

# STOGURSEY NEWS

*Happy 90th  
Birthday  
Allan!*



*Photos: DO & MB*

## September 2026

# Deadline for **OCTOBER 2026** contributions: **10.00am Tuesday 15th September 2026**

## Editorial

It has been a memorably hot and dry summer across Somerset and the wider country to rival 1976 and no doubt people of a certain age will compare this year to that year with fond memories.

Following on with the hot summer theme, the allotment society are also struggling to combat various pests, including the flea beetle, in addition to the arid conditions. I think everyone now is hoping for some rain soon to quench parched gardens and lawns.

The hot weather did not stop this year's Stogursey Flower Show from blooming and it is continuing to be a great success despite the challenging growing conditions. Congratulations to all the winners and contributors!

Allan Searle, one of the pillars of the Parish Council, celebrated his 90th birthday recently and he has tirelessly contributed to the local community for years! Congratulations from all the Editorial team on this milestone!

As always, there are numerous events to keep parishioners involved and entertained throughout September including the jumble trail, charity quiz night and bingo evening.

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

## Guidelines

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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](mailto: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.
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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)<br>*Spinal Mobility, Balance & Strength Class (weekly)<br>Health Walks - Level One (weekly)<br><i>Contact: Steve on 07747 127334</i><br>Stogursey Sings! 2nd & 4th Mondays of month)                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Victory Hall<br>Victory Hall<br>Steart Marshes Car Park<br><br>Victory Hall                                                                                         | 9.30am - 10.40am<br>11.00am - 12 noon<br>10.00am<br><br>7.00pm - 8.30pm                                                             |
| Tuesday        | *Core Stability - Pilates-based (weekly)<br>Tai Chi Shibashi for over-50s (weekly)<br><i>(Contact AgeUK 01823 345 624)</i><br>Stogursey Lunches (weekly, except 1st Tues of month)<br>Bingo (weekly)<br>Parish Council Meeting (2nd Tuesday of month)<br>Meditation (1st & 3rd Tuesday of month)<br>Short Mat Bowls (weekly)<br><i>Contact: Allan 01278 732820 /rosechalk@icloud.com</i><br>Quantock Tennis Club (1st Tuesday of month) | Victory Hall<br>Victory Hall<br><br>Jubilee Rooms<br>St Audries Centre<br>Victory Hall<br>St Andrew's Church, Lilstock<br>Victory Hall<br>Multi-sport court, V.Hall | 9.00am - 10.00am<br>10.30am<br><br>Doors Open 12 noon<br>Eyes Down 2.00pm<br>7.00pm<br>7.15pm<br>7.30pm - 9.00pm<br>3.00pm - 5.00pm |
| Wednesday      | Forget-Me-Not Café (alternate Wednesdays)<br>Knit & Natter (alternate Wednesdays)<br>Ukulele Sessions (alternate Wednesdays)<br>Sea Shanty Singers (alternate Wednesdays)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Jubilee Rooms<br>Jubilee Rooms<br>Greyhound Inn<br>To be arranged                                                                                                   | 10.30am - 12 noon<br>as advertised within<br>7.30pm - 9.30pm<br>7.30pm - 9.30pm                                                     |
| Thursday       | Health Walks - Level Two (weekly)<br><i>Contact - <a href="https://www.sasp.co.uk/health-walks">https://www.sasp.co.uk/health-walks</a></i><br>Mobile Library visit (once every four weeks)<br>Youth Club (weekly)<br>Stogursey Arts Photographic Society (SAPS)<br><i>(2nd Thurs of month. Contact 5 St Andrews Rd, Stogursey)</i>                                                                                                     | Steart Marshes Car Park<br><br>Shurton & Stogursey<br>Youth Club<br>Various locations                                                                               | 10.00am<br><br>as per schedule<br>6.30pm - 8.30pm<br>7.00pm                                                                         |
| Friday         | Toddler & Baby Group (term-time only)<br>Friday Social Café (weekly)<br>Quantock Tennis Club (weekly) <i>Contact John Nicholson 01278 732711 / <a href="mailto:j0hnfn1c@gmail.com">j0hnfn1c@gmail.com</a></i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Victory Hall<br>Jubilee Rooms<br>Multi-sport court,<br>Victory Hall                                                                                                 | 9.30am - 11.30am<br>10.00am - 12 noon<br>10.00am - 12 noon                                                                          |
| Sunday         | Quantock Tennis Club (weekly)<br>Stogursey Lace Group (fortnightly)<br><i>Contact Linda: <a href="mailto:labond222@gmail.com">labond222@gmail.com</a></i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Multi-sport court, V Hall<br>Victory Hall                                                                                                                           | 10.00am - 12 noon<br>1.00 - 3.00pm                                                                                                  |

\* Contact [siancocks@btinternet.com](mailto:siancocks@btinternet.com) / 01278 652411

