STOGURSEY NEWS



Flower Festival in St Andrew's Church *Photo: EU*

November 2026

Deadline for **DECEMBER** 2026 contributions:
10.00am **Sunday 15th November** 2026

Editorial

Autumn is well on the way, and the evenings are drawing in. The days may be cooling down but not the level of the energy and activity around the village. The cover photo welcomes us to remember the Festival and I look forward to seeing the photos and videos of the various events. I am impressed by the commitment of people to organise and run activities for the benefit of people around the parish. What a choice. The village is kept running by the diligence of volunteers, not the government.

There are changes afoot at the Victory Hall and we wish the new management team well. They have an enticing programme ahead. I must get off the sofa and get to some of the events.

There are also changes at Hinkley B station as it moves into the next stage of decommissioning when Nuclear Restoration Services will be doing the work. Happily, the future of Stogursey News is secure.

As the weather turns, the Parish Council's information about streams and ditches highlights the approaching winter and the likelihood of flooding. Blocked drains are a major contributor.

We have just lost a regular visitor to the parish. Kenny, the mobile library librarian, is taking a well-earned extended break - we wish him 'Bon Voyage'.

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

This is an independent, voluntary initiative.

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- Prepare your contribution as a straightforward text document (no boxes, no tables and no pdfs please)
- Attach it to an email, and send to: **stogurseyparishnews@gmail.com**

A few more points to remember:

- Please submit by the deadline date published at the top of this page.
- Stogursey News Team reserves the right to edit contributions for length and for space available: each item should fit within one page.
- Your contribution will be published in our standardised font colour, style and size. (*We do not print colour, or A4, posters).*
- Send your contribution for each and every month that you would like it published.
- If you include an illustration, please ensure it is copyright free. *(Stogursey News will not be liable for costs resulting from prosecution if this condition is ignored.)*

We look forward to receiving your contributions,
Thank you

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Regular Events

Monday	*60+ Rehabilitation Fitness Class (weekly) *Spinal Mobility, Balance & Strength Class (weekly) Health Walks - Level One (weekly) *Contact: Steve on 07747 127334* Stogursey Sings! 2nd & 4th Mondays of month)	Victory Hall Victory Hall Steart 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) *(Contact AgeUK 01823 345 624)* Stogursey Lunches (weekly, except 1st Tues of month) Bingo (weekly) Parish Council Meeting (2nd Tuesday of month) Meditation (1st & 3rd Tuesday of month) Short Mat Bowls (weekly) *Contact: Allan 01278 732820 /rosechalk@icloud.com* 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) *Contact - https://www.sasp.co.uk/health-walks* Mobile Library visit (once every four weeks) Youth Club (weekly) Stogursey Arts Photographic Society (SAPS) *(2nd Thurs of month. Contact 5 St Andrews Rd, Stogursey)*	Steart 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) *Contact John Nicholson 01278 732711 / j0hnfn1c@gmail.com*	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) *Contact Linda: labond222@gmail.com*	Multi-sport court, V Hall Victory Hall	10.00am - 12 noon 1.00 - 3.00pm

* *Contact siancocks@btinternet.com / 01278* 652411

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 4	Forget-me-not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon
Friday 6	Quiz - General Knowledge	Victory Hall	Doors open 7.00pm
Sunday 8	Roast Lunch	Victory Hall	12 noon - 2.00pm
Monday 9	Stogursey Sings	Victory Hall	7.00pm - 8.30pm
Tuesday 10	Parish Council Meeting	Victory Hall	7.00pm
Wednesday 11	Strummers of Stogursey (Ukulele session)	Greyhound Inn	7.30pm - 9.30pm
Wednesday 18	Forget-me-not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon
Monday 23	Stogursey Sings	Victory Hall	7.00pm - 8.30pm
Wednesday 25	Strummers of Stogursey	Greyhound Inn	7.30pm - 9.30pm
Saturday 28	Christmas Market	Victory Hall	10.00am - 2.00pm

