

QUANTOCK
for Nether Stowey & Over Stowey

Messenger

August 2021

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FORGET-ME- NOT CAFÉ

**Stogursey Forget-Me-Not Café is held in the Church Rooms,
Castle Street, Stogursey TA5 1TB every other Wednesday from
10.30 – 12.00**

**Helen and Rose are looking forward to welcoming you for a cuppa
and a chat.**

SUMMER DATES 2021:

WEDNESDAY JULY 21st

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 4th

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 18th

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 1st

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 15th



Forget-Me-Not Cafés provide support, companionship and a warm welcome to those who are recognising issues with their memory, as well as their carers, family and friends. There are a variety of activities such as music, singing, arts and crafts, quizzes, or just a chat over a cuppa and a slice of cake.

Volunteers and Guests can be reassured that everything is being done to stay Covid Secure.

More helpers are always welcome. If you'd like to find out more, just come along and join us for a cuppa and a chat.

Please contact Helen: 01278 734818 – cuttellhelen@gmail.com

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Tel: 732 662

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Sian Stafford 732 741

Friends of Over Stowey Church

Christopher Stone 732 907

Friends of Quantock

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Friends of Nether Stowey School

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Helen Cuttall 734 818

Stowey Bears (pre-school)

Tina Miller 734 636

Stowey Book Club

Alison Whittingham 732 446

Stowey Gardeners

Juliet Harkness 733 245

Stowey Green Spaces Group

Judith Greig 732 483

Stowey Walking

Lynne Abbott 732 228

Wednesday Club (formerly the Day Centre)

Maggie Harrison 732 532

August 2021

Welcome to our bonus edition! With the ability to plan anything in advance gone out of the window, we decided to do separate July and August magazines this year instead of the usual Summer double magazine.

With Party in the Park on August 7th, I hope this fabulous weather stays with us. I will sadly be missing it as I am off to visit family (unless Covid has other ideas).

July had started to feel like a wonderful return to normal life, but with my son now self-isolating at home due to Test & Trace, it feels like a sad return to the Covid life that we are all so desperate to put behind us. I just keep telling myself that this cannot last forever.

William Husband is our Stowey Star this month, after being awarded an MBE for his services to young people. Although his award is for his work with the Army Cadet Force, he is also a school governor at our local primary school.

The new signage at The Mount, Stowey Wood and Millennium Wood are fantastic. Lots of information on flora and fauna to look out for, as well as history on the areas concerned.

I hope you are all able to enjoy the Summer and you stay safe and well.

Take care, Ruth

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We are always pleased to receive articles in any form (by phone, handwritten, typed or by email). You may leave articles for The Messenger at the Church Centre or at the Parish Council Offices, on the Cross in Nether Stowey. **Deadline for articles is the 15th of the preceding month.**

Cover Photos (L-R): Bench installed outside Nether Stowey Fire Station in memory of Bob and Marion Everard; visit of the High Sheriff of Somerset to the Thomas Poole Library; our Stowey Star, William Husband; weather vane taken by Terry Abbiss; unveiling of new information plaque at The Mount by Stowey Green Spaces Group; and first Health Walk of 2021.

DIARY DATES 2021

Every Friday - Knit & Natter - 10-11:30 - TPL

Fiddington Duck Race is now CANCELLED

Sat 7th August - Party in the Park - 3-11pm - Nether Stowey Playing Fields

Thurs 12th Aug - WI: *Can you Hear me at the Back?* with Michael Malaghan - 2pm - NS CC

Sat 21st Aug - Nether Stowey Flower Show - 2pm - NS VH

Sat 28th Aug - Annual Garden Fete for Macmillan Cancer Support - 2:15pm - Old Orchard, Bicknoller

Sat 28th Aug - Over Stowey Church BBQ - 12noon - Bincombe House

Tues 7th Sept - Short Mat Bowls - 2-5pm - NS CC

Wed 8th Sept - A talk about the Battle of Sedgemoor - TPL

Thurs 9th Sept - WI: Driftwood Art with Emma Duke - 2pm - NS CC

Wed 13th Sept - Wednesday Club restarts - 10am-2pm - NS CC

Sat 25th & Sun 26th Sept - The Quantock Hills Walking Festival

Wed 13th Oct - Book launch of 'The Touch of the Magdalene' with author Diana Barsham - TPL

Thurs 14th Oct - WI: Marie Antoinette's Guide to Farming - 2pm - NS CC

Thurs 11th Nov - WI: Christmas Theme Decorations with Jenny Barnham - 2pm - NS CC

Weds 17th Nov - The History of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission - TPL

Fri 3rd Dec - Bingo Night! - Doors open 7pm, eyes down 7:30pm - OS VH

Thurs 9th December - WI: Christmas Celebration Tea with Jan McNeill - 2pm - NS CC

NS CC - Nether Stowey Church Centre

NS VH - Nether Stowey Village Hall

OS VH - Over Stowey Village Hall

TPL - Thomas Poole Library, Nether Stowey

WANT TO JOIN OUR TEAM?