## SEPTEMBER

|              |                                             |                             |                   |
|--------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Wednesday 2  | Strummers of Stogursey (Ukulele session)    | Greyhound Inn               | 7.30pm - 9.30pm   |
| Thursday 3   | Mobile Library Visit                        | As per schedule             | As per schedule   |
| Friday 4     | Quiz (in aid of National Kidney Foundation) | Victory Hall                | Doors Open 7.00pm |
| Tuesday 8    | Parish Council Meeting                      | Victory Hall                | 7.00pm            |
| Wednesday 9  | Forget-me-not Café                          | Jubilee Rooms               | 10.30am - 12 noon |
| Saturday 12  | Jumble Trail                                | The Gravel (starting point) | 10.00am onwards   |
| Sunday 13    | Sunday Lunch                                | Victory Hall                | 12 noon - 2.00pm  |
| Monday 14    | Stogursey Sings!                            | Victory Hall                | 7.00pm - 8.30pm   |
| Wednesday 16 | Strummers of Stogursey (Ukulele session)    | Greyhound Inn               | 7.30pm - 9.30pm   |
| Thursday 17  | HPC Community Forum Meeting                 | Victory Hall                | 6.00pm            |
| Wednesday 23 | Forget-me-not Café                          | Jubilee Rooms               | 10.30am - 12 noon |
| Saturday 26  | Cash Bingo                                  | Victory Hall                | Doors Open 7.00pm |
| Monday 28    | Stogursey Sings!                            | Victory Hall                | 7.00pm - 8.30pm   |
| Wednesday 30 | Strummers of Stogursey (Ukulele session)    | Greyhound Inn               | 7.30pm - 9.30pm   |

Please send contributions to: [stogurseyparishnews@gmail.com](mailto:stogurseyparishnews@gmail.com)

## SEPTEMBER SUNDAY SERVICE ROTA for Quantock Gate Parishes

| CHURCH                         | 6 <sup>th</sup> September<br>Trinity 14 | 13 <sup>th</sup> September<br>Trinity 15                           | 20 <sup>th</sup> September<br>Trinity 16 | 27 <sup>th</sup> September<br>Trinity 17             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Cannington</b><br>St Mary   | 8.00 & 9.30am<br><b>Holy Communion</b>  | 8.00am<br><b>Holy Communion</b><br>9.30am<br><b>Family Service</b> | 8.00 & 9.30am<br><b>Holy Communion</b>   | 8.00 & 9.30am<br><b>Holy Communion</b>               |
| <b>Combwich</b><br>St Peter    | 11.15am<br><b>PET SERVICE</b>           | 6.00pm<br><b>Prayer &amp; Praise</b>                               | 11.15am<br><b>Holy Communion</b>         |                                                      |
| <b>Fiddington</b><br>St Martin | 9.00am<br><b>Holy Communion</b>         | 9.00am<br><b>Holy Communion</b>                                    | 9.00am<br><b>Holy Communion</b>          | 9.00am<br><b>Family Service</b>                      |
| <b>Steart</b><br>St Andrew     |                                         | 11.15am<br><b>Family Service</b>                                   | 11.15am<br><b>HARVEST FESTIVAL</b>       | 11.15am<br><b>Holy Communion</b>                     |
| <b>Stogursey</b><br>St Andrew  | 10.30am<br><b>Holy Communion</b>        | 10.30am<br><b>Holy Communion</b>                                   | 10.30am<br><b>Holy Communion</b>         | 10.30am<br><b>Café Church*</b><br>(in Jubilee Rooms) |
|                                | Green                                   | Green                                                              | Green                                    | Green                                                |

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

### **Regular Weekday Services**

|           |        |                       |                                       |
|-----------|--------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Tuesdays  | 6.00pm | <b>Holy Communion</b> | Cannington, St Mary the Virgin Church |
| Thursdays | 9.00am | <b>Prayer Meeting</b> | Combwich, 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

### **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 Combwich 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)



## A BIG THANK YOU

I would like to say a very Big thank you to my daughter Denise for organizing such a wonderful 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday party for me on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August at the Victory Hall, and for the wonderful spread of food, and the beautiful decorated cake that you and Ann made. It was so nice to be with my family and friends to celebrate, and made it such a wonderful day to remember.

My surprise of the day was when Brandon my friend arrived at my bungalow with his multi-coloured TVA sports car, and took me for a bit of a hair-raising ride before taking me to the Victory Hall. Brandon, you are a star, and your car was the rainbow, thank you so much.

A Big thank you to Stogursey Strummers who entertained us with music and songs, they were brilliant.

A special thank you to Ann, Sheila, Sue, Wendy, Lesley, Lisa, James and Ian who all helped in the kitchen, and everyone who helped set up the hall, and left the hall clean and tidy at the end of a wonderful day.

Thank you for all the wonderful birthday cards, gifts and kind messages and donations, a magnificent total of £770.00 was raised for The National Kidney Foundation,

Thank you all once again for making it such a wonderful day for me to remember.

*Allan Searle*

### Allan's First Experiences of Stogursey

*At his 90th birthday party, Allan told his friends and family that he had arrived in Stogursey in 1951. In an interview he did for 'Stogursey Voices' in 2016, he gave the story behind his coming to the village:*

"At that time . . . I was working in a factory in Bridgwater . . . where I met a young lady called Iris (who lived in Stogursey). We came out here to play rounders with the local boys and girls of Stogursey . . . and finished up after in the Acland for lemonade and orange juice and a packet of crisps, which was the going thing back in the fifties. . . Romance blossomed, and I cycled to Stogursey [several] nights a week from Bridgwater. I did that for around 12 months. . .