NOVEMBER SUNDAY SERVICE ROTA for Quantock Gate Parishes

CHURCH	1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th
	All Saints	**Remembrance Sunday**	**2nd Before Advent**	**Christ the King**	**Advent Sunday**
Cannington St Mary	8.00 & 9.30am **Holy Communion** 7.00pm **All Souls Service of Light**	8.00am **Holy Communion** 9.30am **Service of Remembrance**	8.00 & 9.30am **Holy Communion**	8.00 & 9.30am **Holy Communion**	8.00am **Holy Communion**
Combwich St Peter	11.15am **Café Church**	10.45am **Service of Remembrance** 6.00pm **Prayer & Praise**	11.15am **Holy Communion**		
Fiddington St Martin	9.00am **Holy Communion**	9.00am **Service of Remembrance**	9.00am **Holy Communion**	9.00am **Family Service**	**10.00am BENEFICE COMMUNION SERVICE**
Steart St Andrew				11.15am **Holy Communion**	
Stogursey St Andrew	10.30am **Holy Communion**	10.00am **Service of Remembrance**	10.30am **Holy Communion**	10.30am **Café Church at the Jubilee Rooms**	
	Gold / White	Red	Red	Red	Purple

All Souls Services of Light

Every year, around All Souls Day, we hold special services to remember loved ones who have died.
This year, we are holding three services, at Stolford, Steart and Cannington.

Should you like someone remembered by name at these services, please either use the list at the back of the churches or else contact our Benefice Administrator, Helen Greenwood, at qgparishes@gmail.com.

Sunday 1st November 7pm at St Mary's Church, Cannington
Monday 2nd November 7pm at St Peter's Chapel, Stolford
Tuesday 3rd November 7pm at St Andrew's Chapel, Steart

Babes and Tots Play Group Tuesdays (termtime) 9.00-11.30am Cannington Village Hall

Get Togethers

Thursdays	10.00am	Coffee Club	Cannington Church
Fridays	10.30am	Social Café	Jubilee Rooms, Stogursey
3rd Thursday	3.00pm	Tea & Chat	Village Hall, Fiddington

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

Medical Transport

What a wonderful service

You don't truly appreciate what a wonderful service our local medical transport provides until you find yourself unable to drive to hospital appointments.

I would particularly like to thank Sue and Steve, who have both given their time and kindness to help get my husband Bill and me to our appointments. Their support has meant so much to us.

Having experienced first-hand how valuable this service is, I will be putting my name on the rota so that I can give something back to our local community. I would encourage others who are able to do the same.

Until you need this help, it's easy to underestimate how much of a difference it makes, especially when living in a rural area with little or no public transport.

Thank you once again, Sue and Steve, for your kindness and generosity.

Pauline and Bill Bonella

STOGURSEY ALLOTMENT NEWS

Well – where did that year go?

The growing season is drawing to a close and it has been great to see how productive the allotments have been this year despite the lack of rain and a plague of flea beetles! A big thank you to everyone who has helped make the allotments a welcoming, productive and enjoyable place throughout 2026.

Although the growing season is winding down and plots are being tidied, composted and manured, the last autumn crops are being gathered and hardy vegetables remain in some. So far this autumn it has been mild and dry and we don't yet know what the winter will bring. Whatever, allotmenteers will no doubt use the time to plan next year's planting.

This is the last Allotment News for 2026. We hope to be back in the Spring, and if any readers fancy getting involved, there are still plots available - and taking on one now will allow you to prepare for the Spring. Please get in touch with clerk@stogurseyparishcouncil.org.uk if you are interested.

Finally, thank you to every plot holder who has contributed time, advice, seeds, plants, produce and good company this year. Here's to 2027!

VICTORY HALL LOTTERY WINNERS

October 2026 Draw

1st Prize	£25.00	Colin White	No. 26
2nd Prize	£15.00	Rose Barrett	No. 107
3rd Prize	£10.00	Joan Moore	No. 80

Stogursey Victory Hall

Remembrance Roast Lunch

on Sunday 8th November

served between 12 noon - 2.00pm

Vegetarian and Children's menus available on request

1 course - £12.50

2 courses - £17.50

For booking please contact

Denise: 07453 381844

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 4th November: Our friend Colin Pye will sing and play guitar for us
Wednesday 18th November: The Blackdown Hillbillies
Wednesday 2nd December
Wednesday 16th December: Christmas Celebrations
Wednesday 13th January 2027: First Café of the New Year

FORGET-ME-NOT NEWS

- We took part in this year's Flower Festival, part of Stogursey Arts Festival, which started with the parade of students from Stogursey Primary School.
- Plans are well under way for our Christmas Party on December 16th in the Jubilee Rooms.
- Helen is selling her hand-painted greetings cards to raise money for Alzheimer's UK.
- We need helpers please - see our advert on the previous page.

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, in a relaxed and informal environment. We enjoy different activities including music, singing, poetry, bingo or just chatting over a coffee.

