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of the Seventieth Anniversary of my
Accession to the Throne*

ELIZABETH R

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Stowey Book Club

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Stowey Green Spaces Group

Judith Greig 732 483

Stowey Walking

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Thomas Poole Library, Nether Stowey

Sian Stafford 732 741

Wednesday Club (formerly the Day Centre)

Maggie Harrison 732 532

June 2022

The beautiful weather we had so recently makes the gardens blossom. I have seen so many lovely spots when out and about in our magnificent Stowey area. Some of you already celebrated and there is more to come and I am not thinking only about Fathers Day—best wishes to all dads! ...

June 2022 will be remembered as an event of the century. Her Majesty The Queen celebrates a Platinum Jubilee. Quantock Messenger Magazine would like to join in congratulating such an amazing Jubilee. The parties and celebrations have already started back in May and will be continuing through .

How will you be celebrating this special event? Would you go to the Party- in- the- Park or for an inspiring walk (we have so many this month) or perhaps do something entirely different? Please see our diary dates. Whatever you are doing we are wishing you a fantastic time. And please, don't forget to let us know. We would love to see your photographs.

Warmest regards on behalf of the whole QM team, Agata

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On the front over

"Stowey and Jubilee Crown"—An art work by Annalise Gainham, an artist from Exmoor

DIARY DATES 2022

Every Monday (Accept Bank Holidays) - Story time —11am—TPL

2nd & 4th Monday each month - Quantock Quilters - 10am-1pm - NSCC

Every Tuesday - Walk for Health - Quantock Medical Centre

Every Tuesday - Short Mat Bowls - 2-5pm - NSCC

Every Wednesday - Nether Stowey Wednesday Club - 10am-2pm - NSCC

Every Thursday - Quantock Active Living - 2pm - NSCC *[from 24th February]*

1st & 3rd Thursday each month - Art Group - 2-4pm - NSCC

Every 3rd Thursday– Stowey Gardeners– 7.30pm-NSCC

Every Friday - Knit & Natter - 10:30-12:00 - TPL

Thurs 2nd June an ecological walk by Stowey Green Spaces — starting from the Church Centre at 2.15 pm

Fri 3rd June - Platinum Jubilee Party-in-the-Park

8th - 12th June 2022 — The Quantock Hills Walking Festival - NSCC

Weds 8th June – Talk on The Battle of Sedgmoor-7.30pm-TPL

Thurs 9 Jun - WI: A celebration tea party in honour of our Queen's Platinum Year with music from Adelaide and Claire - 2-4pm - NSCC

July 16th/17th - The Marion Evered Trust Charity cricket weekend in conjunction with Over Stowey CC.

Sat 18th June - The 214th Women's Walk – TPL

Weds 29th June, 7pm to 8.30pm - Coleridge the Poet (seminar)

Weds 20th July, 7pm to 8.30pm - Coleridge the Thinker (seminar)

23rd July The Marion Evered Trust Coffee Morning, Hawkridge road, Bridgwater.

NSCC - Nether Stowey Church Centre

NSVH - Nether Stowey Village Hall

OSVH - Over Stowey Village Hall

TPL - Thomas Poole Library, Nether Stowey

If you would like us to publish your articles, adverts, photographs, announcements ...
please make sure to post your entry

by 15th of each month
to **editor@quantockmessenger.org**

Congratulations to the winners of the
May SUPERDRAW.....

those amounts are worth waiting for.

The next round of subscriptions is now due and we would like to THANK YOU for your on-going support for the Recreation Ground and the new Stowey Centre Project (currently waiting for planning permission to be granted once the bat surveys have been completed.)

Best wishes Jane Erskine 732025 and Sharon Mayell 732311.



**NETHER
STOWEY**
VILLAGE HALL & RECREATION GROUND

50-50 LOTTERY DRAW

May 2022

1 st Prize	£170.62	Ticket No: 20	P Simmonds
2 nd Prize	£85.31	Ticket No: 64	M Crowther
3 rd Prize	£51.20	Ticket No: 60	R Richardson
4 th Prize	£34.12	Ticket No: 144	J Benson

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NETHER STOWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

This is a very short yet busy term for the children of Nether Stowey School.

Our school value for this term is Trust. Trust is a really important value. It must be earned. If we do not trust someone it is very hard to build a good friendship with them.



Year 6 have taken their SAT tests. SATs form a very small part of the children's learning journey at Nether Stowey School. As a school we aim to develop the children as a whole child so that they can flourish in all aspects of life. We are so proud of all our children's achievements. I do hope the local community had a chance to see the exceptional art work that the children produced for a recent school based competition. The entries were fantastic and showcased the creativity and artistry skills our children have.

We have spent some time refurbishing our school library. A big thank you to all staff involved. We do hope that the wider community can join our school summer fayre community can join our school summer fayre on Saturday 2nd July 11-2pm



Mrs Chloe Holt
Headteacher
Nether Stowey C.E. V.C Primary School

Quantock Active Living

We have decided to restart Nether Stowey Active Living in April 2022. Active Living takes place at Nether Stowey church hall on the 4th Thursday of every month with the exception of August when there is no meeting. The meetings start at 2pm until 4pm, £2 per person, tea/coffee, cake and a raffle.

