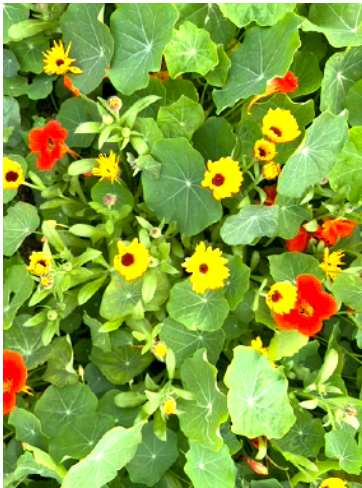


STOGURSEY NEWS



All is growing well
on Stogursey
Allotments.

Hopefully, some of
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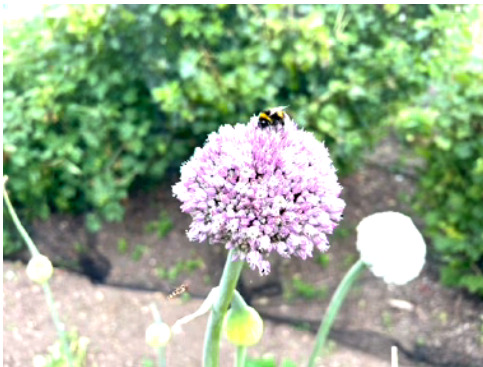


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July 2026

Deadline for **AUGUST 2026** contributions: 10.00am **Wednesday 15th JULY 2026**

Editorial

Summer arrives bringing strange weather - monsoon-like rain one day and then a heatwave.

None of this impacts on those in our village who are working on events that will benefit all. We have an abundance of both talent and community spirit. Just flick through the newsletter pages and you will see numerous activities: on 5th July there is a barbecue that will raise money for the Twinning Association; the "Coat of Hope" will be at the Church on 7th July; on 18th we have the Flower Show at the Victory Hall; the 19th sees the Stogursey Arts workshop tasters taking place; and finally, on the 24th there will be the production of "The Wife" (based on a Chaucer tale) in the grounds at Fairfield House.

There really is something for most - not for you? There are still a few plots left for those considering an allotment.

We are an industrious village, and not forgotten, are those less fortunate souls who have care obligations. The Quantock Medical Centre has some contacts for those undertaking this essential and sometimes challenging role - more details in their article.

On the home front we have returning House Martins making additional nests - for two years it was a single nest, this year we have two additional "dwellings"!

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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- * 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

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- 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) *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: 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) 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

* Contact siancocks@btinternet.com / 01278 652411

JULY

Wednesday 1	Forget-me-not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon
Sunday 5	Summer BBQ	Fishers Cottage, Shurton	1.00pm onwards
Tuesday 7	Coat of Hope visits Stogursey	St Andrew's Church	7.00pm
Wednesday 8	Knit & Natter	Jubilee Rooms	10.00am - 12noon
Wednesday 8	Stogursey Strummers (Ukulele session)	Greyhound Inn	7.30pm
Thursday 9	Mobile Library Visit	As per schedule	As per schedule
Monday 13	Stogursey Sings	Victory Hall	7.00pm - 8.30pm
Tuesday 14	Parish Council Monthly meeting	Victory Hall	7.00pm
Wednesday 15	Forget-me-not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon
Saturday 18	Stogursey Flower Show & Fete	Victory Hall & Field	2.00pm - 5.00pm
Sunday 19	Stogursey Arts: "Come and See What is on Offer"	Victory Hall	2.00pm - 4.00pm
Wednesday 22	Knit & Natter	Jubilee Rooms	2.00pm - 4.00pm
Wednesday 22	Strummers of Stogursey - Ukulele session	Greyhound Inn	10.00am - 10.30pm
Friday 24	Outdoor Theatre: "The Wife"	Fairfield House (garden)	7.30pm
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

JULY SUNDAY SERVICE ROTA for Quantock Gate Parishes

CHURCH	5 th July Trinity 5	12 th July Trinity 6	19 th July Trinity 7	26 th July Trinity 8
Cannington St Mary	8.00 & 9.30am Holy Communion	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 Café Church	6.00pm Prayer & Praise	11.15am Holy Communion	4.00pm Family Service
Fiddington St Martin	9.00am Holy Communion	9.00am Holy Communion	9.00am Holy Communion	9.00am Family Service
Steart St Andrew		11.15am Family Service		11.15am Holy Communion
Stogursey St Andrew	10.30am Holy Communion	10.30am Holy Communion	10.30am Holy Communion	10.30am Café Church* (in Jubilee Rms)
	Green	Green	Green	Green