For more information please contact:
Helen: 07891 547982 cuttellhelen@gmail.com
Rose: 07507 374234 rosechalk@icloud.com

Q: How do you find the The Strummers of Stogursey?

A: Just come along to our lovely local Pub, the Greyhound, in Lime Street on Wednesdays 11th and 26th November from 7.30 - 9.30 where you will find us in the back room, strumming and singing.

We are there every second Wednesday, and we welcome new members including absolute beginners. We can lend you a ukulele and help you to get started so why not give it a try?

Further details from ianelenor@gmail.com or rose.palmer280@gmail.com or text 07583 333147

Stogursey Lunches
Jubilee Rooms
TUESDAYS
(except first Tuesday of the month)

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

NOVEMBER MENUS

Tuesday 10 NOVEMBER

Beef stew and dumplings
OR
Borlotti bean stew,
both with mashed potato and green vegetables

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Apple crumble with custard or icecream

Tuesday 17 NOVEMBER

Sausagemeat & bean casserole
OR
Vegetarian sausagemeat & bean casserole
both with pasta and vegetables

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Pear and ginger cake

Tuesday 24 NOVEMBER

Chicken, mushroom & cider bake, with potatoes and vegetables

OR

Mushroom risotto with vegetables

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Crème caramel (Custard cream)

DRAGON QUILTERS

ANNUAL QUILT EXHIBITION

10th to 14th November 2026
10am – 4pm Tuesday – Friday
10am – 3pm Saturday

Admission Free

'Come to Quilt'

Westleigh Farm
Broomfield TA5 2EH

People's Choice Competition
Quilt Raffle in aid of The Alzheimer's Society

For more information
Email sales@cometoquilt.com
Telephone 01823 240041

Stogursey Community Network (SCN)

NOVEMBER 2026

Contact us: stogurseycommunitynetork@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

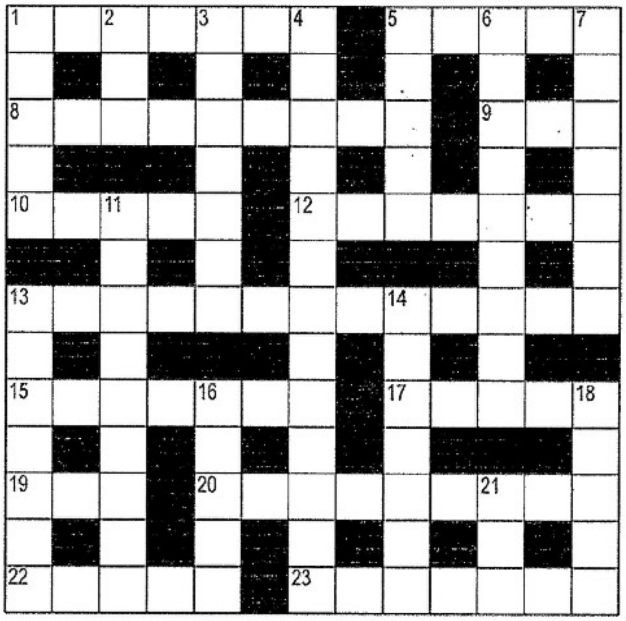
In addition, SCN volunteers collect **prescriptions** from the two local Health Centres and deliver these to the **SPAR/ POST OFFICE** for collection.

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.)

Crossword No. 78

Compiled by Helen Cuttell



CLUES ACROSS

1. Tall grass like plant that grows in wet areas (7)
5. Latin American dance (5)
8. Operating effectively in an organised way (9)
9. Small hexagonal metal block to be fitted to a bolt (3)
10. Large desert in Southern Israel (5)
12. Small American marsupial (7)
13. Performance art of speaking with little or no lip movement (13)
15. Slang for police station (7)
17. Find repugnant (5)
19. A drink with jam and bread (3)
20. The largest town in Kent (9)
22. Capital of Senegal (5)
23. Having sides that are unequal in length (7)

CLUES DOWN

1. Village between Weston-Super-Mare and Burnham-on-Sea (5)
2. Fibre which binds the petioles of the date palm together (3)
3. Make visible (7)
4. Pictorial characters used in a writing system (13)
5. Sentence or phrase expressing a belief or purpose (5)
6. Poem that consists of a single line (9)
7. Best or most favourable (7)
11. Moveable board placed between a ship and land to enable people to disembark (9)
13. Caused a place to be empty (7)
14. Bitter compound used as insecticide, extracted from tree bark (7)
16. Bart's dad (5)
18. Pass the end of a line through a block or ring (5)
21. Mineral containing metal (3)

Stogursey Oil-buying Group

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

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 by
10am on Monday 9th November
with the following information:-

Name .....