Programme for the next 3 months Thursday 26th May Falling with Style with Lottie Dale. Thursday 23rd June Beetle Drive and other games.

Thursday 28th July, A writer abroad, with Michael Malaghan.

Thank you For further information contact 01278 734613

Margaret Harris

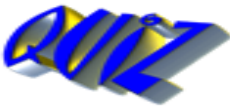
Nether Stowey Wednesday Club

Join us every Wednesday (term time)

St Mary's Church Centre

10am-2pm

Coffee & Lunch at 12 noon



Raffle



We welcome all ages 70 + from surrounding villages

We look forward to welcoming new members both ladies and gents!

Pop in for a friendly chat meet the members - Transport can be provided

Contact Maggie 01278 741230 or Tina 01278 732382

Wednesday Club Drivers Wanted

The Wednesday Club need drivers who live in the village and can spare 10-15mins before 10.00am to collect a member to take to the Church Centre and return home at 2.00pm. Term time only.

This will be on a voluntary basis. If you can help, please contact Maggie on 732532 or Tina on 732382

QUANTOCK QUILTERS (Including Textiles)

We meet 2nd & 4th Monday each month

10am – 1pm

Nether Stowey Church Centre



**Come & Join Us Beginner's
Welcomed**

No experience necessary



Contact: Anna Boulton 01278 652307

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Meg Smith 01278 671837



Party-in-the Park goes Platinum

The arrangements for the Platinum Jubilee Party-in-the-Park (PitP), to be held on Bank Holiday Friday 3rd June, are starting to come together. Just as we had hoped, various groups within the village are well on with their plans in support of the event.

Friends of Nether Stowey School (FONS) are planning a children's party to kick things off and the Church Centre are to provide free cream teas for the more senior members of the community.

The library is looking to enchant the younger ones with story-times and to stimulate the rest of us with a book stall. There will also be an eclectic mix of commercial, community and food stalls.

As ever, Paul Enever will provide well chosen background music and discharge the MC role as only he can. We have some volunteers for open mic slots but we could do with more as these proved very popular last year.

However, we can always do with more ideas, input and even grunt to do the heavy shifting. We are having another meeting in the George at 19:30 on 10th May to start finalising the arrangements and we would really like to hear your ideas or just come along to offer support. We had a few new faces at the last meeting and it was great to have some new ideas. If you cannot make the meeting but would like to input ideas or volunteer, please contact Jo on 732601 or email joscoins64@gmail.com.

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THANK YOU TO NETHER STOWEY SCHOOL STAFF

We are immensely proud of the wonderful team of teachers, teaching assistants and support staff led by Head Teacher, Chloe Holt, that we have in our primary school. The past 2 years have been exceptionally challenging managing all the aspects around Covid restrictions and the team didn't just step up to the challenge, they surpassed all expectations and went above and beyond for the children in the school. The team all pulled together to maintain the school's standards and to work on continually improving and developing them. We are exceptionally grateful to each and every one of the staff.

As governors, we have seen the negative impacts of school lockdowns on children across the entire country but we have been extremely impressed with the resilience of the school's teaching and curriculum. Each subject lead teacher has undertaken training to ensure that subjects are taught to the highest possible level and outside expertise has been sought to help in areas that were struggling the most, post-lockdown. Teaching assistants have also undergone extra training to boost the ability of the school to deal with social, emotional and learning difficulties, many of which were exacerbated by the school disruptions.

We are sure parents, grandparents and carers all appreciated the fact that Christmas events were held last term, where many schools cancelled them all, and that class showcases, learning demonstrations and residential trips away have continued this term. It is down to the dedication of the staff that the additional challenges of ensuring Covid safety have been looked on as something to manage rather than avoid. It is an honour to be part of a school where everyone comes together to ensure the best learning environment and learning outcomes for the children of our village and surrounds.

The Board of Governors of Nether Stowey Primary School

COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

Police (emergency: 999 or non-emergency: 101)

Email somwestnptsedgemoor@avonandsomerset.pnn.police.uk

PC Claire Allen, PCSO Jason Wyatt, PCSO Jeremy Pidgeon

Jake Dade (Hinkley issues only) @avonandsomerset.police.uk

Antisocial behaviour **0800 298 2009**

Vandalism on the Quantock Hills use **101**

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Clerk: **Amanda McMurren**

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Bookings secretaries

N/Stowey Church Centre **Pat Stacey** 01278 732 518 (9am—9pm)

O/Stowey Village Hall **Wendy Hill** 01278 732 194

Quantock Medical Centre (if closed call the NHS on 111)

Reception 01278 732 696

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Centre open 8am - 6:30pm (Mon-Fri)

Dispensary phone line open 10am - 12pm & 4 - 5pm (Mon-Fri)

Pick up from Dispensary 10am - 12pm and 4 - 6pm (Mon-Fri)

quantock.mc@nhs.net

<https://quantockmedicalcentre.gpsurgery.net/>

Cannington Health Centre (if closed call NHS on 111)