We are looking for new editors to join the Quantock Messenger team.

The work of editing the magazine is taken in turns, so it is not a monthly commitment. All you need is an eye for detail and the ability to work with MS Publisher.

Please email editor@quantockmessenger.org.uk if you would like more information.

The Coleridge We Don't Know...

Samuel Taylor Coleridge lived in Lime Street in Nether Stowey for three years. In his time spent here he wrote some of the most beautiful and famous poems in the English language and collaborated with William Wordsworth on a book of poems called *The Lyrical Ballads*, giving birth to the English Romantic period.

A less well-known fact about Coleridge is that he suffered all his life with a painful rheumatic condition. This disease came and went with flares that gave him swollen joints, bowel problems, periods of extreme lethargy and inflamed eyes. Nowadays this would probably be recognized as some sort of auto-immune condition, possibly Systemic Lupus Erythematosus. SLE or Lupus is a chronic, inflammatory, variable autoimmune disease of connective tissue, typically characterised by skin rash, fatigue, joint and muscle pain and often by disorders of the blood, kidneys, heart, lungs, and brain.

It is hard, of course, to try and diagnose the diseases of people who are long deceased. Some modern biographers wonder if Wordsworth's daughter, thought at the time to be suffering from tuberculosis, was, in fact, anorexic. The same has been said of Elizabeth Barrett Browning, both women who were controlled so strongly by overbearing fathers that the only thing they could control themselves was their eating habits and their weight.

One of the problems is that the terminology has changed so much: Coleridge refers to symptoms such as *flying gout*, *dysentery*, *inflamed eyes* and episodes of *rheumatic fever*.

Lupus sufferers will recognise these symptoms as joint and/or muscle pains, IBS, dry eyes. And the episodes of *rheumatic fever* with joint pains and

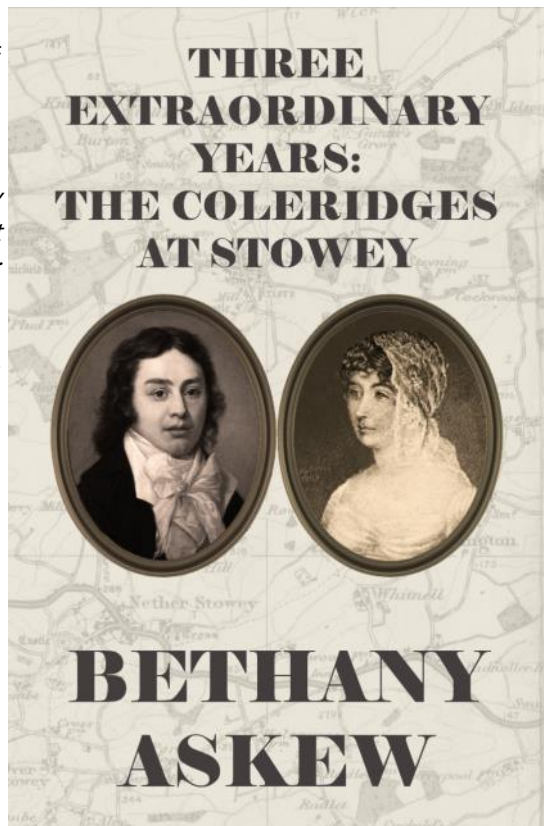
overwhelming fatigue sound like a “flare” (a time when the disease is particularly active)

His symptoms are often attributed to opium addiction. And there is an element of truth in this. Coleridge’s extreme constipation was certainly caused by opiates: any modern day user of Codeine will testify to this. But it is important to remember that opium or laudanum were the only painkillers available at that time. Many people took laudanum for pain relief but not everyone became an addict. In the same way as many of us like an alcoholic drink but we’re not all alcoholics. Coleridge recognised the recreational effects of the drug, he even knew he was becoming an addict, but he was powerless to resist. He was a complex character: an addictive personality, possibly what we would term nowadays bi-polar, with bursts of high creative industry and grand schemes followed by periods of indolence.

But did he have Lupus? Of course we will never know. But the more I read about him, the more I am convinced that he might have done.

Bethany Askew is the author of ten novels. In her spare time she volunteers at Coleridge Cottage in Somerset. Her two novels *Three Extraordinary Years: The Coleridges at Stowey* and *The Two Saras: Coleridge in Cumbria* are available to buy in the Post Office store in Nether Stowey and in all good bookshops.

www.bethanyaskew.co.uk





The Quantock Hills Walking Festival is back!