Address .....

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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: .....

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Delivery will be in the 2 week period commencing 10th November.

Solution to Crossword No. 77: October 2026

ACROSS:
1.Tatting, 5.Nepal, 8.Carpe Diem, 9.Elm, 10.Sochi, 12.Echidna, 13.Filing cabinet, 15.Caribou, 17.Zumba, 19.Sad, 20.Literally, 22.Apery, 23.Reelers

DOWN:
1.Ticks, 2.Tar, 3.Iberian, 4.Geiger counter, 5.Nymph, 6.Pseudonym, 7.Lambast, 11.Coleridge, 13.Fuchsia, 14.Bizarre, 16.Balmy, 18.Abyss, 21.Lee

❄ CHRISTMAS ❄

at Stogursey and Stolford Churches

Stolford Carol Service
6.00pm Sunday 13th December

Stogursey Carols by Candlelight
6.00pm Sunday 20th December

Christmas Eve
4.00pm Crib Service at Stogursey, for all ages

Christmas Day
9.00am Family Communion at Stolford
10.30am Family Communion at Stogursey

Mobile Library

Kenny Southern, librarian and driver of the library van, is leaving after 14 years of service with the library. Best wishes Ken, and happy travels in your own van!

Fun Christmas Quiz

Friday 11 December
Jubilee Rooms, Stogursey
Doors open 7.00pm

Teams of up to 4 people / £8 per person
Mince pies and mulled wine included.
BYOB

To book a table, contact
stogurseytwinningassociation@gmail.com



In St Andrew's Church
Photo: RC

News From The Quantock Medical Centre
November 2026

Thank you
We would like to thank sincerely the family and friends of the late John Wherry and Nicholas Wright for their generous donations. As always, we use any funds donated to help purchase equipment for the practice to support patient care. We recently purchased an additional vaccine fridge which cost approximately £2,000. Thank you for your support - it is always greatly appreciated.

Unused Medications
We recently received 4 bin bags full of items which had been requested each month by a patient but were never opened. In total, these scripts were worth over £5,000. We ask patients to consider what they are requesting, and **only order what they actually need and will use.** As well as the cost of the drugs, there is an additional cost to the NHS in processing requests involving staff time. Unused medications also need to be treated carefully in their destruction, and there are detrimental effects of this waste to our planet in terms of our land, air and water pollution. **Please think carefully about what you are ordering and only order what you use and need.** If you are a family member and see a relative is hoarding their medication please do have a word with them, or contact the practice.

New Stroke Services launching in Somerset
The NHS in Somerset is introducing improved stroke services. 24/7. Investment has been made in workforce, facilities and clinical pathways, including refurbishment of stroke units, more staff, a new standard operating procedure and simulation testing to support implementation.

Timely treatment, in the right place, is in the best interest of a stroke patients. Emergency stroke care will be provided through two 24/7 Hyperacute Stroke Units (HASUs) at Musgrove Park Hospital in Taunton.

Call 999 if you think that you, or someone else, is having a stroke, it is important to act **FAST**.
FACE (can the person smile, or has one side of the face dropped?.
ARMS Can the person raise both arms and keep them there?
SPEECH is the speech slurred or hard to understand?
TIME call 999 immediately if they suspect a stroke, even if symptoms seem mild or temporary.

A Reminder of Somerset Cancer Self Referral Service PATHWAYS
You do not need to wait for a GP appointment. You can Google 'Somerset Cancer Self Referrals' for further links and advice.

Bleeding after menopause
It is not normal to bleed, spot or have unusual discharge 12 months or longer after your last period. You can rule out womb cancer by self-referring into the Bleeding After Menopause Service.

Breast lump symptoms self referral via NHS 111 online
If you live in Somerset and are aged over-30 with symptoms of breast cancer or breast lumps, you can use NHS 111 online to self-refer to our breast clinic without having to go to the GP first.

Somerset Bowel Service
Allows anyone aged between 40 to 60 and registered with a participating GP in Somerset, to check if they need a test looking for hidden blood in their poo to rule out bowel cancer.

Somerset Chest X-ray Service
Allows anyone aged over 40 and registered with a participating GP in Somerset, to check if they need a chest X-ray to rule out lung cancer. You do not need to have been a smoker to check your lung health.