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

Regular Weekday Services

Tuesdays	6.00pm	Holy Communion	Cannington, St Mary the Virgin Church
Thursdays	9.00am	Prayer Meeting	Combwich, St Peter's Church
Fridays	9.00am	Holy Communion	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 st Wed) / Fiddington Church (2 nd -5 th Wed)
Fridays	7.00pm Combwich Church (1 st and 3 rd 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

Saturday 18th July

PILGRIMAGE TO QUANTOCK HOLY WELLS

Set off from St Decuman's Well, Watchet at 12pm
Concluding with a Well Dressing at St Andrew's Well, Stogursey at 6pm
Calling at East Quantoxhead and Kilve Churches
Services, prayers and refreshments en route

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

July 1st, July 15th, July 29th, August 12th, August 26th

Wednesdays for Knit and Natter -

July 8th, 10.00 - 12.00

July 22nd 14.00 - 16.00

August dates to be advised

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

VICTORY HALL LOTTERY WINNERS

June Draw 2026

1st Prize	£60.00	Sally Fox	No. 115
2nd Prize	£30.00	John Baker	No. 32
3rd Prize	£15.00	Tina Webber	No. 199

Compassion is not just feeling with someone, but seeking to change the situation. Frequently people think compassion and love are merely sentimental. No! They are very demanding. If you are going to be compassionate, be prepared for action!

Desmond Tutu

Summer BBQ

Sunday 5th July

at Fishers, Shurton from 1.00pm

Locally made sausage and burger,
with home-made salads, bread, pickles etc
PLUS a dessert.

Vegetarian/vegan/GF alternatives are available,
but must be requested on booking.

Bring your own bottle and glass/tumbler, and if you are able to, a chair to sit on
(rugs for sitting on the grass will be available).

Open to all - members and non-members

Adults £12

Children 5-11 £6 ; Children under-5 free

Please book by Wednesday 1 July -

Phone 01278 733052 or email

stogurseytwinningassociation@gmail.com



Behold The Coat of Hopes

The Coat of Hopes is a patchwork coat that is on an ongoing walk through Britain.



Made, worn and walked by hundreds of people during and since its pilgrimage from the south coast of England to COP 26, the UN climate summit, in Glasgow autumn 2021.

The Coat is made up of pieces of blanket into which people have worked their griefs, remembrances, prayers and hopes for the place they call home.

It carries an invitation to share our love and responsibility in facing this climate and ecological emergency.

Visit our website to find out more: <https://www.coatofhopes.uk/> If you would like to walk with the Coat of Hopes, please email yes@coatofhopes.uk. All are welcome. We would love to see you there.

The coat is coming to Stogursey.

We invite you to meet with and try the coat on when it stays in Stogursey on **Tuesday 7th July 2026**. Join us at 7.00pm at St Andrew's Church, Stogursey to hear the story and song of The Coat of Hopes before we travel on to Watchet on 8th July.

Stogursey Flower Show

Saturday 18th July

Victory Hall



It will be a busy day on Saturday 18th July:

8.00am - 9.30am: The Victory Hall is open to exhibitors to bring and stage their entries.

10.00am - 2.00pm: The Victory Hall is closed to everyone, except the judges.

2.00pm: Doors open to enjoy:

- Exhibits on show - vegetables, flowers, home-made cakes, bread, jams, photographs, paintings, and in the children's section, edible necklaces . . . and much, much more.
- Cake stall
- Raffle
- Cream Teas
- Live music
- Bar

4.30pm Prize giving and Raffle

There will be more to enjoy outside / in the Youth Club:

3.00pm Dog Show

plus:

- Car boot sale and stalls,
- Bouncy Castle
- Bric-a-Brac
- Icecreams

If you are thinking of entering the Flower Show, it's not too late! Just get your Entry Forms in by 5.00pm on Thursday 16th July. The Schedule of classes, Entry Form and Rules are all available from:
<http://stogursey-online.uk/events/stogursey-flower-show-2026>. They were also printed in April's and June's Stogursey News

Too much to do?

by Jan Ford

Sit down now, while you can, Jan,
Yet another task is looming.
The dust indoors is thickening
And the garden fast a- blooming.