Reception 01278 652 335

Prescription line 01278 651 311

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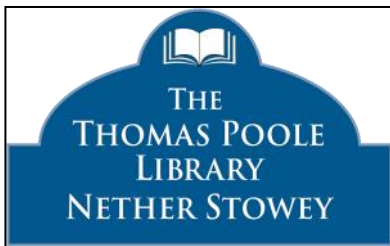
Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline 03454 040 506

Thomas Poole Library 732 741 (Mon, Wed, Fri 10am-1pm / Fri 2-5pm / Sat 10am-12)

Quantock Hills AONB, Amanda Sampson - 01823 451 884, quantockhills@somerset.gov.uk

Community Car Scheme Stowey Shuttle - 07943 923 742 (48 hours in advance)

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The Summer Reading Challenge 2022 will begin next month and the theme this year is Gadgets!

Science is all around us so join the Gadgets for the Reading Challenge to discover the amazing science and innovation behind the world around us, including some of our favourite things!

**** WHAT'S ON ****

STORYTIME

Mondays (except bank holidays), 11am to 11.30am. Aimed at babies and toddlers, join us for a fun half hour of stories and nursery rhymes

KNIT AND NATTER

Fridays, 10.30am to 12 noon. 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 terrific way to get inspired, pick up new tips and make new friends

GET TO KNOW COLERIDGE!

To celebrate the 250th anniversary of Samuel Taylor Coleridge's birth, The Thomas Poole library will be hosting 2 more discussion seminars for local people interested in learning a little more about the man and his writing. The discussions will be led by Dr. Diana Barsham and entrance is free with donations gratefully received for refreshments. To book a place for the discussions, email eventsandpr@thomaspoolelibrary.org.uk

MONTHLY TALKS

Join us for our monthly talks in the library. Start time is 7.30pm and bookings will be required. Entrance fees are £3.50 for members and £4.50 non-members.

Coming soon:

Wednesday 8th June – A talk by members of The Sealed Knot, the oldest re-enactment society in the UK, about the Battle of Sedgemoor

Please note there will be no talks in July and August. The next talk will be on Wednesday 14th September, and it will be about Francis Frith, a pioneering English photographer, by Terence Sackett.

Our opening hours are Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10am – 1pm, Friday 2pm – 5pm

WI Report for June22 QM

We had a demonstration at our meeting on 12th May by Jenny Barham, who is a gardener and also does flowers for weddings and special occasions. Jenny was showing us how to make attractive baskets and tubs. She used flowers that she had grown herself and made use of ordinary items that you might have to hand in your garden or shed, and things you could recycle, in fact anything you could put a plant in. She was very practical and showed that you don't have to spend a fortune on plants, compost or containers. In fact, she shopped around for bargains and told us some of the best places to buy gardening stuff, demonstrating that you don't have to spend a fortune to have a beautiful garden, patio or window box. We were able to buy some of her plants and go home to try some of her ideas.

On 18th March we planted our tree as part of the Queen's Green Canopy for her Jubilee Year, in the Church Centre grounds. It is thriving and we now have a brass commemorative plaque.

We received a very nice letter from the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance following their visit on 14th April, with a big "Thank You" for the generous donation of £189.61 we made, so thank you ladies.

Our next meeting on 9th June will be our WI Platinum Jubilee Celebration Tea, with music from Claire and Adelaide.



FORGET-ME-NOT-CAFÉ **CHURCH ROOMS, CASTLE STREET, STOGURSEY** **EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY 10.30 – 12 NOON**

We recently enjoyed a fun morning with the talented Stogursey Strummers ukulele group. They played a variety of tunes from Pop to Country! Everyone sang and played instruments! Hopefully the strummers will be back again soon.

Ewen Huffman, the HPC Chaplain came along for coffee. EDF very kindly donated lots of tombola prizes for the Jubilee Fete Tombola, so a big THANK YOU to them. This will enable us raise money to have a trip out this summer.

SUMMER DATES

Wednesday 8th June
Wednesday 28th June
Wednesday 6th July
Wednesday 20th July
Wednesday 3rd August
Wednesday 17th August
Wednesday 31st August



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. All are welcome to come along for a cuppa and a friendly chat.

For more information please contact
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GARDENING WITH NICK RIGDEN



June 2022

Writing this in mid-May we are still very short of rainfall making establishment of seedlings and young plants challenging. Plants with established root systems are taking moisture from deeper down and new growth has been good particularly with roses, shrubs and herbaceous plants.

Vegetables: Many vegetables can continue to be sown to provide a succession. This includes lettuce in its many forms, rocket, salad onions, radish as well as carrots, beetroot, peas and dwarf beans. Mid-June to mid-July is the ideal time to sow Florence fennel to avoid it running up to seed (bolting) and still providing time to produce good sized bulbs. Plant out outdoor tomatoes and any other frost tender vegetables such as runner beans, courgettes and sweetcorn and transplant any brassicas and leeks. Leeks are increasingly susceptible to leek moth and will benefit from being covered with fleece or enviromesh. This is an important month to keep the hoe moving between crops, not only for weed control but also to keep the surface soil open. Keep potatoes regularly earthed up to prevent green potatoes and reduce weeds. By mid-June allow asparagus foliage to develop and manufacture carbohydrates which are stored in the plant's fleshy root system. Apply a dressing of general-purpose fertiliser to boost growth and give a good watering if necessary. This will lay a foundation for next year's crop.

