to: stogurseyparishnews@gmail.com



Stogursey C of E Primary and Pre-School



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'Grow in the Grace and Knowledge'

As we approach the end of another academic year, it is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the many achievements, memorable experiences and special moments that have shaped life at Stogursey CofE Primary School this year.

Since joining Stogursey as Executive Headteacher in January, it has been a privilege to become part of such a welcoming and supportive school community. I have been continually impressed by the kindness, enthusiasm and character of our children, the dedication of our staff and governors, and the strength of the partnerships we share with families and the wider community. Together, we have enjoyed a busy and rewarding year that has provided so many opportunities for children to learn, grow and flourish.

One of the highlights of the year has been our recent SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection. The inspection recognised the distinctive Christian character of our school and the ways in which our vision, 'Grow in the Grace and Knowledge', is lived out through every aspect of school life. We were immensely proud of the children, staff, governors and wider school community, who all played their part in demonstrating what makes Stogursey such a special place to learn and grow.

The summer term has been filled with opportunities for pupils to challenge themselves, develop new skills and create lasting memories. Our annual Sports Day was a fantastic celebration of teamwork, perseverance and sporting spirit. Congratulations to Murray (Blue) House, who were crowned this year's champions following a series of closely contested events.

(Photos of Sports Day on the next page.)

This term also provided opportunities for children to develop new talents and experiences. Our Circus Skills Day was a huge success, with pupils enjoying the challenge of learning a variety of circus techniques while building confidence, resilience and teamwork. The smiles, laughter and determination on display throughout the day perfectly reflected our vision of helping every child to *Grow in the Grace and Knowledge*.

Pupils in Triscombe Class enjoyed an exciting visit to Tropiquaria as part of their science curriculum. During the trip, the children explored a range of different habitats and discovered how plants and animals are adapted to survive in diverse environments. The visit brought their classroom learning to life and provided a valuable opportunity to deepen their understanding of the natural world.

For our Year 6 pupils, the transition to secondary school is drawing ever closer. Recently, they joined children from schools across the Diocese at the annual 'Move Up' Celebration at Taunton Minster. The service provided an opportunity to reflect on their primary school journey, celebrate friendships and achievements, and look forward to the exciting opportunities ahead as they prepare for the next stage of their education.

Before the end of term, Year 6 still have several important milestones to enjoy. They are eagerly anticipating an activity day at Black Rock Outdoor Centre in Goathurst alongside their counterparts from Spaxton CofE Primary School. To conclude their primary school journey, they will perform 'What's the Crime, Mr Wolf?' alongside their classmates, a production that promises plenty of entertainment, laughter and an opportunity for our pupils to showcase the confidence, creativity and teamwork they have developed during their time at Stogursey.

This year has also included some significant decisions for our school community. Following careful consideration and a statutory consultation process, approval was sought to change the school's age range, leading to the closure of the pre-school. Thank you to everyone who took the time to engage with the consultation and share their views. We greatly appreciated the contributions made by families and members of the wider community throughout the process. Looking ahead, this change will allow us to focus the school's resources entirely on our primary provision, supporting the long-term sustainability of the school and helping us continue to provide the high-quality education and opportunities that our children deserve.

As the year draws to a close, I would like to thank our wonderful pupils for their enthusiasm, perseverance and willingness to embrace every opportunity. Throughout the year they have shown what it means to *Grow in the Grace and Knowledge*, inspiring us daily through their kindness, resilience and determination to achieve their very best.

Thank you also to our families for their continued support and partnership, to our dedicated staff for their unwavering commitment to the children, to our volunteers for the generosity of their time and talents, and to our governors for their continued guidance and support of the school.

Finally, to our Year 6 pupils, we wish you every success and happiness as you move on to your secondary schools. You leave Stogursey with wonderful memories, lifelong friendships and the confidence to embrace new challenges. We are incredibly proud of all that you have achieved and know that you will continue to flourish in the years ahead.

At the same time, we are looking forward to welcoming our new Reception children and their families in September as they begin their own journey within the Stogursey school family.

Wishing everyone a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break.