It's such a busy time of year
That certainly keeps me on my toes,
For local events like the Flower Show.
What should I enter? Goodness knows!

I've done OK over the years,
But my entries now are in decline.
It's time for 'newbies' to step up;
There are far greater talents than mine.

I say each year I'll cut right down
But still have that urge to compete
- to bake, make, grow, or fiddle with hats
And our few garden flowers to deplete.

I'd love to do real craftwork
But the fingers now are much less agile.
- There's bags of local talent out there
For work that's bold or delicate and fragile.

So don't ignore or bin that schedule
For the Stogursey Flower Show.
Hands can do more than scroll on a phone
- Just knuckle down and have a go!

Or if you really feel you can't,
Just turn up to savour the day;
There's cake and chat and lots to see
Before it's time to wend your way.

Stogursey Flower Show Cups and Trophies

Please would the winners of cups and trophies at last year's Flower Show, return them to Allan Searle, at 1 Meadow Gardens by **Saturday 11th July**.

Thank you





Friday 24th July is nearly here for The Rude Mechanical Theatre Company's production of **"The Wife"** at Fairfield House, Stogursey

There's still time to buy your tickets for this spectacular production - available from the rudes.co.uk.

Fairfield Gardens open free of charge to attendees from 5.30pm. Performance starts at 7.30pm.

Bring a picnic and warm clothes!

STOGURSEY FORGET-ME-NOT CAFÉ

Jubilee Rooms, Castle Street, Stogursey TA5 1TG
FORTNIGHTLY ON WEDNESDAYS 10.30 – 12.00

Our Café Dates:

Wednesday 1st July
Wednesday 15th July
Wednesday 29th July
Wednesday 12th August
Wednesday 26th August
Wednesday 9th September
Wednesday 23rd September



FORGET-ME-NOT NEWS

Another big THANK YOU TO PETER SMETZER AND OUR FRIENDS AT THE PLOUGH INN HOLFORD for the donation of £130 from the proceeds of their quiz night and raffle. The Quiz Nights will restart in September. This is very generous of them, and will go towards plenty of treats for us at the Café through the year and at Christmas.

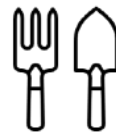
FORGET-ME-NOT CAFÉS provide support, companionship and a warm welcome to those who are recognising issues with their memory, as well as their family, friends or carers. All are welcome from the surrounding villages.

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 cuttellhelen@gmail.com
Rose: 07507 374234 rosechalk@icloud.com

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



Stogursey Allotments

Just over 2 years we've had our allotment now, and it's coming on. This year so far we're growing strawberries, gooseberries, blackberries, tomatoes, potatoes, carrots, peas, beans, and onions, and while most of those will be some time yet, we have strawberries and they're lovely, so much more flavour than shop bought! We're hoping to get some great crops through the summer and this year the birds aren't getting all our berries – we got the netting on in time!

We don't have as much time as some to devote to it, but honestly I'm pretty pleased where we are at compared to this time last year. More ground properly dug over, more crops in, and further along. Once it cools down on an evening we go in and water everything, and there's always weeding to do. It's great exercise and for me it's a mindfulness thing, just focused on what you're doing and not thinking about anything else – it's great for calm after a long day.

We've taken on the half plot behind us as well, it had been years since that plot was used and it was very overgrown so now it's a gradual process of uncovering the ground, clearing the surface weed, then digging down and turning over, breaking up the ground and weeding, removing the dreaded couch grass and bindweed. It will probably take us the rest of the year to have it all prepared for growing properly next year, but once it's done then it becomes routine maintenance.

This year more of the allotment plots in Stogursey are in use – it's good to see people working away on their plots on an evening or weekend. I think it's important to remember the allotment is not a competition, it's for your own satisfaction, peace of mind, exercise, fresh produce and hopefully financial benefit of saving on fresh fruit and veg, plus a bit of community with other allotment holders. Some are much further along than others – that's fine it's not a race.

If you're wondering if having an allotment is for you, don't be put off by looking at the progress others have made and thinking do I have to do that? – it doesn't matter if you don't have a green thumb, give it a go and see what happens!