The first week that I came to Stogursey on my bicycle I came on the Tuesday night and again on the Wednesday, Thursday, then arrived on the Friday night, only to be stopped at the bottom of churchyard hill by five local youths. They walked across the road and they were like a little local posse, stopping me and asking, "What are you doing in Stogursey, because we don't want you out here after our young ladies. You have enough young ladies in Bridgwater." They said, "You should go back to where you come from." So I cycled back up the hill and . . . came down the other turning, and came in the back [through] Monkton. . . Then for the next few weeks I did alternative routes. I came in Shurton end, cycled along the A39 and came in [from] Fiddington, and then come in at the Stowey end. [At last] the young men in the village realised I was determined; they let me in to the village then. That was my recollection of back in the fifties: how protective the young men were of this village."

## STOGURSEY FLOWER SHOW 2026

This year's Show proved to be very successful, despite a very wet start to the growing season followed by the exceptionally hot weather.

Our green-fingered gardeners managed to produce some wonderful vegetables, flowers and plants; the home craft section was well supported displaying plenty of delicious cakes, scones, biscuits, jams, and many more homemade treats. There were some wonderful exhibits in the handicraft section showing us what wonderfully talented parishioners we have within our community. The children's entries were down on last year, but those who did enter made some outstanding exhibits.

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

Thank you to Denise and Lisa for their hard work serving refreshments from the kitchen during the day; Karen for running the raffle; Sue, Amber, and Lesley for running the Bric-a-Brac stall; and Emma for running the bar. A big thank you to Stogursey Strummers who entertained us with music and songs, they were brilliant,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our Parish Council for its kind grant of £350.00 to help with the cost of running our annual flower show (it goes towards the rosettes, printing the certificates, and engraving all the cups).

Our final thanks must go to all those who gave cakes and raffle prizes, and to everyone who came along to the show helping to make it such a wonderful and successful day.

*Allan Searle*

*on behalf of the Victory Hall Committee*



## Stogursey Allotment News

Winter saw waterlogging, now we have an official drought. Where did all that water go?

I shouldn't grumble about the pitfalls of gardening because up until now it's been fairly fruitful on the plot. Onions, garlic, potatoes, peas, and soft fruit all harvested, french beans in full production mode, sweetcorn coming along nicely. And the courgettes? Does anyone want any?

Moving on to the brassica family (cabbage, cauli, kale etc), I know I shouldn't grumble but I'm about to. After trying to ward off the dreaded cabbage white butterflies with some fine mesh, another pest has materialised. The flea beetle! Thousands of the little blighters. They've got sharp teeth and can jump like a normal flea but these ones like to chew the living daylight out of brassica plants, turning the leaves brown and papery and restricting growth. Not such a big problem on mature plants but they can kill young ones. Apparently they migrate from the oilseed rape fields after harvest and menacingly search for an unwitting allotment holder who has never learned that nature will always find a way to devour anything you attempt to grow.

My philosophy is to grow a bit more than required, share a bit with the pests and hope they have the consideration to leave some for me.

Apparently, due to the hot, dry weather, they are a huge problem nationwide. Flea beetle can be a big problem for farmers which, some would say, is largely due to industrialised monoculture, creating a lack of biodiversity and natural predators, and increasing pesticide resistance.

Food security is another issue currently up for debate so perhaps now is a good time to grow some of your own.

At the time of writing, there are a couple of plots and a raised bed still 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)

## VICTORY HALL LOTTERY WINNERS

### August Draw 2026

|                       |        |                |         |
|-----------------------|--------|----------------|---------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Prize | £25.00 | Mel Stone      | No. 148 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize | £15.00 | Jane Taunton   | No. 61  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize | £10.00 | Roger Nicholls | No. 93  |



## STOGURSEY ALMSHOUSE VACANCY

The William Paulett Charity currently has a vacancy in one of its Almshouses, a one-bedroom, single-occupancy house in Stogursey. The Almshouse is currently vacant and will be available for occupation following completion of the application and assessment process.

In accordance with our governing documents, applications are welcome from people who have reached State Pension age and who live in the parishes of Stogursey, Stringston, Kilve, East Quantoxhead and Holford, with a preference for residents in the parish of Stogursey.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate financial hardship and housing need. They must also be capable of living independently within the accommodation, with or without appropriate support services. Full eligibility criteria are available on request.

For an application pack, please contact the William Paulett Charity.

Email: [stogurseycharities@gmail.com](mailto:stogurseycharities@gmail.com)

Tel: 01278 321 306 (please leave a clear message and your contact details)

**The Closing Date for Completed Application Forms is  
1st October 2026**



## QUIZ NIGHT

**Friday 4th September  
Stogursey Victory Hall**

in aid of the National Kidney Federation

Doors Open 7.00pm  
Quiz starts 7.30pm

Teams of 4-6 people can enter  
For £2.50 per person

RAFFLE! ★ BAR OPEN!

*The NKF is the largest kidney patient-led charity, dedicated to supporting kidney patients and their families. For more than 45 years, it has provided essential national patient support services and advocated for better renal care and treatment.*

**DONATE. [WWW.KIDNEY.ORG.UK/PEAL/DONATE](http://WWW.KIDNEY.ORG.UK/PEAL/DONATE)**

## Stogursey Jumble Trail

Following last year's success The Jumble Trail returns on  
**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September**

10am until the bargains run out.