Best wishes,
Rachel Rood,
Executive Headteacher, Stogursey CofE Primary School

Photos from the school Sports Day





STOGURSEY ALLOTMENT NEWS

As July slips in to August it remains one of the busiest and most rewarding months on the allotments. After the steady work of spring, plots are now full of growth, colour and the first real taste of summer harvests. Courgettes, beans, potatoes, salad leaves, soft fruit and herbs are all beginning to make their way into baskets, kitchens and, we hope, some shared with friends and family across the village.

Watering is the big task at the moment, especially through the ongoing heatwaves. A thorough soak early in the morning or later in the evening is far better than a quick sprinkle in the heat of the day - and it's wonderfully peaceful at the allotments early in the morning or at dusk.

Regular picking encourages the plants to keep producing. Courgettes and beans in particular can go from perfect to oversized very quickly so it's lucky there are a couple of categories in the village Flower Show for these things!

There is still plenty of time to sow for late summer and autumn. Salad leaves, radishes, spring onions, beetroot, turnips, pak choi and other quick-growing crops can be sown in small batches. July has also been a good time to plant out leeks and winter brassicas such as kale, cabbage, Brussels sprouts and purple sprouting broccoli, giving them time to settle in before the colder months arrive.

By the time you read this the village flower show and fete will have happened but as I write, I know that many allotmenters are thinking about possible entries. Whether it is a prize-worthy bunch of sweet peas, a handsome trug of vegetables, a jar of homemade jam, or simply something grown with care, the show is a lovely way to celebrate the season and support village life. Even if you did not enter this year, start planning now for 2027 – and congratulations to anyone who entered or won this year (more details in next month's newsletter).

There are still two plots and two raised beds currently available so if you are interested please contact clerk@stogurseyparishcouncil.org.uk

Happy growing, and thank you to everyone who helps keep the allotments productive, welcoming and full of life through the summer.

Stogursey Allotment Holders

VICTORY HALL LOTTERY WINNERS

July Draw 2026

1 st Prize	£25.00	Ron Dyer	No. 86
2 nd Prize	£15.00	Gillian Ford	No. 126
3 rd Prize	£10.00	Colin White	No. 26

JUBILEE ROOMS

Castle Street
Stogursey

Rooms available for hire, reasonable rates.
Perfect for the smaller functions - children's parties, events, wakes etc.

Currently being used for the following:

Tuesdays for Stogursey Lunches -

good food, freshly-cooked.

See menus, dates and how to book in Stogursey News.

Wednesdays for Forget-me-not Café -

10.30 - 12.00 - FREE

August 12th, August 26th

Wednesdays for Knit and Natter -

August 5th, 10.00 - 12.00

August 19th, 14.00 - 16.00

This is a new venture, free to all. Come and share your crafts and have a natter.

Donations for the Jubilee Rooms would be appreciated.
Refreshments provided.

Every Friday for Social Café -

10.00-12.30

Enjoy the company of others, put the world to rights whilst partaking of coffee, tea and cake.

Free to all, a small donation would be appreciated.
Newspapers to read. Bring your crafts.

Every Saturday for ballet lessons with Megan -

10.00-11.30 - two classes

For details please contact Megan c/o Spar.

The rooms are available for hire, please contact :

Rosemarie Barrett

07507 374234 or

rosechalk@icloud.com

SHORT MAT BOWLS

EVERY TUESDAY EVENING

VICTORY HALL 7.30pm - 9.00pm

All welcome - all ages, great social evening
Come and join us.

Contact Allan Searle 01278 732820
or email rosechalk@icloud.com.

Strummers of Stogursey

Did you see us at the Flower Show? Or the Community Day?

If you did, and you'd like to join us just come along to the Greyhound in Lime Street on a Wednesday at 7.30. You'll find the dates in Stogursey News or contact rose.palmer280@gmail.com or ianelenor@gmail.com for further information

We always have spare ukuleles and welcome new members. Come along to strum, sing and smile or maybe shake a tambourine. We'll be very happy to see you.

VICTORY HALL NEWS

Hi all, hoping you are all well and enjoying the weather.