25th & 26th September 2021

This year's walking festival will be bigger and better than ever with a variety of new walks venturing further into the Quantock Hills and surrounding area. We have nature rambles, history walks, high level hikes and even a family treasure hunt, all followed by delicious tea and cake here in Nether Stowey.



The event will be fully COVID secure.

For further information on the various walks and to book your place contact us at:

enquiries@stoweywalking.co.uk

www.stoweywalking.co.uk

Hosted by Stowey Walking, the Walkers are Welcome steering group for Nether Stowey and Over Stowey and sponsored by the Quantock Landscape Partnership Scheme



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HEALTH WALKS RESUME

The first Health Walk of 2021 took place on 6th July after a year of lock-downs. The walk was well attended with group of 11 walkers lead by Ian Farris. We toured the outskirts of Nether Stowey and then walked to Cross Farm in Over Stowey via Broomsquires Cottage and Bincombe Green. It was lovely to walk together again through the lush fields and country lanes.

Lynne Abbott

BLOOD DONATION

Thank you to the 87 people who came to St Mary's Church Centre on June 23rd to give blood. 77 donors were able to donate this time.

It is such an easy and worthwhile thing to give an hour of your time , so please do consider this gift to someone who is desperately ill - it might even be to a family member or friend you know & care about who needs blood.

NHS Blood and Transplant
0300 123 23 23

NETHER STOWEY FOOTBALL CLUB

Juniors

Notwithstanding the effects Covid has had over the last year, we have managed to play a lot of football across the various age groups which has been wonderful to see for all involved. A big thank you must go out to all concerned who have dedicated their time and effort to make it possible. To see the smiles that being back on the pitch brings to the faces of kids and coaches is simply wonderful. As this season comes to a close and government lockdowns continue to ease, we look forward in the hope that next season sees a return to normality and games as we know it can recommence. The new season is due to recommence in the first week of September as schools restart. In the meantime we look forward to a summer break and thank all the volunteers once again for their continued support.



Simon. Richardson

Seniors

Training and Pre-season Friendlies - Focus is now well and truly on the forthcoming 2021-22 season, with the first matches scheduled for the weekend beginning 28th August. Training is now in full swing and with a host of friendlies lined up throughout August, including a trip to Perry Street for a

double-header against the South Somerset outfit, the club is looking to be ready and firing for when the season commences.

If you are interested in playing football this season, the club welcomes any player of any ability. Either contact Steve Easden on 07788 370014 or pop down to a training session which is held every Wednesday starting at 6.15pm. You will be made most welcome.

Sponsorship - With all the main sponsorships now in place, the club will welcome any business who wishes to become a club partner. Any donation will help the club purchase some much needed equipment, including 3 sets of roll on roll off goals, and ball stop nets. If you are interested in becoming a club partner, please contact Mark Sells on 07896 644636 or email marksell2016@outlook.com, The deadline is 20th August for inclusion in the club handbook.

That's it for now from the football club. Don't forget you can follow the club on it's Facebook page. Have a great summer and stay safe.

Mark Sells



We intend to restart short mat bowls in the Church Centre on Tuesday 7th September 2021. Note new time of 2pm to 5pm. Looking forward to seeing old members and anyone else who would like to give it a try, we do have some bowls etc for people who would like to have a go.

Contacts Cath Roberts 732789 or Margaret Harris 734613.

NETHER STOWEY RECREATION GROUND - PFR CLUB

Thank you to everyone who has subscribed for another 6 months. The lucky winners for the June & July draws are detailed below. You might notice that the amounts paid out are slightly higher this time. This is because we have a few more subscribers.

50% of the £15 for 6 months subscription is used for prize money. The other 50% is fundraising income for the Stowey Centre Project. This money is

essential in helping pay for the project costs (currently pre-planning expenses) and also demonstrates to grant funders that the project is supported by residents of the village. If you would like to know more or get involved please contact Jane Erskine on 732025 or Sharon Mayell on 732311. THANK YOU.

Date:	Prizes	Amounts	Winning numbers	Winners
June 2021	1st	£34.87	198	S French
	2nd	£17.44	30	H Piper
	3rd	£10.47	240	D Hall
	4th	£6.97	74	K Modley
July 2021	1st	£34.87	32	I Ham
	2nd	£17.44	51	M Crawford
	3rd	£10.47	19	M Webb
	4th	£6.97	347	J Scoins



Nether Stowey Flower Show Saturday 21st August Nether Stowey Village Hall



The Mini Flower Show will take place on 21st August with doors open between 11-1 for people to set up their table and then everyone welcomed at 2pm. We already have 15 tables booked but more tables are available to display anything you have made/grown/produced/cooked/photographed/painted etc. You can still book a table to exhibit as a family/group/team/street/club. There'll be no charge to enter and a cup for the best overall table display. Please contact the secretary Robin Brierly if you would like to enter:- familybrierley@gmail.com or phone 01278 732574.