No need to pack the car and drive to a muddy field.  
A £5 donation to The Fortress secures a place on the  
Jumble Trail map/list. Then sell your treasures from the  
comfort of your own garden or doorstep.

Shoppers collect a map/list from the gravel from 10am.

New this year - we have a wet weather plan.

Contact Hilary Jones  
[fortressfriends@outlook.com](mailto:fortressfriends@outlook.com)  
07947238566

*The Fortress is a charity in Uganda supporting pregnant  
and abandoned teens and girls who have dropped out of  
education*

## Stogursey Victory Hall ROAST LUNCH



**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September**

Served from 12 noon - 2.00pm

1 course: £12.50

2 courses: £17.50

Children's and Vegetarian Courses available

Please contact Denise Oliver on:  
07453 381844 OR 01278 733594

BAR OPEN

## STOGURSEY VICTORY HALL presents a CASH PRIZE BINGO NIGHT



on **SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

Doors Open at 7pm

Starts at 8pm

BAR OPEN



## STOGURSEY FORGET-ME-NOT CAFÉ

Jubilee Rooms, Castle Street,  
Stogursey TA5 1TG

FORTNIGHTLY ON WEDNESDAYS  
10.30 – 12.00

### Our Café Dates:

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November: The Blackdown Hillbillies

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Celebrations

### FORGET-ME-NOT NEWS

- In July we said goodbye to our friend Lynne who has moved away to be nearer to her family. We will miss you Lynne, and Daisy too.
- The Beach'd Buoys Sea Shanty Band entertained us recently. We had lots of fun and laughs and everyone joined in as always.



BIG THANKS to the lovely Beach'd Buoys, and we are delighted to say that more than £189 was raised for "Memories for Caleb" and Children's Hospice South West.

*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 do need some 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:

Helen: 07891 547982 [cuttelhelen@gmail.com](mailto:cuttelhelen@gmail.com)

Rose: 07507 374234 [rosechalk@icloud.com](mailto:rosechalk@icloud.com)



## Stogursey Arts Photographic Society

In response to a number of people who approached the Stogursey Arts Trust, suggesting something should be set up to support local interest in photography, we invited new members to join a 'photographic society' via a post in Stogursey News on the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022. It said:

**'Interested in Photography and want to meet others who share this interest or maybe you just want to get better at taking photos .... read on?'**

The society met once a month, with the aim of helping members tune up their skills towards making better photos, swapping technical tips in the process.

It didn't matter if you used a traditional film camera, a digital camera, an ipad or a camera phone, our aim was and still is, to encourage members of this group to take good photos, focusing (pardon the pun) on capturing subject matter and composing pictures.

Since our first meeting in the Jubilee Rooms on the evening of Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022, we have covered things like light and shadow, colour, movement, still life, people, action, portraits, animals, landscape, buildings, interiors and as our confidence and numbers grew, we identified an ongoing project which was close to all of us.

'**Village Life**' started as a collection of photos documenting the everyday activities, the special events and the amazing environment that surrounds us between the Quantocks and the Bristol Channel. 'The archive', as it is now referred to, is available 'on line' at <https://www.stogurseyphotos.org.uk> In addition, with support of the Fairfield Trust, the society has been able to develop an exhibition, which is accessible to all, 'off line', in the form of selected prints from the archive and these are now on permanent display in the Victory Hall, in Stogursey.

To celebrate the past four years of our Stogursey Arts Photographic Society (SAPS), we have been working with the management team at the Victory Hall, to put on an event inviting you to attend the opening of the '**Village Life**' exhibition on the evening of **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**. All are welcome.

In addition to the opening of 'Village Life' (23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 2026) and in conjunction with members of the Stogursey Arts Trust and the Arts Festival committee; on the **19<sup>th</sup> October**, four years on from our first meeting, we will be concluding celebrations of this year's Arts Festival, by closing with an illustrated talk by professor Jamie Hobson, formerly principal lecturer at the University of the Arts London.

In previous years the Arts Festival talks were extremely popular events, so we are very excited about being able to support the closing events of this year's Festival with this illustrated talk, which will cover Jamie's photographic practice, drawing and creative interests, archaeological discoveries and anecdotes from his wider travels. Ticket details for this event will be available, in the Arts Festival programme.

The SAPS hope to see you at these events, where we will be on hand to tell you about future plans for photography in the village and parish, including a photographic exhibition of our work, which will run throughout January 2027 at the Bridgwater Arts Centre.

Mike Bradshaw :  
for the Stogursey Arts Photographic Society

### Stogursey Oil-buying Group

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

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

**The next order after this one will be in November.**

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

Chris Ford

To place an order please leave the form in the Post Office, or telephone (07552610692), or email [stogurseyford@gmail.com](mailto:stogurseyford@gmail.com) by **10am on Monday 7th September** with the following information:-

Name .....

Address .....

.....

Postcode ... ..

Email (if available) .....

Tel: .....

Amount of oil required ..... litres

*Note. Please specify an amount and not an unknown quantity such as 'top up'.*

Special instructions:.....

**Delivery will be in the 2 week period commencing 8th September.**



# STOGURSEY ARTS FESTIVAL



**Thursday 15th – Monday 19th October**

Supported by Somerset Community Foundation

Be part of Stogursey's amazing creative community as we come together for five days of exhibitions, live events and hands-on activities in the heart of our village.