Fruit: Strawberries will be ripening and should have straw or matting placed under the fruits to stop soil splash and should damp weather prevail check for fruits with grey mould and remove to avoid it spreading to healthy fruit. Protect

strawberries and redcurrants from birds with netting and should it be dry ensure adequate moisture to promote good sized fruits. The new growth of redcurrants and gooseberries can be summer pruned cutting back to five leaves. Heavy sets of plums, apples and pears can be thinned to help increase fruit size.

Flowers: Biennials such as Sweet William and foxglove can be sown in trays or pots as can wallflowers, winter flowering pansies and polyanthus for next year. Remember to regularly dead head perennials following flowering and check any plant support that is required. Strong healthy shoots on fuchsias and pelargoniums will make good softwood cuttings. Some early flowering perennials such as Pulmonaria (lungwort) and oriental poppies can start to look tired and cutting back will tidy them and encourage a second flush of foliage and often more flowers.

Shrubs and climbers: plants for free are always welcome and now is the time to take cuttings from many of our shrubs. These are soft wood cuttings and can be taken from shrubs such as berberis, cornus, hebe, deutzia, philadelphus, ribes and weigela.

Plants that have been grafted or budded such as roses, fruit trees and some ornamental trees may have thrown up suckers from the rootstock. These should be removed carefully as close to the rootstock as possible. Keep on top of training and tying in strong new shoots on climbing and rambling roses. At their base they are comparatively weak and strong winds can break them. Ensure that any container grown shrubs that have been recently planted are kept well watered to aid establishment. Spring flowering shrubs that have completed their flowering, such as Berberis darwinii, can be pruned. Removal of some older stems soon after flowering allows the development of new growth which will ripen and produce flowers next year.

Nick Rigden

SEDGEMOOR VILLAGE AGENT

April Village Agent News

Spring is in the air, and we are all starting to venture out as the weather improves and now all restrictions have been lifted.

Get Outside in Somerset

It has been a little damp in Somerset, but good news is the start of spring is on its way! Bringing longer and lighter days, milder weather and hopefully... a much-needed dose of vitamin D. Get ready for spring adventures and outdoor fun with Get Outside in Somerset. From activities to events and challenges, you can find a roundup of our latest stories and all the great stuff happening near you at www.getoutsideinsomerset.co.uk

Do you want to find things to do in Somerset this Spring, or find activities for all abilities, or need some help setting some goals and intentions, we have lots of interesting blogs for you, along with opportunities to volunteer and ways to be active? All information can be found on the website or on our social media channels. Take a look today at www.getoutsideinsomerset.co.uk/news

Talking Cafés

Many of our Talking Cafes have returned with no need to book or make an appointment.

To find your local Talking Café visit: <https://somersetagents.org/talking-cafes/>

Or watch our Talking Cafes LIVE on Facebook <https://somersetagents.org/talking-cafes/talking-cafe-live-sessions/> every week we have guests talking, answering questions.

We have over 300 recordings available to watch back so you never miss out. Visit: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5goIPHD91Ie4VDI5NMJdrQ>

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remove any personal data

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NETHER STOWEY
ART GROUP

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CHURCH CENTRE

**STARTING
JANUARY 2022**

– 1ST and 3RD Thursday every month –
2pm - 4pm

£3.00 per session

BEGINNERS WELCOME

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR GROUP
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Hinkley Point C - Monthly Update



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

New training centres ready for next phase of construction at Hinkley Point C

The Energy Minister, Greg Hands has opened one of three new training centres to support the Hinkley Point C project in Somerset. Together with existing facilities and investment into education and skills, the centres will be ready to help local people join the 4,000 workers needed for the next phase of the power station's construction.

The Minister unveiled the new Welding Centre of Excellence at Bridgwater and Taunton College's campus in Bridgwater where it will train and qualify 500 welders a year, benefiting local people and meeting skills shortages in the South-West and across Britain.

Many trainees live in the surrounding area and will take advantage of the 4,000 jobs being created for Hinkley Point C's next phase, which will see miles of pipes and electrical cables being fitted across the power station.



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Socio-economic Impact Report 2022

Hinkley Point C has published its 2022 Socio-Economic Report which shows that:

- The project has trained 922 apprentices and is on track to hit its target of hiring 1,000 apprentices during construction later this year.
- £4.1 billion has been spent directly with companies in the South West so far.
- The local area is directly benefitting from Hinkley Point C's investment and the town of Bridgwater is now outperforming major regional cities in terms of productivity.
- The District of Sedgemoor is seeing the largest growth in household income of any area in Devon and Somerset - above the regional average and above cities like Exeter and Plymouth.
- 1,400 companies in the South West are now involved in building Hinkley Point C, with 14,000 jobs expected to be supported throughout the project.