STOP PRESS! Two allotments and 2 raised beds have now become available. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Council via clerk@stogurseyparishcouncil.org.uk

Please send contributions for publication to: stogurseyparishnews@gmail.com

Don't forget to come along to the LAUNCH EVENT on
SUNDAY JULY 19TH at Stogursey Village Hall and
explore the groups & workshops on offer

STOGURSEY ARTS

**COME & SEE
WHAT IS ON OFFER**



**SUNDAY
JULY 19, 2 - 4PM**



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INFORMATION AND TASTERS IN A WIDE RANGE
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VICTORY HALL, STOGURSEY

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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).

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

JULY MENUS

Tuesday 14 July 2026

Sausage, squash & chickpea bake, OR
Vegetarian sausage, squash & chickpea bake
both with baguette and summer vegetables

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Blackcurrant, lemon & meringue pudding

Tuesday 21 July 2026

Baked meatballs in a creamy tomato sauce with
mushrooms & spinach with short pasta, OR
Gnocchi in a creamy tomato sauce with peas and
mushrooms

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Home-made ice cream with biscuits

Tuesday 28 July 2026

Chicken supreme with rice, OR
Quorn 'chicken' supreme with rice

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Raspberry frangipane pie with crème fraîche

VICTORY HALL NEWS

Summer, we hope, has now arrived, we hope you are all well.

'Time for a cuppa' was held on 31st May to raise money for Dementia UK. Thanks to the Forget-me-not Café who had information available and supported Stogursey Victory Hall to put this event on.

Thanks also to all those who baked scones & cakes, and gave donations for the rummage table.

Ren put together a compilation of songs to reminisce or sing along to; and Naomi directed & played the keyboard whilst 'Stogursey Sings' performed a variety of songs.

Huge thanks for everyone's kind generosity of time and money, and to everyone who attended or gave a donation - we raised £410!

Other events have been our regular Quiz Night & weekly Boules Group.

SORRY!

There will be no Sunday Roasts until September 13th, due to the holiday period.

Also, no 'Christmas in July' Quiz Night due to the high demand for hall bookings throughout July. The next quiz will be 8th August.

July Events

Monday 13th & 27th July:

Singing in Stogursey 7.00pm til 8.30pm. Donation £2.50. Everyone welcome.

Saturday 18th July

Flower Show - see separate notice



Holford Flower Show 2026

SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST

Holford Village Hall

Opening 2.00pm - 4.30pm

Cream Teas & Tombola

Admission 1.00

FREE PARKING

For schedule of classes and entry form please download from Holford village website or email holfordgardeners@yahoo.com

Stogursey Parish Council Newsletter

The next Parish Council meeting will be
Tuesday 14th July at the Victory Hall, Stogursey, 7pm

Allotments

It has been suggested that the allotments would benefit from the formation of an Allotment Association for plot holders. Anyone interested in taking part is invited to contact the Clerk.

Plot holders are also reminded that hoses should not be used to water plots. Please use a watering can and the trough provided.

Speeding through the Parish

We continue to monitor the Parish speed indicator devices and have recorded a high volume of traffic passing through Shurton.

Our data shows that:

- 5% of vehicles were exceeding the speed limit in both directions through Shurton.
- 5% of vehicles were recorded speeding into Stogursey at Tower Hill, 8% were recorded speeding out of the village.
- 1.5% were recorded speeding into Stogursey, at Priory Hill
- 1.2% were recorded speeding outwards at Priory Hill

The Council is planning to establish a Community Speed Watch group and would welcome volunteers. Anyone interested in taking part is invited to contact the Clerk.

Land parcel at Paddons Farm

Stogursey Parish Council remains in discussion with Strongvox regarding the transfer of the land at Paddons Farm to the Parish Council, at which point it will come under our control.

As this is a legal agreement, both parties have needed time to work through various issues relating to the land, both environmental and highways. We are pleased to confirm that, subject to completion of the transfer, Strongvox has agreed to remove their builders' rubble and other debris currently on the site, including redundant hedgerows to open the space. In addition, they will treat the existing undergrowth to clear weeds and provide topsoil and seed the area with grass.

Once these works have been completed, a 1.8m Heras fence will be installed, together with a padlocked access gate to provide secure entry and exit. This will help keep the site safe and reduce the risk of fly-tipping while the

Council considers how the land may best be used for the benefit of the village.