At present we have put a hold on the free evenings that we were running quarterly as the numbers were not there - we understand that it's the better weather. The Victory Hall has been busy with private bookings, parties and company training.

We are planning for the autumn and winter months now. Dates for the diary are:-

SEPTEMBER:

Friday 4th: Quiz Night returns raising money for National Kidney Foundation (NFK) 7.00pm - late
Teams up to 6, £2 per person. Raffle & Bar open
Sunday 13th: Sunday Lunch 12-2pm. Bar Open

OCTOBER

Friday 2nd: Octoberfest Quiz Night & Food (more details next month)
Sunday 11th: Sunday Lunch
Saturday 31st: Family Fun Halloween Party (details next month)

NOVEMBER

Sunday 8th: Sunday Lunch
Saturday 28th: Christmas Market 10.00am - 2.00pm

DECEMBER

Friday 4th: Christmas Bingo, Eyes down at 8.00pm
Sunday 6th: Christmas Lunch 12 - 2.00pm
Sunday 13th: Christmas Lunch.
(Yes, Christmas Lunch 2 weeks running!)
Thursday 31st: New Year's Eve Family Party



STOGURSEY FORGET-ME-NOT CAFÉ

JUBILEE ROOMS, CASTLE STREET,
TA5 1TG

FORTNIGHTLY ON WEDNESDAYS 10.30 – 12.00

Our Café Dates:

Wednesday 12th August
Wednesday 26th August
Wednesday 9th September
Wednesday 23rd September
Wednesday 7th October
Wednesday 21st October
Wednesday 4th November
Wednesday 18th November



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 or contact Helen or Rose?

For more information please contact:

Helen: 07891 547982 cuttellhelen@gmail.com

Rose: 07507 374234 rosechalk@icloud.com

**AS ALWAYS, A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO
SUPPORTS THE CAFÉ**

They're back!

Live music at Holford Village Hall

with

Tico!

Saturday 22 August

Doors 7:30pm / Music 8:00pm

Songs you will know and love -
Fusion / Latin/Blues /Jazz . . . and 'World Music'
Instrumentals

£10

Bring your own bottle & nibbles / table picnic!

07960 842331

Online booking - Scan QR





Stogursey Community Network (SCN) AUGUST 2026

Contact us: stogurseycommunitynetwork@gmail.com,

Tel No: 07856 147324

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.)

Forthcoming events in Fiddington

Book Swap and Coffee Morning,
10.00 til 11.30 - Village Hall
Saturday, 8th August.

Tea & Chat (St Martin of Tours) in the adjacent village hall, Thursday 20th August, 3pm to 5pm.
Join us for tea, home-made cakes and friendly company. For enquiries, contact Jackie Matthews 01278 732175

St Martin of Tours - Strawberry Cream Tea
Sunday 30th August, 3pm to 5pm
Cream Tea in aid of the Salvation Army and their work to support the homeless in and around Minehead.

Garden and Craft Fair -
Bank Holiday Monday, 31st August
In and around the village hall. 2.00 to 5.00pm.
Local Craft Stalls, Games, Tombola, Refreshments. Pizza. Pottery painting. Hire charge £10 per table.
For details contact Caroline Norris - 01278 734537 - leave a message and she will get back to you.

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.



Stogursey Arts hosted a wonderful Activities Fair on Sunday 19th July; visitors signed up to a wide range of art and craft workshops, which will take place in the early autumn, and joined groups such as the Artisans, the Photography Group, Lacemaking, the Strummers, the new Creative Writing Group and the new Pantomime Group!

Children who came along enjoyed the Puppet Show, Emm's 'Make & Take' and making Flower Crowns with Sasha - all free, thanks to Stogursey Arts' Grant from Somerset Community Foundation.

But don't worry if you missed the Day. Any remaining places on the September / October arts workshops will be advertised via our Website ([STOGURSEY ARTS – community . creativity . festival](http://stogurseyarts-community.creativity.festival)), on our Facebook page or, if you don't have online access, you can call 01278 732149 and leave a message asking for a return call.