STOWEY STAR

Shining a light on a local individual each month who is worthy of the moniker 'Stowey Star'. If you know of a local artist / craftsperson or someone who has done a lot for charity / worthy causes, please get in touch so we can contact them. editor@quantockmessenger.org.uk or 01278 229 682.

Local Nether Stowey resident, William Husband, was thrilled to learn last month that he had been awarded an MBE for Services to Young People in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. He has served almost 30 years with numerous Combined Cadet and Army Cadet Forces around the country and is currently one of the Devon Army Cadet Force's Vocational Qualification Officers.

With no military background (bar his university years in the Officer Training Corps), his interest in the Cadet Force started whilst he was teaching at a school in Lancashire in 1992. On his return to Somerset, he joined the Devon Army Cadet Force as there were no available openings in Somerset. He explained to me that the Army Cadet Force is not a recruiting organisation for the Army, it is a youth organisation run by the Ministry of Defence. Open to all secondary school children, it is part military training and part adventure training. Young men and women learn not only rock climbing, kayaking and orienteering skills (amongst many others) but also rifle shooting and a multitude of military skills not taught in other youth clubs!

William's role over the past 10 12 years has been delivering vocational training to the cadets. All cadets pass Army Proficiency Certificates, but these are not necessarily understood in the 'civilian world'. William coaches and supports the cadets to gain equivalent qualifications through the Business & Technology Education Council (BTEC) and Institute of Leadership & Management in subjects ranging from public service to leadership to music. He is one of the longest serving and highest performing practitioners in his field, having helped nearly 400 cadets achieve their qualifications.

"For some cadets, these qualifications will simply help them to stand out from the crowd when applying to university or for jobs. However, for others, the BTEC or ILM certification may be the only qualifications these young people achieve. It is immensely rewarding

to see the positive impact that my colleagues and I have on their lives."

He readily admits that the past 18 months of Covid restrictions and lockdowns have been very difficult, with all training being done on Zoom. Sadly, this led to a lot less cadets undertaking the training than would normally take part and it has been much more difficult to engage with the students. As we are all hoping, he is keeping his fingers crossed for a return to normal from September.

Congratulations, William!

Ruth Richardson

Ruth Richardson

does

Saturday 28th August 12 Noon

under 16s accompanying family – FREE

STALLS, BAR, RAFFLE

18 Sept - 3 Oct 2021

Members in over 200 studios and spaces across the county this autumn. Studios occur in a variety of unique situations and the event is the perfect opportunity to discover hidden locations and workspaces - in person and also online.

For more details, please see:

somerseartworks.org.uk/what-we-do/art-weeks/

or contact Paul Newman at Somerset Art Works on 07715 528441 or paul.newman@somersetartworks.org.uk

somerseartworks.org.uk

NETHER STOWEY & FIDDINGTON WI

The WI held an "almost back to normal" meeting on 8th July. We had a good attendance with over 20 ladies present. We were treated to a 'live' musical quiz, with talented musicians Adelaide on flute and Claire playing the keyboard. It was lovely to get the brain going again after all this time! This was a return visit by Adelaide and Claire and we hope we may see them again. After a tea break, one of our new members from Fiddington passed around some unusual curios she had brought with her, along with their histories. This was most interesting as people liked to guess just what these items were; one could hear comments such as "oh, my mother/grandmother used to have one of those", so it brought back lots of memories and generated some interesting conversations. Despite our gardens receiving a battering from the deluge the day before, seven ladies had managed to find a perfect flower (mostly roses) for our monthly competition.

Our monthly meeting on 12th August, will be at Fiddington, who will kindly provide tea and cake. It will be at our normal meeting time of 2.00 pm and lifts can be arranged. Ladies are encouraged to 'dress up' just to make this occasion a bit special. Our speaker will be the very versatile author Michael Malaghan, whose topic will be *"Can You Hear Me at the Back?"* Michael was one of our guest speakers in 2018 and gave a very interesting and funny talk, and we are sure this will be equally entertaining. The competition will be A New Skill Learned During Lockdown. The country is not quite 100% back to normal, so in the meantime, keep safe and well.

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We recently celebrated Margaret Wells' 49 years as a member, pictured with her daughter Jackie. Margaret, at 94 years of age, has been an active and valued member of WI when living in various parts of the UK. We all enjoyed an afternoon of tea and a musical quiz.