The Council has worked hard to reach this agreement and recognises the importance of this matter to residents. Although we do not yet have a confirmed start date for the clearance works, current indications suggest that work may begin in early July. We appreciate residents' patience while these final matters are being resolved.

NEWS FROM SOMERSET COUNCIL

Recycling and safety reminder

Somerset Council has issued a reminder to residents to dispose of potentially dangerous items safely and responsibly following two recent fire incidents involving waste and recycling operations. Items such as batteries, vapes and gas canisters must be disposed of correctly, as they can cause fires during collection and sorting.

Somerset Council has also confirmed that **non-black** plastic plant pots can now be recycled from home in the Bright Blue Bag. Black plastic pots should still be placed in the rubbish bin or reused where possible.

Adult social care inspection

Somerset Council has responded to the recent Care Quality Commission inspection report and has stated that work is already under way to address the areas identified for improvement. The Council has emphasised that its priority remains the provision of safe, high-quality support and that it will continue to collaborate closely with partners to strengthen services for residents who rely on adult social care.

Flood resilience funding

Somerset Council has welcomed the Government's £50 million investment to support flood resilience and prevention work across the county. The funding will be used to help develop a two-year programme of measures to reduce flood risk, improve preparedness, and strengthen long-term resilience. The Council has said it will collaborate with partner organisations and local communities to ensure the funding is invested wisely and delivers lasting benefits for Somerset.

Ann Corrigan, Clerk

Stogursey Parish Council
4 Church Street, Stogursey, TA5 1TQ
Tel: 01278 732181
Email: clerk@stogurseyparishcouncil.org.uk



Stogursey Community Network (SCN) : JULY 2026

Contact us: stogurseycommunitynetwork@gmail.com,

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

MEDICALTRANSPORT

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.**

Forthcoming events in Fiddington

No Book Swap and Coffee morning this month (July)

Jumble Sale - Saturday 11th July, 2pm

50p Entry. Drinks and cakes available. Contributions to the Jumble Sale can be delivered to the hall between 10 and 11am the same day. **NO FURNITURE OR LARGE GARDEN ITEMS** unless agreed by the committee and to be taken back if not sold.

Tea & Chat (St Martin of Tours) -

Thursday, 16th July, in the adjacent village hall, from 3pm to 5pm. Join us for tea, home-made cakes and friendly company. For enquiries, contact Jackie Matthews 01278 732175

Village Show - Saturday 18th July

Join in with this lovely event by popping an entry into one of the classes - horticulture, home craft and photography/art. There is also a section for 3-7 yr olds and 8-12 year olds. Or just come along for an enjoyable afternoon and perhaps treat yourself to one of our delicious cream teas, served in the marquee.

ENTRIES for the various categories to be submitted by **7pm Tuesday 14th July** to Marianne Parr, Manor Farm, Church Road, Fiddington._

Contact Rod Cole on 01278 732345 for a copy of the schedule and entry form, or download from the Fiddington website.

Show to be opened at 3.00pm by Sir Ashley Fox MP

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.

Forthcoming events in August:

Strawberry Cream Tea (St Martin of Tours)

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 - 31st August,

Bank Holiday Monday

£10 per table. More details nearer the time.

Contact Caroline Norris - 01278 734537 - leave a message and she will get back to you.

News from the Quantock Medical Centre

Recently we focussed on the work of the Dispensary, I forgot to mention that most months the team processes approximately 10,000 items of medication, which really puts the amount of work it does into perspective!

We have an awful lot of information in the waiting area, and we are regularly asked to promote even more! It can be quite overwhelming for patients trying to find what they are looking for with all the posters and leaflets displayed. Whenever I try to have a cull, someone will always ask for the information I have just removed! Most people are able to access the internet, but for anyone having difficulty finding what is needed, we are very happy to search and print something off for you.

I recently attended a Carers Conference in Somerset which highlighted the amazing job unpaid carers do for their loved ones, partners, friends, parents, and children; which often goes unnoticed and unrewarded. Many people do not identify themselves as 'unpaid carers', and I would like to spread the word and acknowledge these amazing people and ask them to identify themselves at the Practice when they come in, so that we are aware of what you do and offer you more support and help.

Somerset Carers Support Service has gone through a rebranding and are now known as 'Thrive'. Thrive believes that everyone living in Somerset should be able to access the support they need to meet their basic needs in fuel, food, transport and health.