NOTICE from X-ray Services Taunton
If your X-ray is **urgent**. You will receive a text message from the bookings centre within 2 days to arrange an appointment. In some cases we may call you instead of sending a text message. **These calls may appear to come from an unknown number.**

You may need a CT scan shortly after your X-ray. If this is required, we will contact you

Walk-in X-ray
You can attend without an appointment, Mon –Friday
Musgrove Park Hospital
Main X-ray department, ground floor, Duchess Building (not A&E) ,8.00am to 5.00pm
Bridgwater Hospital
9.30am to 4.00pm

Booked X-ray appointments
We can also offer X-rays at the following locations. These centres require a booked appointment:
Chard, Minehead, West Mendip, Taunton

Helen Stacey, Practice Manager

Victory Hall News

Well what an amazing start into Autumn!

Lots of parties, trainings, our usual weekly bowls, fortnightly Stogursey Sings, a good Bingo with cash prizes, Quiz night with very tasty hot dogs, and finishing off with Sunday Lunch.

Thank you to all those who have filled in a survey on what they would like to see on at the Victory Hall - we will be gathering this information together - Watch this space!

On Monday 12th October we held our Stogursey Victory Hall AGM, and would like to say a big thank you to all who attended.

As some of you may know, Heather Ranson has had to resign as Chairperson, Trustee & Committee member due to health issues. We would like to say a huge thanks for all Heather has achieved in her 2 years in office, her tireless hard work, liaising, and building good relationships in the community. We wish Heather a speedy recovery and hope to see her soon

Also, Jo Cavill has resigned after 3 years as Treasurer - lots of hard work, keeping on top of accounts, sourcing grants & much, much more! Jo is a great loss to the hall but is going to support for a few months the next treasurer. We wish you well Jo. Thank you!

Sue Hocking has resigned as Vice-chair but remains a Trustee & Committee member.

Our New Victory Hall Committee
looks like this (we will be forwarding more information and changes next month)

Chairperson:	Ren Blunden, phone 07348 830279, email renblunden@outlook.com
Minutes Secretary:	Lisa Dunwood.
Treasurer:	Vicki Thomas
Bar:	Emma Turner
Kitchen:	Denise Oliver
Bookings:	Allan Searle with Emma Turner
Events:	Sue Hocking & committee

A warm welcome to several new Trustees & Committee members. We are looking forward to having some fresh ideas & energy for everyone to enjoy a rich, varied community village hall.

COMING UP AT THE VICTORY HALL:

Friday 6th November
General Knowledge Quiz with Brandon
Doors open at 7.00pm with the Bar,
Quiz starts at 7.30pm.
Teams up to 6 people at £2.50 per person.
Everyone welcome, a fun evening.

Sunday 8th November
Sunday Lunch 12-2.00pm. Bar open.
More details, and how to book, on a previous page.

Mondays 9th & 23rd November
Stogursey Sings.
Doors open at 7.00pm till 8.30pm.
Donation of £2.50 each please.
Everyone welcome.

Saturday 28th November
Christmas Market
10am starts till 2pm.
Lots of stalls, Father Christmas visiting,
Tasty refreshments served too.

DECEMBER
Friday 4th December
Christmas Bingo

Sunday 6th & 13th December
Christmas Lunches

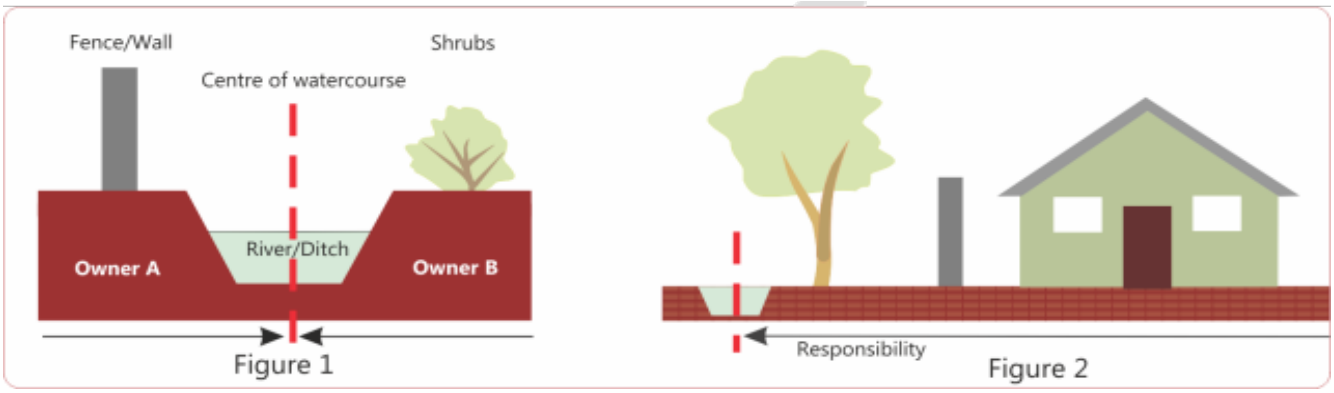
Thursday 31st December
New Year's Eve Family Party