Visit our website edfenergy.com/hpc to download the full report.



Out now- Spring edition of Hinkley Point C's community magazine Plugged in
Hinkley Point C's community magazine features a wide range of stories from the project and the local community as well as news, updates and 'how it works' explainers on nuclear energy. If you don't receive a copy but would like to, email hinkley-enquiries@edf-energy.com requesting a hard copy or to sign up to receive an electronic copy. You can also download from our website below.

Get in touch

Website: edfenergy.com/hpc

Email: hinkley-enquiries@edf-energy.com

Telephone: 0333 009 7070

Michael J. Tinker and folksongs at the Library

On 11th May we were treated to a variety of folk songs, sung and played with great skill and emotion by Michael J. Tinker. Michael, who lives with his family in Nether Stowey, has always been involved in the performance of music, from jazz to blues, folk to choral singing. He has now settled in the traditional folk world, growing from his passion for songs that tell good stories. The different sides of his work have taken him all over the country, performing with other folk artists such as Damian O'Kane, Bella Hardy, the Young'uns and Gilmore&Roberts. More recently he has concentrated on touring his Family Show around the UK and abroad.

Michael gave informative and often amusing details of the songs and between them engaged with the audience in discussion about their subjects. A review of an earlier concert which remarked that with "guitar-plucking that evokes the celestial qualities of a harp, his songs will make you think, laugh, and maybe shed a tear" sums up the evening perfectly.

Beginning with 'The House Carpenter', a song made famous by many before him, but sung for us to his own tune, he followed with 'The bonny boy' and 'True love'.

Michael's grandfather had been a Nottinghamshire miner and the next song was a powerful and poignant lament for the loss of the close knit society of the mining community.

Strange Fruit, sung to Michael's own tune, as were many of the evening's songs, sets words taken from a 1937 poem by Abel Meeropol. It is about racism and hatred and it protests the lynching of black Americans. The lyrics compare the victims to the fruit of trees and even today have the power to shock.

After the Irish-Australian folk ballad 'The wild colonial boy' we had 'The Yeoman's Son' setting a poem by Devonian poet Cicely Fox Smith. Reminiscent of the earlier poems of A.E. Houseman it tells of a young man who perished "Out over the Channel foam" during WW1.

QUANTOCK QUILTERS



ON Thursday 31st March, a different day to normal, we welcomed Julia Langley from Taunton as our Tutor for a workshop.

The aim was to create a small wall hanging "Swallows over the Levels". Julia perfectly pitched the tutorial at the right level for all our abilities, for those who had only started doing patchwork and for those ladies who are more experienced quilters.

The workshop was offered to all our group members and nearly everyone attended. We all had wonderful creative day and the end results were lovely, with the added bonus was that everyone learnt new techniques.

Some examples from the day you will be able to see in colour on
Quantock Messenger FB.

The finished wall hangings can be seen in 'The Window' in Thomas
Poole Library during May

We are very grateful to Sedgemoor DC 'Homes in Somerset, Make a Difference Fund' whose grant enabled this workshop to be offered to our members, partially funded.

Quantock Quilters meet on the first and third Monday mornings each month, except August, **10am to 1pm** in St Mary's Church Centre. If you are interested please come and see what we get up to.

OVER STOWEY the Jubilee year

In Over Stowey, a small committee has been established to work with other committees such as the Over Stowey Parish Council, the Parochial Church Council, the Village Hall and Recreation Club and the Over Stowey Cricket Club.

We are planning a celebration at the beginning of June. In order to play our part in relation to the Queen's Green Canopy initiative, 7 flowering cherry trees, 4 pink and 3 white, have been purchased.

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DofE - programme ideas?

Stowey Green Spaces offer volunteering opportunities working with the environment. Carol Authers, Somerset DofE Operations Manager – *I am delighted to hear that our award participants can work alongside Stowey Green Spaces – finding volunteering opportunities in our more rural areas can be difficult, so getting involved with this group will help young people achieve their volunteering section of the award.* Visit us at www.stowey.org.uk/stoweygreenspaces or contact: Judith Greig on 732483 or stoweygreenspaces@stowey.org.uk.



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Saturday 18th June 2022 - 3pm

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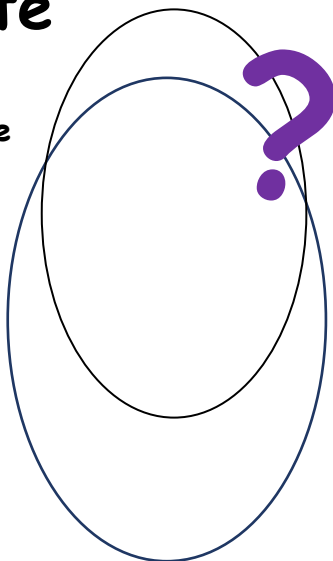
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11-17 and Adult



What would make a good picture of a celebration?
What would you like to say on this plate from Nether
Stowey?
What makes you think of the Queen's 70 years on the
throne?