**Be inspired. Get involved. Everyone is welcome**



## EXPECT ....



**CHILDREN'S PARADE –**  
masks & walking dinosaur



**ART EXHIBITIONS**



**MUSICAL GALA EVENING**



**CLOCKS** – an opportunity to view a rare collection of vintage clocks made in Stogursey & local area



**STARS OF STOGURSEY**  
talent show (16 & under)



**FLOWER FESTIVAL & ARTISANS EXHIBITS** in the Church



**AN EVENING OF CONVERSATION & FILM**



**CRAFT DEMONSTRATIONS**



**BSL (British Sign Language) FAMILY TASTER SESSION**  
*'The Art of Communication'*



Look out for more info in October's *Stogursey News* or online at [www.stogurseyarts.co.uk](http://www.stogurseyarts.co.uk)



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

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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

#### SEPTEMBER MENUS\*

**Tuesday 8 September 2026**

NO LUNCHES TODAY

**Tuesday 15 September 2026**

NO LUNCHES TODAY

**Tuesday 22 September 2026**

Pork casserole with mashed potatoes & vegetables  
OR

Spinach, cheese and filo pastry pie  
with vegetables

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Apple crumble with custard

**Tuesday 29 September 2026**

Chicken hotpot with potato topping and vegetables  
OR

Scruffy vegetable lasagne with garlic bread

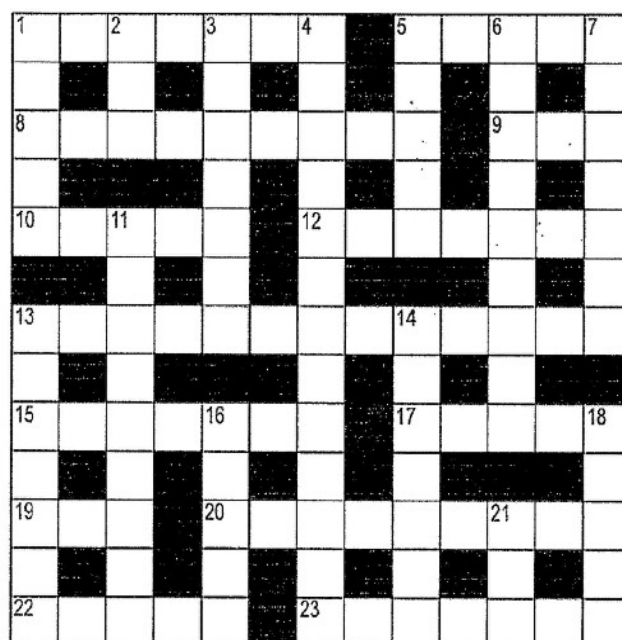
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Toffee apple self-saucing pudding with vanilla custard

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

## CROSSWORD No.76

Compiled by Helen Cuttell



#### CLUES ACROSS

1. Speak suddenly and loudly (7)
5. Search through someone's belongings in an unauthorised way (5)
8. Makes a prediction about (9)
9. Spherical object (3)
10. On no occasion (5)
12. Braids of hair (7)
13. Something remarkable or very unusual (13)
15. Polyanthus (7)
17. Cancel officially (5)
19. Vive le --- (3)
20. German composer, conductor and pianist (9)
22. Less polite (5)
23. Leslie - - - - - Actor from Airplane (7)

#### CLUES DOWN

1. Someone small, delicate and spritely (5)
2. Cowardly, mean-spirited person (3)
3. Province in Western Canada (7)
4. Sea surrounded by Southern Europe, North Africa & Western Asia (13)
5. Small Asian civet (5)
6. Mass of amphibian eggs in jelly (9)
7. Building where a group of diplomats work (7)
11. Turned into glass (9)
13. Title of a leader in Ancient Rome (7)
14. Novel by Walter Scott (7)
16. Natural reddish-brown colour (5)
18. Material woven with fibres from the flax plant (5)
21. Croatian island in the Adriatic Sea (3)

## Stogursey Parish Council Update

Stogursey Parish Council and LCN meetings take a break during August, with no Parish Council events currently planned — we all deserved a rest!

The next Parish Council meeting is on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September** at 7.00pm at Stogursey Victory Hall.

### Milestone birthday celebrations were held at the Victory Hall on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August.

Friends and family gathered to celebrate Stogursey Parish Councillor Allan Searle's wonderful 90th birthday. Allan has lived in Stogursey since 1951 and has played an important part in village life over many years. He has served as Chairman of the Parish Council, chairs the William Paulett charity which looks after the Alms houses, and continues to give his time and energy to the Village Hall and allotments. We secretly believe he runs on Duracell batteries!

It was a lovely afternoon of catching up with friends and family, with some guests travelling from as far afield as Gloucestershire and Cornwall to wish Allan an incredibly happy 90th birthday. The Hall was packed with well-wishers, and special thanks were given to Denise, Allan's daughter, and her team for providing a splendid afternoon tea. Guests also enjoyed the Stogursey Strummers performing some of Allan's favourite songs.

### Volunteers – your village needs your help!

Do you have a useful skill and a little time to spare to help keep our village and hamlets looking good?