THE MARION EVERED TRUST

You may have noticed the new bench outside Nether Stowey Fire Station. This has been put in place by the family in memory of the Trust's namesake Marion Evered and also her late husband Bob Evered.

Bob was Commanding Officer at the station, both at its original location in Castle Street as well as at its current location. Marion was Somerset's first Fire Lady, also serving at both stations between 1961 and 1982.

It has been put there to celebrate their lives and time in the brigade and is a place to sit, rest and watch the world go by.

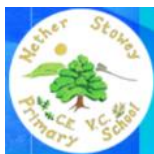
Fundraising Event news

Unfortunately the planned duck race on Friday 6th August at Fiddington has been cancelled. We hope to resume this popular event next year.

We are planning to hold a Christmas raffle with some great prizes, more details on this will also be released later in the year.

Thanks for your continued support and hopefully we can see you all soon.

Will Barrow



NETHER STOWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear All,

As we approach the end of this academic year, I would like to thank all parents and children for their cooperation and understanding over the past year as we have faced Covid restrictions, lockdowns, self-isolations and more. We are all keeping our fingers crossed for a return to normality (or as close as possible to it) in September.

It has been wonderful over the past couple of months to be able to offer our children some of the amazing experiences that were prevented from happening last year. Our years 4, 5 and 6 were all able to go on residential trips to either Great Wood or Okehampton. The positive feedback from the children and their parents has been lovely to hear. We also held our annual Sports Day last week, with each class having an individual sports time, bubble separations for parents and a one-way system in operation. With most schools having cancelled such events, we were thrilled to be able to make this work and to get our school community-feel restarted.

I am thrilled to share with you that 2 of our teaching assistants have both graduated with First Class Honours in their Education and Childhood degrees. They have shown hard work and dedication to their studies and they are an inspiration to our children. They are shining examples of our school vision to give all staff the opportunity and encouragement to aim high and develop their strengths and interests. Congratulations!

We have been undertaking some repainting around the school and would like to thank Grandfields for their donation of brown paint, FONSS for covering the cost of coloured paint and numerous members of staff for volunteering their time to get the work done. Sadly, budgets do not allow for hiring painters and decorators but the great weather made the job more fun and there have been lots of positive comments from parents.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer.

Chloe Holt



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**GOOD NEWS! THE LIBRARY WILL OPEN ON
FRIDAY AFTERNOONS FROM FRIDAY 6TH
AUGUST, 2.00PM - 5.00PM.**

We are delighted to be opening for an afternoon again and hope it will not be long before we can open all afternoons. Do take advantage of these opening hours if mornings are not convenient.

WILD WORLD HEROES - SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

The Summer Reading Challenge has begun! This year, The Reading Agency have teamed up with WWF for a very special nature-themed challenge that will inspire you to stand up for the planet! You can sign up by popping by the library or online by visiting summerreadingchallenge.org.uk



WHAT'S ON!

Knit and Natter meet every Friday, 10am to 11.30am. All ages and abilities are welcome! Just bring your own project which could be knitting, sewing, crochet, embroidery etc. or just come for a natter and see what others are working on. It's a great way to get inspired, pick up new tips and make new friends.

Our monthly talks will be returning in September:

- Wednesday 8th September – A talk about the Battle of Sedgemoor with re-enactment soldiers in uniform
- Wednesday 13th October – A book launch of 'The Touch of the

Magdalene' with author Diana Barsham

- Wednesday 17th November (NB, this will be on the 3rd Wednesday of the month) - The History of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Our opening hours are Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10am – 1pm, Friday 2-5pm and Saturday 10am -12pm.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!



**"YESTERDAYS.....IN NETHER STOWEY" - In the Old Gaol
on The Cross**

On display in the Old Gaol through August: 'Nether Stowey - Birthplace of Robert Parsons. A Jesuit priest and a major figure in establishing the 16th century "English Mission" of the society of Jesus.'

Sian Stafford

NEWS

On 1st July, the High Sheriff of Somerset, Thomas Sheppard, accompanied by the Chief Executive of the Somerset Community Fund visited The Thomas Poole Library Nether Stowey. The Library was one of five organisations that Mr Sheppard was visiting in West Somerset, to learn about community activity in the area. He was met by Catherine Christie, Eliza Sackett and Roger Stacey who impressed on him that the Library building was not just about books but was a social and cultural hub for the village and surrounding area.

Roger Stacey

STOWEY GREEN SPACES

It was great to see the new Stowey Castle information board unveiled on the Mount on the sunny afternoon of Wednesday 14th July. Please do head up there to take a look; the old one was looking very tired. Designed by Terence Sackett, the new board has updated historical information sourced from Dr Stuart Prior and Hazel Riley, and as well as the history of the site includes information about the flowers and wildlife to look out for.