And then of course there will be the **Stogursey Arts Festival** which this year will again start with the Children's Parade (showing off their creations which will

be made with local Artists in School on a day in early October) and continue with exhibitions of work from the various Workshops, Activities, Refreshments and Fun in 3 venues in Stogursey from **15th - 19th October!** More details to follow in September.

A must-see date for your calendar!!



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News From the Quantock Medical Centre

This month we are going to focus on our Reception Team and our volunteer.

Our Reception team members are the first people you meet from our Practice when you need some help accessing our services, either face-to-face or on the telephone: when you come to check in for an appointment, to drop off a sample, book an appointment or ask for your results.

Our Practice is small and our staff are expected to be highly-skilled and constantly multi-tasking. Whilst being the welcoming front of house, the reception team works hard behind the scenes too, often pulled in many directions at the same time. As well as booking appointments over the phone, they are dealing with patients, relatives, carers, GPs, nurses, other staff, other hospitals; face-to-face, on the phone, via the NHS app, and by email.

Booking an appointment at the Practice might sound simple, however the reception team is expected to understand all the different skills of our different clinicians, doctors, nurses, health care assistants, specialist musculo skeletal practitioners, health coaches, midwives etc. We have over 60 different types of appointment categories to book patients into, with over 10 different clinicians working from our premises. It really is a lot to remember.

This is why it is important that they ask why you need an appointment in order that you are booked in with the most appropriate clinician, and according to the urgency of your condition. Confidentiality is a key part of everyone's role at the Practice and is taken very seriously. They also receive and process all documentation coming into the Practice whether its paper post from Royal Mail, post from other Hospital sites, or electronic.

When asked, it was the consensus of the team that the 'best part of their job is helping people and the friendly faces from both the patients and the other members of staff who greet them day-to-day. Being able to offer appointments earlier than is expected and helping someone navigate their way through the ever-complicated health service, solving problems and seeing them light up with relief is always the most rewarding part of the job.'

The receptionists also said 'we are very lucky in our Practice that we have a lot of patient contact and are able to use our knowledge and skills, are trusted to work independently, and are aware that larger town Practices may not have the level of patient contact and autonomy that we have in our roles so that we are able to offer a more personal element to every interaction'.

The worst part of the job is 'when the demand is so high that there are no appointments available on the day and patients have to wait over a week for the next available routine GP appointment, as we want to help as much as we can'.

The reception team generally handle over 120 - 180 phone calls a day and we are seeing between 100 – 160 appointments a day through the surgery.

The waiting time for a general routine GP appointment is between 1 – 2 weeks. Obviously if the need is more urgent we will be able to prioritise you for on the same day or a next day appointment.

Demand is ever increasing - it is not necessarily about the number of patients we have registered with us as this stays about the same each year at approximately 4200, but that people's expectations to be seen immediately are increasing in our very 'now' society.

I would like to give a big thank you to the reception team for all the hard work they put into the surgery every day and they really do appreciate your kindness and patience when accessing our services.

I would also like to give a huge thank you to Lucille who kindly volunteers at the dispensary hatch on an afternoon. She is doing a brilliant job handing out patient medications. This has been a huge help to the dispensary and means they can get on with processing medication requests. She kindly donates her time to help the surgery, so please remember to treat her with kindness and patience.

At the Quantock Medical Centre, we strive to provide the best care for each person, and we have been looking at reasonable adjustments for our patients. If you are aware that you may need a reasonable adjustment to be made in order for you to access our services, please do let us know; whether it's a bit of support, a little more time, or information in a written format etc, please let the reception team know and we can figure out the best way to help.

And, last but not least . . .

Diabetes UK are holding a type 1 diabetes support group for those interested. It is for those living with, or connected to, type 1 diabetes. They meet monthly, 10:30-12:00 at The Cozy Club, Hunts Court, Corporation St, Taunton, TA14AW.

For more information, contact your local Diabetes UK volunteer – Julie.talbotwilliams@outlook.com

Helen Stacey Practice Manager



Stogursey Lunches

Jubilee Rooms

TUESDAYS

(except first Tuesday of the month)

Doors open at 12 noon,

Everyone, especially children, very welcome.