We would really appreciate help with:

- Installing new notice boards in Stogursey, Burton, Shurton and Wick
- Occasional maintenance jobs and small repairs around the parish
- Strimming and clearing along footpaths
- Occasional help with IT issues

### Road closure

The road closure on Shurton Road, Stogursey, near Bayley's Lane, continues to 18<sup>th</sup> September. During this time, there is no access into Shurton over the humpback bridge towards the Babbling Brook public house.

### Vandalism at Stogursey Burgage Road Playground

Rubbish and broken toys have once again been dumped and scattered at Burgage Road Playground, making the area unsafe for children and spoiling this much-loved village park. If you see anything concerning, please let the Clerk know. We want everyone to be able to enjoy the playground safely, and repeated anti-social behaviour may be reported for further action.

### Wildfire safety this summer throughout our Parish

Hot, dry weather has increased the risk of wildfires, so please take extra care in the countryside and wooded

areas. A small spark can quickly threaten land, wildlife, farmland, homes, and local infrastructure.

Please help prevent fires by:

- Do not light fires in open spaces, parks, moorland, or wooded areas
- Use barbecues only where permitted, and never leave them unattended
- Dispose of cold ashes, cigarettes, and glass bottles safely

**If you spot an outdoor fire**, call 999 straight away. Give clear details, keep away, and follow advice from the emergency services or local authorities.

### Fridges, freezers, and cooling appliances

During August, and into September, Somerset Council and Biffa are temporarily accepting one fridge, freezer, or cooling appliance per household at Somerset's 16 recycling sites.

#### A quick reminder:

#### if you see a problem, please report it.

The more parishioners report faults directly to Somerset Council, the easier it is for them to see what needs attention. Somerset Council has upgraded its online road and fault reporting system, making it quicker for residents to report issues, add a photograph and track progress. You can report faults from a phone, tablet, or computer. Visit the Report It site [www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem-on-the-road/](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem-on-the-road/)

**Thank you, as always, for looking out for one another and helping keep Stogursey and our surrounding hamlets safe, welcoming, and well cared for.**

## Wrington Joyful Choir

**Saturday 3rd October**

Victory Hall at 7.30pm

Exciting, foot tapping, hand clapping and full of gusto!  
Great family entertainment.

Wrington Choir have a great reputation for singing all types of music from musical theatre, modern pop, traditional and much more. Here are just some of the numbers they will perform at this concert:

**Proud Mary, Amazing Grace, Bring me a Little Water  
Sylvie, Your Love Keeps Lifting me High**

The choir have recently been on a tour of Austria and are in high demand throughout the West Country and beyond. They raise an enormous amount for charities on behalf of many organisations.

Tickets available at the door @ £10 per person  
and £5 for children under-16



## HOLFORD GARDENERS' GROUP

### Holford Flower Show 2026

We would like to thank everyone from Holford and the surrounding areas who participated in this year's highly successful show. The hall looked amazing down to the number of exhibits on display.

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### Tuesday September 15th

Holford Village Hall

7.30pm

"The Wonderful world of hardy Orchids and how to care for them"

\* \* \* \* \*

### Thursday October 15th

Westonbirt coach trip, a few seats left  
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## VICTORY HALL NEWS

Hi Everyone!

We hope you have had a good summer! It is now time for some of our favourite events to resurface.

### Coming in September:

Friday 4th: Charity Quiz Night for National Kidney. Doors Open at 7.00pm, Quiz starts 7.30 pm. Bar is open  
Cost £2.50 per person, teams of 4-6 people. Raffle

Monday 14th & 28th: Stogursey Sings! 7.00 - 8.30pm  
Held every 2nd & 4th Monday of the month.

We ask for a contribution of £2.50 towards the hall.  
Everyone Welcome!

Sunday 13th: Sunday Lunch is back!!  
12.00-2.00pm - see separate notice for details.

Saturday 26th: Cash Bingo.  
Doors Open at 7.00pm, Eyes Down at 8pm. Bar open.  
Raffle.

### October Events

Friday 2nd: Quiz Night 'Octoberfest'. Doors Open 7.00pm, Start 7.30pm. Bar open  
More details next month.

Sunday 11th: Sunday Lunch, 12.00 - 2.00pm Bar open.

**Monday 12th: Stogursey Victory Hall AGM - 7.00pm**  
Everyone welcome!

Are you interested in joining the committee? Or in any of the trustee roles, Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Booking Secretary, or being part of the committee?

Have you ideas on events or how the hall should be run? Following the AGM there will be a short committee meeting.

We do hope to see you there.

Monday 12th & 26th October: Stogursey Sings.

Saturday 31st: Halloween Family Evening - more details next month.

### November Events

Friday 6th: Quiz Night 7.00 for 7.30pm.

Sunday 8th: Sunday Lunch.

Monday 9th & 23rd Stogursey Sings 7.00pm - 8.30pm

Friday 13th: Rock & Roll Bingo

Saturday 28th: Christmas Market.

### December Events

Friday 4th: Christmas Bingo

Sunday 6th & 13th: Christmas Lunch

Thursday 31st: New Year's Eve Party



**Stogursey Community Network (SCN)**

## SEPTEMBER 2026

Contact us: [stogurseycommunitynetwork@gmail.com](mailto: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.**

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### 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.)*



## News from the Quantock Medical Centre



### Flu Clinics 2026

on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> October**  
also Wednesday afternoons in October

Please support your GP Practice by booking your seasonal flu vaccination with your Practice rather than having it at a Pharmacy. Your practice has to order its Flu supply the previous year, and would hate to throw these away if patients go elsewhere.

**BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT NOW with Reception on 01278 732696**

### WHO CAN HAVE THE SEASONAL FLU VACCINATION

Eligible groups for in 2026 season:

- Aged 2 and 3 years on 31 August 2026
- Those aged 6 months to under 65 years in clinical risk groups (Diseases of the Heart, Lung, Kidney, Liver, Blood, Asthma, COPD, Diabetes, Weakened Immune System, Stroke, or with a BMI of 40 or higher).
- Pregnant women
- All those aged 65 years and over
- Carers, those in receipt of carer's allowance or main carer of an older or disabled person
- Household contacts of immunocompromised individuals
- Frontline health and social care staff
- Children in Reception to Year 11 to be done in schools

### Autumn Covid Vaccinations

The Practice has made the decision that it will not be able to provide Autumn Covid vaccinations again this year due to a number of reasons including the unpredictability of the vaccine delivery dates and very short shelf life. It is incredibly difficult to arrange clinics around this. The immense staff training required to support giving the covid vaccine, and the fact that only registered health care professionals are allowed to take consent from patients and provide these vaccines. This makes it extremely difficult for us to provide these at the same time as our flu clinics and we do apologise for the inconvenience to our patients by not providing Covid Vaccination. We are hopeful that the Somerset Covid Vaccination Teams will be able to provide these again this year in local village halls.

### Who will be eligible for an Autumn Covid Vaccination?

- Adults aged 75 years and over
- Residents in care homes for older adults
- Individuals aged 6 months and over who are immunosuppressed

### How to Get Your Job

- The NHS will contact eligible individuals when it is time to book
- You can check for updates or find local walk-in availability via the [NHS COVID-19 Services](#) on line once the rollout approaches.

### Patient Participation Group

Our next patient group meetings will be on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at the Thomas Poole Library Nether Stowey from 10am. Come along and join us to discuss what's happening at your local Medical Centre.

*Helen Stacey, Practice Manager*

### Come on a Safari!

**in and around Stogursey on Saturday 10 October.**

Enjoy a three-course meal,  
eating each course in a different location.

As each course ends, you will receive the clue to lead you to your next destination.

Sign up with a partner, or on your own  
(and meet your safari companion at the starting venue.)

£15 per person - bring your own drinks

To sign up, or for more details, contact Anna  
by **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September** at the latest:  
[stogurseytwinningassociation@gmail.com](mailto:stogurseytwinningassociation@gmail.com)

### Hinkley Point Forum Meetings

Forum meetings are open for anyone to attend.

The next meetings are:

Community Forum - 6.00pm, Thursday 17 September  
6.00pm - Victory Hall, Stogursey

Main Site Forum - 6.00pm, Thursday 15 October  
Lecture Hall, Bridgwater & Taunton College, Cannington

Transport Forum - 6.00pm, Thursday 12 November  
Lecture Hall, Bridgwater & Taunton College, Cannington

To sign up for more details, including Agendas and Minutes; or to submit any questions, email:

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### Solution to Crossword No. 75 -August 2026

ACROSS:

1.Tombola, 5.Sabah, 8.Barbecued, 9.Ill, 10.Yucca,  
12.Outplay, 13.Charles Darwin, 15.Thoreau, 17.Noyau,  
19.EDH, 20.Woodstock, 22.Essen, 23.Roasted

DOWN:

1.Tabby, 2.MMR, 3.Overall, 4.Aqueous Humour,  
5.Sadat, 6.Bridleway, 7.Halcyon, 11.Ceanothus,  
13.Cat's-eye, 14.Amnesia, 16.Edwin, 18.Unked, 21.Oat

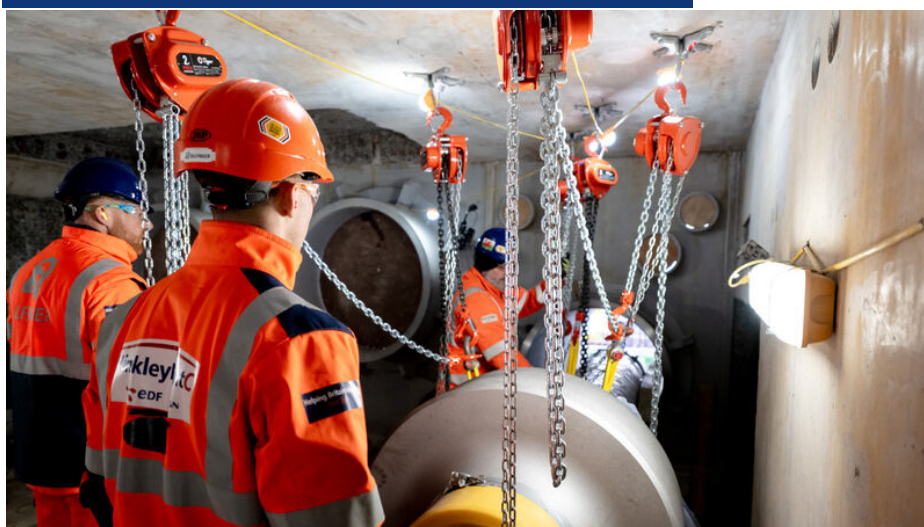
## Supporting Local Tourism - Free Beach Parking at Brean and Berrow this Summer

Hinkley Point C is helping to make a trip to the seaside a little more affordable this summer by providing free parking at both Brean and Berrow beach car parks.