It was also good to see representatives of our community organisations together enjoying the event, the weather and the cake and refreshment (cooked by Jo Scoins): our Rector, the Parish Council, Thomas Poole Library

CIO, the Nether Stowey Village Hall and Recreation Ground CIO and Stowey Walking.

With thanks to the Quantock Landscape Partnership Scheme for funding this new board.

Terry Abbiss



1990 – 2021

**Yes, we are still here and invite you to the
Macmillan Cancer Support
Annual Garden Fête
Saturday 28th August
at 2.15 p.m.**

in the garden of Old Orchard,
Trendle Lane, Bicknoller

Teas, Stalls, Side Shows, Bottle Stall,
Plants, Books, Soft Toys, DVDs, CDs,
Crafts, Raffle, Food Hamper raffle,
and Granny's Attic

West Somerset Brass Band

Entrance: Adults £3, Children 5-14 years: £1

Car parking near Village Hall
Port-a-loo at Old Orchard

**In aid of Macmillan Cancer Support,
Charity No. 261017**

NETHER STOWEY WEDNESDAY CLUB

Hello everyone, we hope you are all well and looking forward to returning to our club meetings on Wednesday 13th September 2021 @ 10.am until 2.00pm including lunch.

As you know we have been continuing with a restricted number of members managing to keep in touch with each other.

In July we had a surprise visit from 3 new members who joined us for coffee and biscuits. It was lovely to see some new faces and look forward to all meeting together shortly. We will have lots to catch up on, it's been a long time since we have all been together.

We are in the process of putting together an Autumn timetable of activities leading up to Christmas. We still have room for some more new faces!

Meanwhile the Party in the Park on 7th August and the Flower Show on the 21st August. Don't forget to give us a call, transport can be arranged.

Contact: Maggie 01278 732532 or Tina 01278 732382

SOMERSET NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

The Minor Injury Unit (MIU) located at Minehead Community Hospital will temporarily close overnight, from 9pm until 8am, for four months from Thursday 1 July. The service will remain open from 8am – 9pm, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

During the daytime and evening hours (predominantly from 8am – 9pm) all of the MIUs in Somerset provide a full clinical service led by emergency nurse practitioners and supported by other clinicians such as specialist physiotherapists and paramedic practitioners. Working together they provide a full clinical service. 96% of those who seek treatment at an MIU in Somerset receive all the treatment, support and advice they need on their first visit and do not need to come back or be referred for treatment elsewhere.

The MIU in Minehead is the only one that is open overnight. From 9pm until 8am the service that is offered is different. It is staffed by one paramedic and one healthcare assistant. The overnight paramedic primarily acts as a care navigator, they are not a senior clinical decision maker and therefore unable to assess, treat and discharge patients independently.

This means that patients attending the Minehead MIU overnight receive appropriate first aid if that is needed and are advised to either return for a detailed assessment and treatment the following day or are referred to the

Emergency Department at Musgrove Park Hospital. As a result, the majority of patients who attend the Minehead MIU overnight need to return the following day or are referred elsewhere.

While the MIU in Minehead provides a well-used service during the day, it is used much less overnight. The average number of patients seen overnight by a paramedic over the last 3 years is less than one patient a night (0.9) on average.

If you have a minor injury or you're unwell, NHS 111 will make sure you get the right help from the right service. For serious and life-threatening conditions, call 999.



The most recent Parish Council meeting was held on Wednesday 21st July 2021 but will have missed the deadline for this edition of the Messenger and therefore, as the Parish Council do not meet in August, the next full update will not be until October.

Over the next couple of months, work will continue on all the current issues and concerns raised by Councillors and members of the public and by October it is anticipated that a number of these will have been resolved.

In the meantime, if you have anything you would like to raise with the Parish Council, please contact the Clerk.

With regards to the ongoing COVID-19 situation, despite all the changes that came into effect on July 19th, caution is still advised and if anyone does need any help or support from the Parish Council, again, please contact the Clerk.

Alternatively, if you require more specific information or advice, the Clerk can signpost you to the relevant group or agency, to ensure you get the correct and appropriate response.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th September 2021.

Website: <https://www.overstoweyparishcouncil.co.uk/>

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If you could leave your contact details, we can then ensure any concerns raised are on the agenda for the next meeting.

Hinkley Point C - Monthly Update

A round up of the latest news from Hinkley Point C.



The MEH team is celebrating a major milestone as they take their first steps to install electrical works in the first reactor's Electrical Building. The Electrical Building will house key equipment for incoming power from National Grid, before it is distributed to different areas of Hinkley Point C, including instrumentation and control systems.