Stogursey Parish Council

Please Keep Watercourses Clear This Winter

Advice for riparian owners in Stogursey Parish
Keeping ditches, streams and culverts clear helps reduce flooding in our villages and hamlets. If your property contains or borders a watercourse, you may be a **riparian owner** and responsible for maintaining it. We encourage all landowners to keep their section of watercourse or culvert clear of blockages and excessive vegetation.

As a Riparian Owner, it is your responsibility to help ensure that water can flow freely through the watercourse and any associated culverts, reducing the risk of flooding for neighbouring properties and the wider community.
Where a watercourse forms the boundary between two properties, each landowner is generally responsible for maintaining the section up to the centre of the watercourse, unless ownership arrangements state otherwise.



What you should do

- Inspect ditches, culverts and grilles regularly, especially before winter and after heavy rain.
- Remove litter, fallen branches and other debris that obstructs the flow.
- Control excessive vegetation while protecting wildlife and active bird nests.
- Manage silt carefully without deepening, widening or changing the watercourse.
- Keep waste and loose materials away from the bank.
- Never remove gravel **nor** enter a culvert or confined watercourse**.**
- Use a competent contractor where specialist equipment or confined-space work is required.

Before carrying out work

Consent may be required before installing, altering or replacing a culvert, bridge, dam, grille or other structure. The responsible authority is normally:

1. **Somerset Council** for ordinary watercourses outside an Internal Drainage Board area;
2. **the relevant Internal Drainage Board** within its area; or **the Environment Agency** for main rivers.

Need advice?
Environment Agency: 03708 506 506
Somerset Drainage Board Consortium: 01278 789906
Somerset Council: 0300 123 2224

N.B. This is general guidance. Responsibilities and consent requirements depend on the location, ownership and proposed work. Seek advice before undertaking significant work.

Stogursey Parish Council ! 4, Church Street " Stogursey ! TA5 1TQ

Stogursey C of E Primary and Pre-School

Executive Headteacher: Mrs R Rood Tel: 01278 732389 email: stogurseyschool@educ.somerset.gov.uk website: http://www.stogurseyprimaryschool.co.uk

What a fantastic start we have had to the new school year. I have been incredibly impressed by the attitudes to learning I have seen across the school. Our children are showing enthusiasm, resilience and a real willingness to do their best. Developing these positive learning behaviours is an important part of our continued improvement journey, and it has been wonderful to see the children embracing their learning so positively.

One of our key priorities this year is to raise progress and attainment in reading for every child. Reading is fundamental to success across the whole curriculum, so we want to work closely with families to develop confident, fluent readers who also genuinely enjoy books. A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our first Rock Up and Read event. It was lovely to see so many families sharing books and reading together, and we hope this will be the first of many opportunities to welcome families into school.

You can support us at home by reading regularly with your child, talking together about books and new vocabulary, revisiting familiar favourites, visiting the library and, importantly, letting your child see you enjoying reading too. Even a short amount of reading and conversation each day can help to establish positive reading habits.

Mrs Rood, Executive Headteacher

Hedgehog Class

What a wonderful start to the school year we have had in Hedgehog Class! We have been delighted to welcome our new intake and are already so proud of how well the children have settled into school life. Over the past few weeks, we have focused on developing our foundational skills, building language and communication, and getting to know one another. The children have enjoyed sharing information about themselves and their families, helping us learn more about who they are and what makes them unique.

In Maths, Reception have been learning to play *Snakes and Ladders*, developing our counting skills and beginning to recognise patterns and quantities through subitising to 6. The children have loved taking turns and playing together.

Our Writing this term has begun with the story *Cave Baby*. The children have enjoyed exploring the characters and story events and are already beginning to develop their mark-making and early writing skills. KS1 have been developing their descriptive writing skills.