Book a table, come with friends to 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).

A vegetarian option is always on the menu, and we can cater for special diets/preferences if requested at time of booking

ADVANCE BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL -
please phone 07856 147324
by 5.00pm on the preceding Friday

AUGUST MENUS*

Tuesday 11 August 2026

Chicken and cannellini bean salad, served with soft rolls,
OR

Cheese and pickle tart, served with a side salad

Rice pudding with mirabelle compôte

Tuesday 18 August 2026

Hotdog or farmhouse sausage, with a hotdog roll or
French bread,

both with coleslaw and salad

OR

Quorn sausage & bread, or Tomato Galette (open tart)
with coleslaw and salad

Ice cream

Tuesday 25 August 2026

Roasted cod with bacon & tomatoes, with baby potatoes
and vegetables, OR

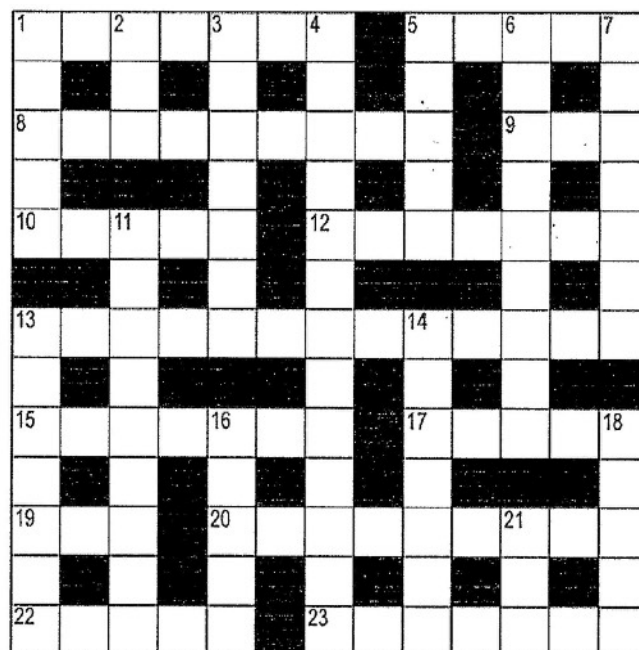
Spinach & mushroom bake (contains cheese)
with vegetables

Bakewell tart with cream

* Menus may be subject to change, depending on
availability of produce.

Crossword No. 75

Compiled by Helen Cuttall



CLUES ACROSS

1. Raffle where tickets are drawn from a drum to win prizes (7)
5. Malaysian state in Borneo (5)
8. Cooked outside on a grill (9)
9. Unwell (3)
10. Adam's Needle (5)
12. Compete more successfully than another team (7)
13. English naturalist, geologist, & biologist (7,6)
15. American naturalist, essayist, & philosopher (7)
17. Liqueur made from brandy flavoured with nut kernels (5)
19. Character in Old English alphabet (3)
20. Small yellow bird from Peanuts cartoon (9)
22. City in Western Germany (5)
23. Cooked in the oven (7)

CLUES DOWN

1. Cat with stripey markings (5)
2. Vaccine (3)
3. Protective clothing (7)
4. Transparent fluid inside the eye (7,6)
5. Former president of Egypt (5)
6. Horse-riding path (9)
7. Calm, peaceful, & tranquil (7)
11. Californian lilac (9)
13. Reflective safety device on the road (4,3)
14. Loss of memory (7)
16. King of Northumberland & saint (5)
18. Eerie & unfamiliar (5)
21. Hardy cereal grain grown for it's edible seeds (3)

Stogursey Parish Council Newsletter

Please note the next Parish Council Meeting is
9th September 7.00pm, Stogursey Victory Hall.

There will not be a meeting in August.

STOGURSEY PARISH VOLUNTEERS

Can you spare an hour or two?

Stogursey Parish Council is seeking local volunteers to help make a positive difference in our community.