MEH is the next major phase of the project and stands for Mechanical, Electrical and HVAC (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning).

Our 15 Turbine Generator (TG) columns are a striking feature on site and are in place to support the Turbine Hall building. As construction progresses, the columns have been surrounded by another large structure which will hold the weight of 2,500m³ of concrete until it sets, and is specifically designed to make sure it does so evenly.

Once the concrete is poured, it will create the table upon which the turbine and turbine generator will sit.



The latest edition of Hinkley Point C's community magazine, Plugged in, is now available online.



If you'd like to receive the digital version straight to your inbox or if you live in Somerset and would like a copy posted to you, get in touch on the details below.

Throughout the pandemic our priority has been on keeping our workforce and local community safe. Following the easing of restrictions across England on the 19th July, we have been cautiously adjusting our own Covid-19 measures in line with Government advice whilst also remaining vigilant of the risks that exist.

Our offices, canteens and busses are returning to full capacity, but we will be maintaining many of the protection measures that are in place today. Face coverings will still be required when on busses and moving around our offices and we will continue to encourage social distancing in busy areas. We are also maintaining our testing capability with our own facility continuing to perform targeted and asymptomatic testing. New starters and those returning to work will also have to provide a negative test result before commencing work.

If you have any questions or concerns on our plans, please get in touch using the contact details.

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OBITUARIES

Brian Williams, 14th March 1942 – 20th June 2021

Brian died peacefully after a short illness at his home in Nether Stowey. His funeral service was held in Nether Stowey Church on 5th July and was conducted by our assistant rector Kate Sax. Brian's son, Scott, read a poem by Shakespeare called 'Come to Dust' and Gemma read the lesson.

The funeral cortege had started from Castle Stores in Castle Street which Brian and his wife, Barbara, had run for many years. Many villagers had gathered there to follow the hearse down through the village collecting more people on the way. A jazz band led the procession playing '76 trombones' all the way over the by-pass to the church. They continued to play outside the church as the mourners went in and did the same as they came out after the service.

Kate Sax gave an address saying that all those present had known Brian as a humorous and kindly person. He was a gifted horseman but most of all, a showman. Brian had previously written computer software for the Building Industry but decided to 'join the retail industry' by opening Castle Stores in 1997. He and Barbara retired about 18 months ago. Brian will be remembered for his creative productions of 'Oliver', which raised funds for our school, and the 'Quantock Musical Theatre Company' which put on shows in many local venues. He had a charismatic personality. The printed 'Order of Service' had photos of his past activities with the last photo showing Brian in his full Shakespearean costume. A very fitting way to remember him.

After the service, Brian's coffin was taken to Sedgemoor Crematorium for a brief farewell attended by his immediate family and Revd. Kate Sax. Funeral arrangements were by Grandfields and donations were for St. Margaret's Hospice and district Nurses.

David William Worthy, 23rd December 1938 – 25th June 2021

David died peacefully on 25th June at his nursing home in Dawlish, Devon. He was 82 years old.

His funeral service was held at Sedgemoor Crematorium on 12th July and was conducted by a lady celebrant, Vivian Drake. Classical music was played and poems by Shakespeare and Samuel Taylor Coleridge were read. David's brother Richard gave a tribute which forms the basis of this short obituary.

David was the first of four children and was born in Essex but the family moved to Nether Stowey at the beginning of the war when his father was

posted to man searchlights on the Quantocks. David went to a boarding school where he proved to be extremely academic. He could have gone to Oxford or Cambridge University but joined a firm of Estate Managers in London where he developed a love of house plans and architecture. He also became interested in both classical music and English Folk music, the bawdier the better! David developed a love for the 18th century indicating that studying at an Art School might have been more rewarding. He owned an MG TD sports car for a while. David also shot many family films on his 8mm cine camera. He was a talented wood worker and had collected many books on carving, sculpture and art. He had written several books about the Quantocks, all lavishly illustrated with photos from his collection. David was very much an historian having traced his family tree right back to 1691.

David was very social but happy living alone. He was often seen in the village shopping at Littles' Store accompanied by his two rather boisterous Jack Russel terriers. The funeral arrangements were by Gilbert & Son and donations were for Nether Stowey Church.

Jane Caroline Marshall, 3rd February 1962 – 5th June 2021

Jane was the wife of Craig Marshall, a previous rector of our parish. They lived for many years here bringing up their family but finally moved to Yorkshire. However, they loved their time here and Jane had requested that her funeral service should be held in Nether Stowey Church followed by burial in the nearby cemetery. The service was held on Wednesday 23rd June and was conducted by our rector Eleanor King under the current covid restrictions. The church music group provided the music and Revd. Craig Marshall gave a tribute to Jane. At the time of writing this obituary, details of Craig's words are 'locked' inside a broken computer which should be mended before the September Messenger is printed. Music to come in by was a Mozart piano concerto and music to go out by was 'Baby, I Love You' by The Ronettes. Music to remember Jane was 'What a Wonderful World' by Louis Armstrong. The committal took place at the graveside in the cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were by Grandfields and donations were for St. Michael's Hospice in Harrogate.