There will be an exhibition of all en-
tries at the Church Centre & Party in
the Park
June 3-5th

with an art prize for each age group and a
porcelain plate for the overall winner of their
own design.

Decorate a paper plate - or circle of paper 10" diameter
and send or deliver it to: No 1 Mount Road
or The Church Centre, 27 St Mary St.
Closing date: 28th May 2022

Platinum Jubilee: The Queen has sent a card and a letter to the winner of the plate competition.

Her Majesty would be delighted to receive a copy of the winner plate which will, with permission from the designer, be arranged.

Prizes to be awarded at the Party in the Park for the different age groups. (picture of the card attached if space available)

St Mary's will also be holding a Bring and Share lunch outside the Church Centre on June 5th. We look forward to welcoming you there.

For further information Tel: 734584.

The Marion Evered Trust

Hi all

Winners of the latest 200 draw are :

116 Angela U Dell - £20, 9 Margaret Bollom - £10, 7 Dennis Buckingham - £5

The Easter bingo went very well although attendance was down on previous years, but we still managed to raise a fantastic £400.

Thankyou to all those that donated prizes and to those that came along.

Dates for your Diary

July 16th/17th Charity cricket weekend in conjunction with Over Stowey CC

23rd July Coffee Morning, Hawkridge road, Bridgwater.



If you love gardens or gardening, enjoy hearing about or visiting beautiful gardens, want to pick up lots of tips or add to your garden knowledge, enjoy a social gathering of enthusiasts like listening to experts on a wide variety of gardening subjects

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Contact Lucy Haswell, Secretary. Phone: 01278 671289

website: <https://sites.google.com/site/stoweygardeners>

Spring/Summer Diary 2022

9 th June	Car visit to Stoberry Park, Wells BA5 3LD and Milton Lodge Gardens, Old Bristol Road, Wells BA5 3AQ
21 st July	Climate Friendly Gardening. a talk by Sally Morgan
2 nd August	Car visit to Old Orchard, Goathurst, TA5 2DF
12 th August	MEMBERS' SUMMER GARDEN PARTY
15 th September	The Year Round Bulb Garden a talk by Lady Christine Skelmersdale
22 nd September	Car visit to Little Yarford Farmhouse, Kingston St Mary, Taunton TA2 8AN
20 th October	Planning your New Build Garden a talk by Julie Haylock, Sandhurst Garden Design
25 th October	Car visit to Sherborn Castle Gardens, New Rd, Sherbon DT9 5NR
17 th November	Making the Most of a Small Garden A talk by Sue Fisher



The Quantock Hills Walking Festival

8th - 12th June 2022

This year's festival will extend over five days with walks for all abilities, including a fossil and flora walk along the coast, a history walk along the Castles and Coast Way, a fully accessible 'Tramper' ramble in the forest and a fifty-mile challenge walk around the Quantock villages over four days. As usual all the weekend walks will be followed by delicious tea and cake here in Nether Stowey.



For further information on the various walks and to book your place contact us at:
enquiries@stoweywalking.co.uk
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CHURCH SERVICES – JUNE 2022

	5th June Pentecost <i>Platinum jubilee</i>	12th June Trinity Sunday	19th June 1 st Sunday after Trinity
Nether Stowey	11:00am Holy Communion for Pentecost and Platinum Jubilee (Church)	11:00am Morning Worship (C/Centre)	11:00am Morning Worship (C/Centre)
Over Stowey	6:30pm Evensong for Platinum Jubilee	9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)	9:30am Holy Communion
Aisholt	11:00am Matins for Platinum Jubilee	6.30pm Evensong (BCP)	11:00am Holy Communion (BCP)
Enmore	11:30am Service for Platinum Jubilee	11.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Family Worship
Goathurst	9.30am Service for Platinum Jubilee	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Worship
Spaxton	9.30am Holy Communion Pentecost and Platinum Jubilee	11.00am Morning Worship	11:00am Holy Communion
26th June 11.00am Benefice Service of Holy Communion at St. Mary's Church, Nether Stowey <i>Revd. Nicki's first celebration of Holy Communion</i> 6.30pm Patronal Evensong at Over Stowey Church			

Dear friends,

The beginning of June this year marks two significant events. Firstly, it is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, for which celebrations are happening in all the Benefice communities and across the country. This is the first time that any British monarch has celebrated a Platinum Jubilee, and after 70 years on the throne few of us will have known or remember another monarch.

The Queen's reign has been marked by almost unimaginable changes in society and around the world. Her coronation was credited with starting the television age, now screens are just about everywhere. Her first Christmas broadcast in 1952 was only on the radio, her latest in 2021 could be watched on the Internet.

The Queen has been a constant presence in an ever changing world and it is evidence to her humility and service that, though difficult family issues and challenging times for her governments, the Queen herself remains an inspiration to many.

Though the majority of her coronation was shown on television, there was one moment that was deemed too sacred to broadcast. This was the moment when the symbols of her status – the crimson robe, the diamond diadem, the coronation necklace – were removed, and the Archbishop of Canterbury anointed the new Queen with holy oil. The Queen has spoken since of how this moment was the most significant one of her life, as in humility she was dedicated to a life of service and called to follow the example of Jesus who himself gave his life for others.