Opportunities to get involved:

-  Community Speed Watch
-  Highways & Footpaths Issues
-  Village Biodiversity Projects
-  Friends of St Andrew's Wells

Working as a team Volunteer tasks may include:

- Light footpath clearance
- Tidying green spaces and litter picking
- Checking drains/ditches and reporting local issues
- Monitoring footpath accessibility and noting the condition of small footbridges
- Encouraging our Parish to implement biodiversity in all projects
- Helping to care for St Andrew's Wells

Our own tiny tourist attraction — St Andrew's Wells

First recorded in 1473, St Andrew's Wells has been at the heart of village life for centuries. Once the community's only source of drinking water, the springs have never been known to run dry and were long believed to possess healing qualities.

Lord Egmont of Stogursey Manor, enclosed the springs within a well house and in the 18th century the Acland family, of Fairfield Manor, added the impressive arched gateway. Today, however, this Grade II listed landmark has no known owner who will take responsibility of this Grade 2 monument.

Although the Parish Council does not own the Wells and is not responsible for their maintenance, we recognise its significance as a cherished part of Stogursey's heritage. Regular clearance of vegetation and drainage channels helps protect the site and reduce the risk of local flooding. We are therefore looking for volunteers to join a

Friends of the Wells group to assist with light maintenance, including clearing overgrowth, checking drains and painting windows.

A small amount of your time can make a lasting difference. If you would like to help preserve this unique local landmark for future generations please contact Ann Corrigan, Clerk

News from Somerset County Council

Road Closures: Cannington Road, Nether Stowey

Please be aware that Cannington Road, Nether Stowey, will be temporarily closed from **27–31 July 2026**, between **7.00pm and 5.00am**, while Somerset Highways carries out essential road works. The road will reopen when work is not taking place.

The work, being carried out by Kiely Bros, includes surface dressing, stud replacement and road marking. Diversion routes will be clearly signposted. Additional closures may be needed later, and advance notice will be given if this is the case. For further information, contact Kiely Bros on **0121 772 3800**, quoting reference **WD32 - SD001417 - Cannington Road**.

Need advice?

Call Citizens Advice Somerset Call 0808 278 7842 free of charge. Advisers are available on Mondays and Fridays, 10.00am–4.00pm.

Parish Notice Boards

Our parish notice boards are currently out of service and are due to be replaced soon. In the meantime, please visit www.stogursey-online.uk for updates, or contact the Clerk if you do not have internet access.

Ann Corrigan – Clerk to Stogursey Parish Council
email clerk@stogurseyparishcouncil.org.uk

Solution to Crossword No. 74 - July 2026

ACROSS:

1.Bortsch, 5.Tepee, 8.Constable, 9.RoU, 10.Perch,
12.Oculist, 13.Paddle Steamer, 15.Moorish,
17.Abnet, 19.Ice, 20.Shiitakes, 22.Olden,
23.Enclose

DOWN:

1.Bicep, 2.Run, 3.Satchel, 4.Hobsons choice,
5.Taegu, 6.Persimmon, 7.Equator, 11.Radiohead,
13.Pimlico, 14.Elastic, 16.Ibsen, 18.Taste, 21.Keo

Stogursey Flower Show 2026

WINNERS

Iris Searle Challenge Cup for the best exhibit of vegetables or fruit:
ROSEMARY FITZGERALD

Paul Tipney Cup for the best collection of 6 vegetables:
SUZY TAYLOR

Les Wells Memorial Cup for the best exhibit of flowers and plants:
LISA DUNWOOD

Thordown Cup for the best exhibit in the show:
ROBIN CURRAN

Knighton Cup (Children's section) for the most imaginative use of materials:
DELILAH TURNER

Chris Johnson Memorial Challenge Cup for the overall best in the Fruit & Vegetables section:

1st AARON TURNER
2nd IAN ELENOR
3rd SUZY TAYLOR

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

1st ROSEMARY FITZGERALD
2nd HELENA AYRE
3rd (joint) DEBORAH COLE & LISA DUNWOOD

Victory Hall Challenge Cup for the overall best in the Floral Art section:
1st LISA DUNWOOD