We have also enjoyed some exciting experiences beyond the classroom. The children wrapped up in their wellies for a walk to the oak tree, where they explored the local environment and signs of the changing season. We also had a fantastic trip to Cannington Walled Gardens, where the children enjoyed exploring and learning outdoors.





Back at school, we put our baking skills to good use by making cakes for our Macmillan Reading Event, which was a lovely opportunity to come together as a school community.

Promoting a love of reading has been a key focus this month. We have loved sharing stories together and developing the children's enjoyment of books. Thank you to all our families who have been supporting reading at home and completing the Five Reads. The support of a family makes such a difference to a child's confidence, language development and enthusiasm for reading, and we are incredibly grateful for the continued encouragement and support of our families.

We look forward to another busy and exciting month of learning ahead!

Dragonfly Class

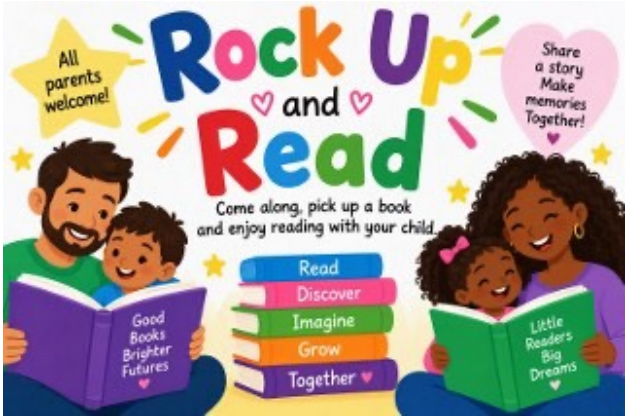
In English, we have been immersing ourselves in *Ever-Changing Earth*, expanding our vocabulary by creating our own glossaries and dictionaries of key terms. The children have also impressed us with their explanation texts about natural phenomena, including the magical Northern Lights.

In Science, we have continued our exploration of electrical circuits. After investigating which circuits worked last week, we represented our successful circuits using scientific diagrams and symbols, showing a growing understanding of how electricity flows.

In Maths, Years 5 and 6 have been developing their knowledge of tenths, learning how they can be represented as both fractions and decimals, while Years 3 and 4 have been exploring a range of strategies for adding three addends efficiently. We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, curiosity and resilience the children have shown in all their learning this week.



Rock Up and Read



On Friday 25th September, we were delighted to welcome families and members of our school community to our Rock Up and Read event. Thank you to everyone who took the time to join us and share in the joy of reading together.

It was wonderful to see so many parents, carers and family members supporting our school and spending quality time enjoying books alongside the children. The hall was filled with excitement and a real love of reading for pleasure as everyone shared their favourite books and discovered new ones. One of the highlights of the afternoon was hearing the fantastic conversations taking place around the books.

Thank you once again for helping to make the event such a success. We truly value the support of our school community and look forward to welcoming you to future reading events. Together, we can continue to inspire a love of books and reading in all of our children.

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

A huge thank you to all our parents, carers, grandparents, and family members who joined us last Friday for our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon and Rock Up and Read event.

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who generously donated cakes, biscuits, and sweet treats. Your kindness and support helped make the afternoon such a wonderful success, and it was fantastic to see so many families coming together to share a love of reading while supporting a very important cause.