In particular, Thrive provides information and support to 'unpaid' carers. They provide useful links with other helpful organisations such as Dementia Support Services, Age UK, Micro Providers who can provide further support in the home when needed, links with Drug & Alcohol support, Eating Disorders Support etc. They provide very helpful Carers checklists to make sure the carer has all the information they need to support them, along with Carers Cafés and Support Groups that bring carers together to share experiences with others so that they know they are not alone. They can also provide training, and support for completion of 'attendance allowance' and other funding applications.

For more information : Somerset Carers Services 0800 3168600, <http://Somersetcarers.org>

I also met a representative from the Devon & Somerset Fire Services who provides free home safety checks, and are particularly focused on people who are at higher risk of a house fire – can you guess what the main risks are? I certainly wasn't aware of all of them. Apparently, people are more at risk of dying in a house fire if they have the following 4 common denominators:

- Live alone and are over-65 years old;
- Have poor mobility,
- Smoke, and
- Use emollient creams.

Other risk factors include:

- Charging mobile phones overnight. Modern mobile phones only need a fast charge and can charge in 40 minutes and are prone to the battery overheating (never charge on a carpet floor or on the bed).
- Cooking with fat (deep frying)
- Smoking & drinking alcohol or being on medications that make you sleepy.

The Fire & Rescue Service would like to focus on targeting the most vulnerable in the community and we would like to promote this service and identify patients who would like a referral for a 'home safety check', if this is you or you are aware of a neighbour or relative who this might apply to, please do talk to them about this and get in touch for us to refer on to this service.

Helen Stacey, Practice Manager

The Big Rock Pool Challenge

How does it work?

The Big Rock Pool Challenge is a national citizen science project based around monthly free local community events called BioBlitz Battles - fun wildlife discovery competitions open to everyone (any age and experience) with various events across the South West. The events are perfect for those interested in local wildlife, looking to build fieldwork experience for an ecology career, or even looking for volunteering opportunities for certificates such as DofE!

Next Event

Our next event will be held on 18th July from 15:15 – 17:30 and the meeting point is the Kilve ANPR car park at the bottom of Sea Lane (TA5 1EF). Our North Somerset Hub Leader, Athena Allen, will be there with her team of lead volunteers. If you would like to participate, head to the link below and register for the event so that we know you are coming. The website will also provide instructions on how to join our iNaturalist app project so that you can submit your species findings (or if you would rather record on paper, we can accommodate that too!).

Look out for our flag (and Athena!) by the shore and come and say hello!

Email: kilve@therockpoolproject.co.uk

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

Tracing my Family History

My name is Charles Howse Alexander Holcombe. My grandfather, Cyril Beresford Howse, was born in Stogursey in 1872. He was one of 12 children, 10 of whom were born in Stogursey. Their father Alfred was the district doctor. As far as I can work out they lived at Harford House, and lived in Stogursey from 1861 to 1881.

There were four brothers who all became doctors. Three of them, including my grandfather, migrated to Australia. His brother, Sir Neville Howse, became Australia's first Victoria Cross winner.

My brother and I are doing a family history trip from Australia this year, and coming to Stogursey on the 9th of August. We hope to attend church on that day as this is where all our Howse relatives would have been baptised. Then we will look at Stogursey landmarks such as the school our grandfather and siblings would have attended.

By this stage we will be exhausted so we will make our way to the Babbling Brook.

We would love to meet anyone who may be interested in Howse history at Stogursey, or anyone who feels like a beer.

Regards, Charles Holcombe

Readers may remember the name of Sir Neville Howse, as an article about him, written by Steve Lee, appeared in the November 2019 edition of Stogursey News.