Mary Hume Cup for the overall best in the Handicraft section:

1st EDDIE GRIFFEE
2nd EMILY WAITE
3rd FIONA JOHNSON

Honibere Challenge Cup for the overall best in the Homecraft section:

1st MICHELLE CRAGGS
2nd DENISE OLIVER
3rd IAN ELENOR

Junior Cup for the overall best in the Children under-8 section:

1st DELILAH TURNER
2nd DARLA RIDDETT
3rd EVIE WAITE

Hinkley Point Cup for the overall best in the Children 8-12 age section:

1st ISABELLE MILTON
2nd JOSHUA MILTON

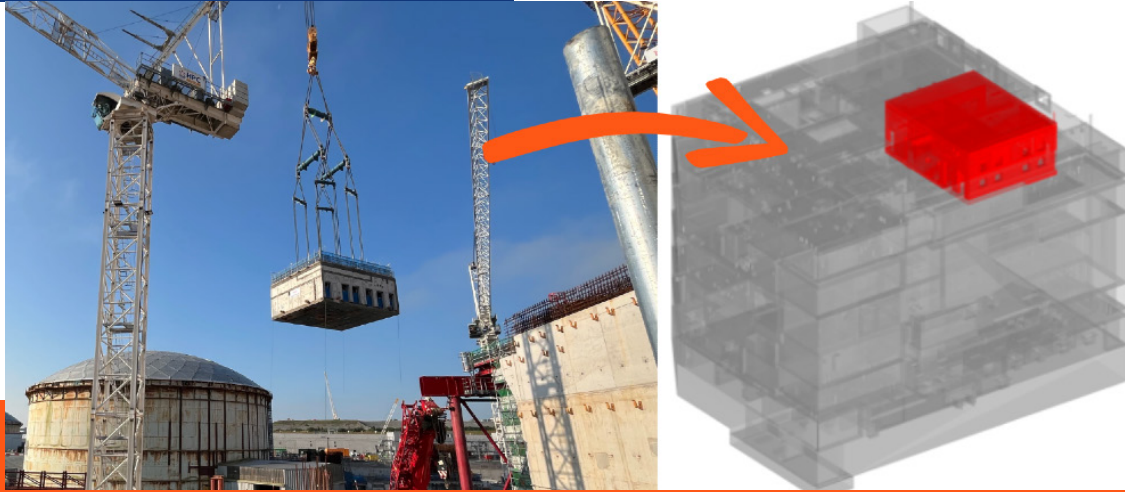
First prize photos 'Animal(s)'

Below - by Isabelle Milton (children 8-12 section)

Right - by Nicola Hunt (open section)



Major Lift Marks Construction Progress



A major construction milestone has been reached at Hinkley Point C with the installation of the heaviest precast concrete module in one of the station's key support buildings. For Unit 2, the Nuclear Auxiliary Building.

Weighing 739 tonnes and containing 12 rooms across two levels, the module was lifted into place by Big Carl. Using prefabricated modules helps improve safety, reduce on-site work and speed up construction, with this approach expected to save around four months on the programme.

The achievement highlights the teamwork and engineering expertise helping to deliver the UK's first new nuclear power station in a generation.

The face of success



A new advertising campaign featuring workers from Hinkley Point C has launched across the region.

Huge billboards and posters showcasing five members of the workforce are appearing in Bridgwater, Taunton, Bristol Airport and train stations across the South West.

The campaign celebrates the people helping to build the power station and highlights the positive impact the project is having on skills development, apprenticeships and job creation.

Pictured here is Bella Noble's billboard in Taunton. Bella, who comes from Weston-super-Mare, now works as a Digital Project Manager at Hinkley Point C, having started her career as one of the 1,700 apprentices who have been trained through the project.

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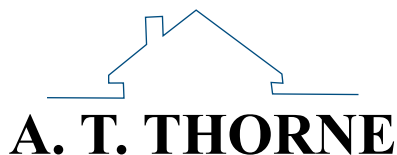
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Stuart Lake, Chris Morgan Jenny Ody, Allan Searle

Clerk: Ann Corrigan:

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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

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