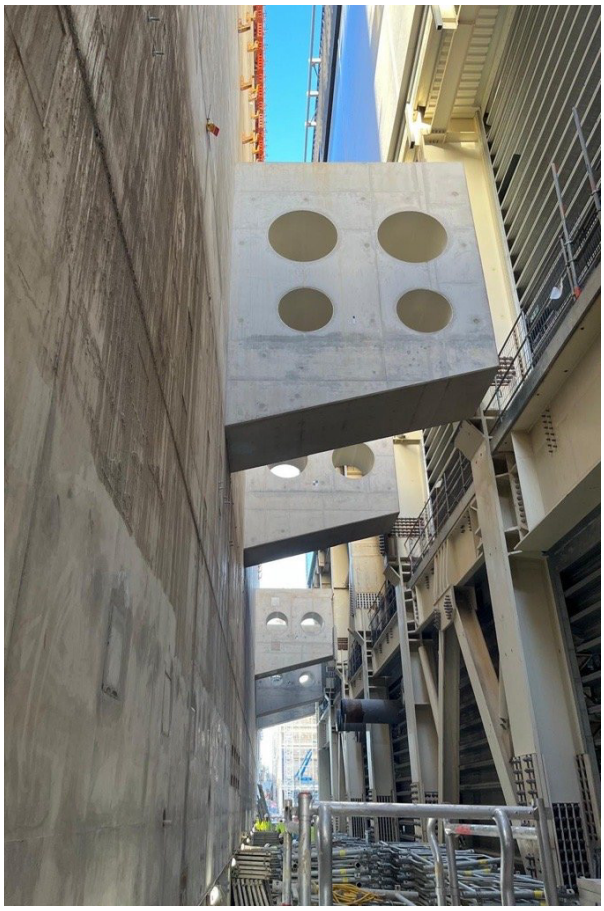


Thanks to your generosity, we raised an amazing **£66.96** for **Macmillan Cancer Support**. This is an incredible achievement, and every penny will help Macmillan continue providing vital support to people living with cancer and their families.

Thank you once again for your continued support, generosity, and community spirit. We couldn't do it without you!

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Pluggedin Parish News
A round up of the latest news from Hinkley Point C

Building the backbone of the steam system

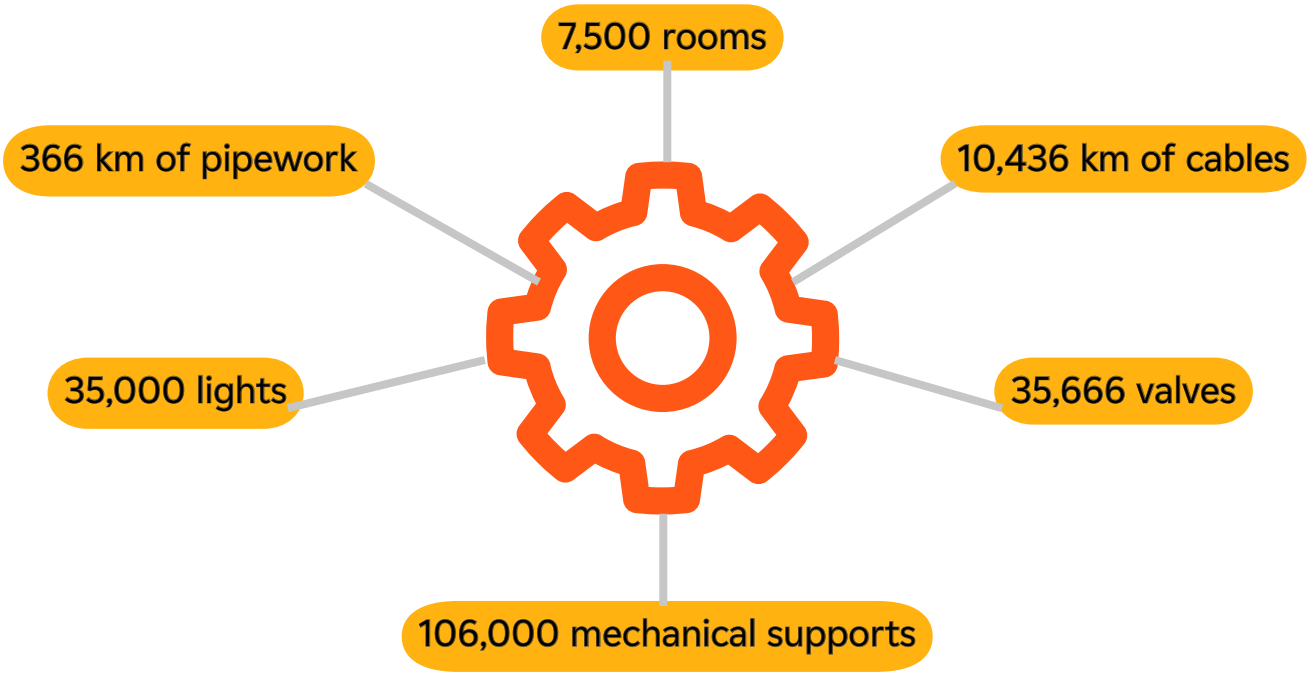


A major milestone has been achieved in the second Safeguard Building with the completion of 14 reinforced concrete supports for the future steam and feedwater pipes. The achievement clears the way for installation of the pipework that will connect the reactor and turbine buildings, marking an important transition from construction to equipment installation as the project continues to take shape.

Big Facts

- There are 14 whip restraints visible on the external wall
- Each restraint is about five metres long, nearly six metres high, and one and a half metres wide.
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