The other significant celebration taking place on the first weekend in June is the feast of Pentecost. This is when we remember the gift of God's Holy Spirit to the Church, that Spirit of love and service which binds all people together and fills each one of us with the guiding presence of God. We read in the Bible how the early Christians, after receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit dedicated themselves to caring for one another.

As we approach this weekend with its many celebrations may we all be inspired – whether by the Holy Spirit, by the many years of humble service of her Majesty the Queen, or both – to dedicate our lives to the service of those around us and across the world.

I do hope you enjoy the celebrations! Revd Eleanor

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New ophthalmology diagnostic centre opens in Taunton

People in Somerset with eye care needs are now able to get all their diagnostic tests in one place – at a new centre on the outskirts of Taunton run by Somerset NHS Foundation Trust.

The new ophthalmology diagnostic centre, at Harrison House, Blackbrook Business Park, near junction 25 of the M5, is expected to see around 10,000 retinal and glaucoma patients a year in one stop shop where the patient has a series of tests and images taken in the same appointment.

Ophthalmology is the highest volume outpatient specialty in the NHS and demand for the treatment of eye care areas, such as glaucoma, cataract, retina and urgent care, is predicted to rise by 60 per cent in medical retina and 44 per cent in glaucoma over the next 20 years.

According to local NHS figures both conditions increase in prevalence with age and the growth rate for ophthalmology care in Somerset is estimated at 1.8 per cent every year – which is 50 per cent higher than the national average, reflecting the ageing population in Somerset.

The centre builds on the NHS' aim to develop a series of community diagnostic centres away from acute hospital sites, which was a key recommendation in an independent review of NHS diagnostics capacity by renowned cancer specialist, Professor Sir Mike Richards CBE, former National Cancer Director in the Department of Health.

Mr Edward Herbert, a consultant ophthalmic surgeon at Somerset NHS Foundation Trust, said: "This is a great step forward in delivering eye care across Somerset. We have been running imaging assessment clinics in the main hospital for a number of years and have found significant advantages.

For further information, please contact:

Somerset NHS Foundation Trust Communications Team
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This time of year is always a busy one for many people, businesses and organisations. Parish Councils complete their end of year accounts (otherwise known as the Annual Governance and Accountability Return – AGAR), arrange the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and this year have also been involved in various aspects of the local elections.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 11th May at which, all seven of the previous councillors signed their Acceptance of Office and have now started a five-year term as Parish Councillors for Over Stowey. Cllr Barrow stood down as the Chair at the meeting and Cllr Tully was proposed and seconded for the role of the Chair. This was resolved unanimously and Cllr Tully was duly elected.

Cllr Tully then asked for nominations for position of the Vice-Chair. Cllr Barrow was proposed and seconded for the role and again, this was resolved unanimously.

Cllr Tully thanked Cllr Barrow on behalf of the Parish Council for his hard work and commitment during his time as Chair. The meeting then continued.

Most of the issues discussed were again ongoing issues – many of them being related to highways. Much work is being undertaken to make things happen by the Parish Council, but it is always disappointing when the relevant departments within local government do not respond or are unable to help resolve problems in a timely manner. This is something that the Clerk will be bringing up with the lead for the Local Government Reorganisation, as they have requested details on the thoughts and views of local councils and residents alike to make sure that voices are heard ready for the new Unitary Authority and the vesting day on April 1st 2023.

If there is anything you would like to put forward, please contact the Clerk in the usual ways.

An issue that was resolved quickly as stated in last month's edition of the Messenger was that two of the dog waste bins have been replaced with the green ones as ordered by the Parish Council. Unfortunately, whilst awaiting delivery of the third green bin, the remain-

ing red one has disappeared. This is a shame and if anyone has any information about the whereabouts of the bin, please let the Parish Council know.

It's all systems go for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee event due to held on Friday 3rd June 2022 at the Cricket Ground in Over Stowey, with work continuing apace to make it all happen. The parish are very much looking forward to celebrating the occasion.

The Annual Parish Meeting will have taken place on Wednesday 18th May 2022, followed by an Extraordinary General Meeting as a planning application had been received that needed a response by May 28th 2022.

The next meeting will include the review and sign off of the AGAR (see above) and will be held on Wednesday 22nd June.

If you have any concerns or issues you would like to bring to the attention of the Parish Council, please contact the Clerk in the usual ways:

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

Email: clerk@overstoweyparishcouncil.co.uk

Phone: 07391 313740 (please leave a message if there is no reply)

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

STOWEY SHUTTLE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Could you be a driver with Stowey Shuttle? Stowey Shuttle is a local community car scheme, providing car journeys at cost to its registered members. It is run entirely by volunteers who manage the scheme, receive and allocate requests for travel, and drive passengers using their own cars. Our drivers receive a mileage allowance for each journey, and we are supported by Somerset County Council and the scheme is linked to the bus pass scheme. We always welcome more volunteers and at present would like to increase the number of our drivers.