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CHURCH SERVICES – AUGUST 2021

	1st August 9 th Sunday after Trinity	8th August 10 th Sunday after Trinity	15th August 11 th Sunday after Trinity	22nd August 12 th Sunday after Trinity	29th August 13 th Sunday after Trinity
Nether Stowey	11:00am Morning Worship (C/Centre)	11:00am Holy Communion (Church)	11:00am Morning Worship (C/Centre)	11:00am Holy Communion (Church)	11:00am Holy Communion (C/Centre)
Over Stowey	6:30pm Evensong	9:30am Holy Communion (BCP)	9:30am Holy Communion	9:30am Morning Worship	-
Aisholt	11:00am Matins	6:30pm Evensong (BCP)	11:00am Holy Communion (BCP)	11:00am Matins	-
Enmore	11:00am Holy Communion	11:00am Family Worship	6:30pm Evening Prayer	11:00am Holy Communion	11:00am Holy Communion
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Spaxton	9:30am Holy Communion	11:00am Morning Worship	11:00am Holy Communion	9:30am Morning Worship	11:00am Holy Communion

Dear Everyone,

When I was a teenager, and that was a few years ago now, and attended the church youth club, I can remember the leader describing prayer as being like talking to God over the phone – like a conversation. God always answered

the phone call, always listened and you would always feel hopeful when the call came to an end. And you could phone Him whenever you like, it didn't cost more in the daytime or night-time; it was free!

Over the last couple of months, I have had to make a few phone calls reporting the passing of my husband. It has been hard in many ways, but made more challenging by each call presenting me with a variety of options: press 1 for advice on a product, 2 for answering order queries, 3 to cancel your order and 4 to change a delivery address and I waited for the fifth option that I expected to say – 'If you need something else then please hold the line'. Number 5 never comes - just the words 'you have failed to enter a number', and if you are fortunate the options will be repeated. And of course, the call is recorded for training purposes!

We often feel as though there is a 'trick' to navigating such a phone system, and wish someone had told us which words to say and which buttons to press. Prayer can sometimes feel like that - we think that we need training to pray, that we have to pray in 'God' language, using words and phrases that we don't really understand; or that God hasn't time to listen to me or that God can be found at the end of the 'number 5', which is never answered.

The answer to all these thoughts is simply 'no'. God hears our prayers however, and whenever, we pray – a single phrase of prayer in a moment of time; - a rambling prayer sharing our thoughts and what is on our hearts; an 'asking' prayer for others or ourselves, a prayer requesting healing of a family member or friend who is ill or in trouble.

And God has time for everyone, that is you and me, and he does not take time off.

Sometimes God might take longer than we might expect to answer a prayer or not answer prayers in the way we hope, and that is hard. We just need to keep on praying, asking for understanding and trust that he knows what we are going through.

If God did have a phone number, I have no doubt that it would be a direct line, promptly answered, and free! But you do not need to phone to pray, God is ready to hear our prayers wherever we are.

if you haven't prayed before, just try it. As the 'Try praying' poster says – it might be easier than you think.

Happy praying,

Eleanor

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Benefice Office:	Benefice Administrator Mrs. Rebecca Tinnelly Church Centre, 27 St. Mary Street, Nether Stowey TA5 1LJ Office hours Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu. 9am - 11am Otherwise phone & leave a message or email Email: qv.benefice@gmail.com	Tel: 732 855

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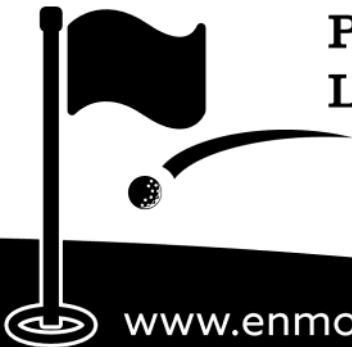
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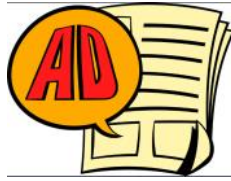
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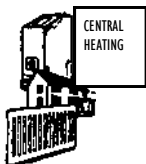
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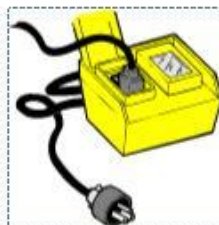
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