Available throughout the school holidays and into October, the initiative is part of Hinkley Point C's support for tourism businesses in Brean. The initiative has already proved extremely successful with visitors to the beach more than double the number seen in July last year.

## Second 2026 Project Goal Achieved



An important milestone has been reached with the successful completion of the first Main Feedwater Line pipe connection inside the Unit 1 Safeguarding Building.

The weld creates the first fixed point for the installation of a 500-metre network of pipes and valves. This secure connection helps maintain alignment and stability as construction progresses.

Work will now focus on welding and installing two additional sections of Main Feedwater Line pipework before connecting them to the newly installed section. Materials and specialist welding equipment are already on site, enabling the next phase to move forward.

The Main Feedwater Line forms part of the Nuclear Steam Supply System (NSSS), which produces and transports the steam needed to drive the turbines.

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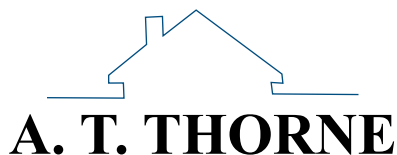
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Stuart Lake, Chris Morgan Jenny Ody, Allan Searle

**Clerk:** Ann Corrigan:

clerk@stogurseyparishcouncil.org.uk

**Meetings:** held monthly in the Victory Hall, Stogursey  
7.15pm - 7.30pm Public Forum for parishioners to ask  
questions;

7.30pm Councillors' meeting starts - parishioners  
welcome to attend and listen.

Somerset Council: Watchet & Stogursey Division  
Councillors: Hugh Davies, Rosemary Woods

### Site Stakeholders Group Representatives:

Sue Goss, Chris Morgan

**Somerset Council:** All services 0300 123 2224

### Parish Neighbourhood Welcome Pack

Burton & Knighton: Sue Goss 01278 733405

Wick & Stolford: Susan E Jones 01278 652287

Stogursey & Shurton: Chris Morgan 01278 734887

### EdF Main Site Neighbourhood Forum

#### Representatives for the hamlets:

##### Burton & Knighton

Mike Laver, m\_laver@btinternet.com 01278 732069

Sue Jones, suekibjones@yahoo.co.uk 01278 732275

##### Shurton

Richard Cuttell, cuttellrichard@gmail.com

##### Stolford

Susan E Jones, suejones279@btinternet.com

01278 652287

##### Wick

Dick Blomfield, dickandzee@gmail.com

01278 653302

##### Stogursey Parish Council

Chris Ford and Sue Goss

### Dates of next Community Forum Meeting:

17 September 2026 - 6.00pm, Victory Hall Stogursey

### EdF Contacts

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

Phone 0333 009 7070 or

email: hinkley-enquiries@edf-energy.com

HPC Hotline for enquiries or complaints: 0333 009 7070

### POLICE

Non-Emergencies - Call 101. Emergencies - Call 999

### Community Venues

Victory Hall & Youth Club - Allan Searle 01278 732820

Jubilee Rooms - sjrbookings7@gmail.com / 07507 374234

St Peter's Church, Stolford - Susan E Jones 01278 652287

### Stogursey Community Network (SCN)

stogurseycommunitynetwork@gmail.com / 07856 147324

**Medical Transport:** 07485 350560

**Stogursey Lunches:** 07856 147324

**Homestart** - supporting families & young children.

01643 707304 / [admin@homestart-westsomerset.org.uk](mailto:admin@homestart-westsomerset.org.uk)

**Village Agent** - Sarah Bennett 07985 680269

sarahb@somersetccc.org.uk - NetherStoweyCare

### Health/Medical Centres

**Cannington** 01278 652 335

Repeat prescription line 01278 655 464

**Quantock** (Nether Stowey) 01278 732 696

Repeat prescription line

(10.30 - 11.30am; 4.00pm - 5.00pm) 01278 733 385

[somicb.quantock.mc@nhs.net](mailto:somicb.quantock.mc@nhs.net)

Out-of-hours (both Centres) 111

### Defibrillators - 4 in the parish:

♥ Burton - on garden wall of Burton Farmhouse

♥ Stogursey - on wall outside Stogursey Motors

♥ Shurton - side entrance of Babbling Brook

♥ Stolford - church of St Peter

### Mobile Library - Route G

The library van visits on Thursdays - every 4 weeks

#### **Shurton**

Babbling Brook Inn 12.05pm - 12.30pm

#### **Stogursey**

Greyhound Inn 1.10pm - 1.40pm

Town Close (No 30) 1.45pm - 2.10pm

**2026 dates: 3 SEPTEMBER, 1 OCTOBER**

For more information, contact Libraries Direct:

Tel: 0300 123224, or email [www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries)

### Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

If you see any ASB or criminal damage incidents happening  
in public spaces, **phone the police on 101.**

If you are disturbed by out-of-hours noise problems or ASB  
relating to businesses, **phone 01823 351411.**

Please make phone calls at the time of the disturbance. The  
more complaints that are received, the more likely it is that  
the police will respond.

*Complainants' names are not given to the perpetrators.*