Sir Neville Howse

Solution to Crossword No. 73 - June 2026

ACROSS

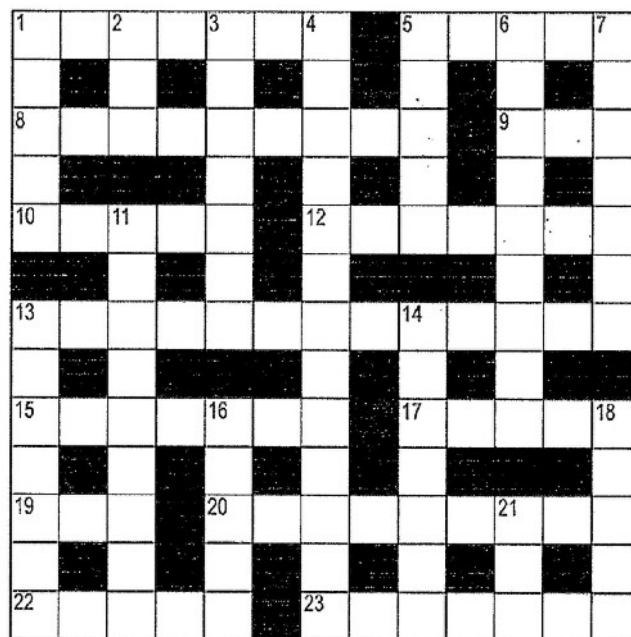
1.Dhansak, 5.Sedge, 8.Alpenhorn, 9.Bug, 10.Tucci, 12.Lucerne, 13.Frilled Lizard, 15.Affable, 17.Venus, 19.Pea, 20.Bubblegum, 22.Range, 23.Elevate

DOWN

1.Draft, 2.Asp, 3.Sundial, 4.Knowledgeable, 5.Sonic, 6.Dobermann, 7.Egghead, 11.Chieftain, 13.Flapper, 14.Involve, 16.Buble, 18.Somme, 21.Goa

CROSSWORD No.74

Compiled by Helen Cuttall



CLUES ACROSS

1. Ukrainian soup (7)
5. Traditional cone shaped tent (5)
8. Police officer (9)
9. Right of Use (3)
10. Branch where a bird roosts (5)
12. Person who treats people's eyes (7)
13. The Waverley (6,7)
15. Relating to a group of Islamic people from North Africa (7)
17. A Jewish priest's girdle (5)
19. Frozen water (3)
20. East Asian mushrooms (9)
22. Times long ago (5)
23. Surround (7)

CLUES DOWN

1. Large muscle on front of upper arm (5)
2. Regular trip (3)
3. Leather school bag (7)
4. No alternative (7,6)
5. Hawaiian spicy dish (5)
6. Sweet orange tropical fruit (9)
7. Circle of latitude around the earth at 0° (7)
11. English rock band formed in 1985 (9)
13. Residential district of London near Westminster (7)
14. Stretchy (7)
16. Norwegian playwright (5)
18. Flavour (5)
21. A Cypriot beer (3)

July 2026

Pluggedin Parish News

A round up of the latest news from Hinkley Point C



Big Carl lifts Hinkley Point C's second nuclear reactor into place

Using the crane to lift the 500-tonne cylinder was an innovation for Unit 2 and another example of the project finding ways to improve performance between Units 1 and 2.

Unit 2 is being built 20-30% more quickly than Unit 1, thanks to innovation and experience of building an identical design with the same teams.

The Unit 2 reactor building is further ahead than at the same stage for Unit 1, with more equipment installed, as well as more structural steel work and the outer containment layer already in place. For example, three large heat exchangers have been installed in Unit 2, compared with none at the same point on Unit 1.



Scan me to watch the video



Powering Up for the Next Phase

Work is underway to move the site from temporary construction power to a permanent electricity supply needed for the next stage of the project. At the moment, power is provided in a limited and sometimes uneven way, including the use of diesel generators, which has been effective during construction but is not suitable for long-term use. Over the coming months, more parts of the station will be tested at the same time, so a steady and reliable power supply is essential.

By the end of the year, electricity from the National Grid will be brought in through a nearby substation, allowing the site to gradually stop using temporary sources. This change will support safe testing and help speed up progress towards generating electricity.

Testing the waters

Later this year, Hinkley Point C will begin producing its first batches of highly purified water, an important step as it moves closer to operation. This clean water will be used to safely test pipes and equipment before and during commissioning.

In the longer term, it will help keep systems running smoothly by reducing wear and protecting key components. A dedicated treatment facility is being set up to turn standard mains water into this purified supply, which is essential for large-scale testing. Work is already underway to install equipment, adapt storage areas and connect temporary services, helping ensure everything is ready for the next stage.

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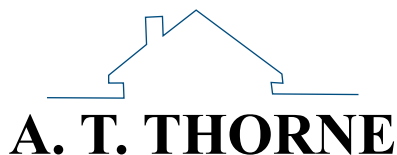
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