NETHER STOWEY FOOTBALL CLUB



The 2021-22 Season

Can you believe the season is now over. The 2021-22 season proved to be a huge success for the football club. With an abundance of players, due mainly to a successful youth set up, a Saturday Reserve side was introduced. Plus a women's side was formed.

Anyhow, a brief summary:

Saturday 1st Team - The end of the season came too early for the Saturday 1st team, who won three out of four of their last games, finishing a creditable eighth in the second division of the Taunton and District Saturday League.

Saturday Reserves: In their initial season, the Reserves can hold their heads up high, as they finished 11th in Division Three. Mainly playing 16/17 year olds, the youngsters certainly learned from playing in a men's league, and some off them forced themselves into the 1st team.

Sunday side: was dealt a bad hand, as they had to play against some really strong sides in the Bridgwater and District Sunday Football League. Winning only two games, the Sunday Side played their football in a good spirit.

Coming Up:

Womens Training: This takes place every Tuesday between 6-7. No experience needed, just the willingness to try and have some fun.

Seniors Training: Wednesday June 29th. First seniors pre-season training, 6.30 to 8. New players aged 16+ welcome.

Presentation evening: Friday 1st July, 7pm at the Playing Field. Come and celebrate the 2021=22 season, with a cash bar and BBQ.

Thank you

Mark Sells

Where's YOUR favourite view of the Quantock Hills?



The 'View to a Hill' project is all about understanding and looking after views towards the Quantock Hills.

Visit www.qlps.org/inspire-1-1-view-to-a-hill (or use the reverse of this leaflet if you prefer) to tell us the location of your favourite view towards the Quantock Hills, why you like it, and how it's changing.

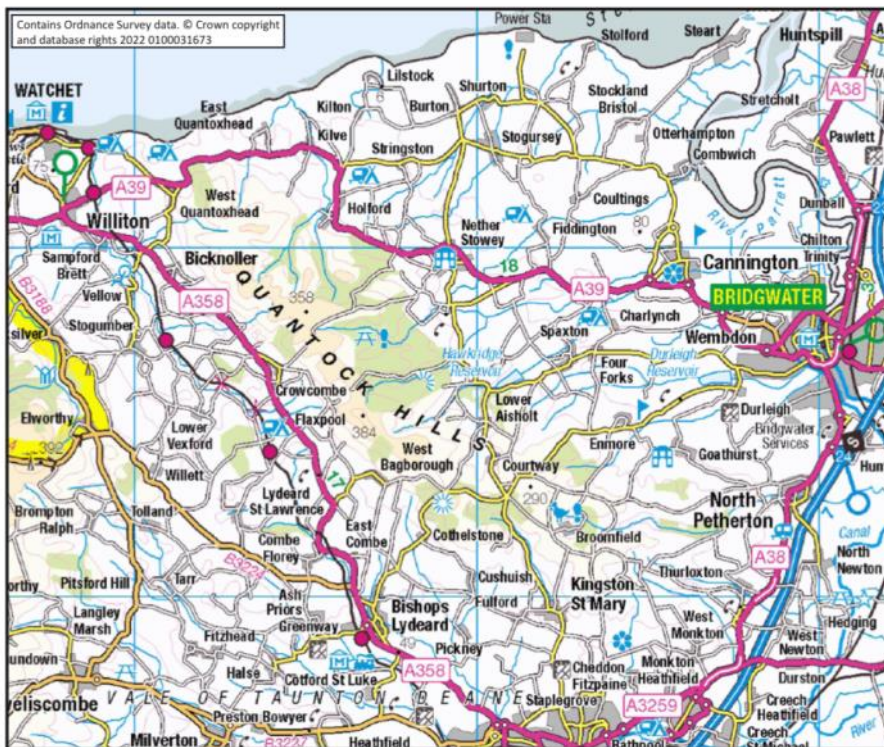
It may be a view from a village, road, footpath, historic site, or other land with public access. It could be a sweeping panorama or a glimpse through a gateway; well-known or secret.

Later in the project, a selection of the views will be chosen to be studied in more detail, and guidance will be developed for their protection and enhancement. If you are interested in finding out more about 'adopting' a viewpoint to research and photograph, please supply your name and email address and we will get in touch with you. Training will be provided, including a workshop on 1st July.

Please post completed paper forms to: Quantock Hills Landscape Partnership, The Thomas Poole Library, Castle Street, Nether Stowey, TA5 1LN or respond online by **10th June**.



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1. Where's your favourite view towards the Quantock Hills? Mark it on the map above and/or tell us in words, provide a postcode or grid reference, or use the 'what three words' app.

2. Why do you like it?

3. Is it changing? If so, how?

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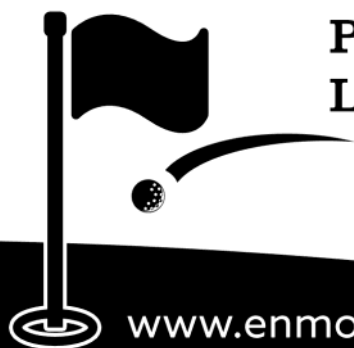


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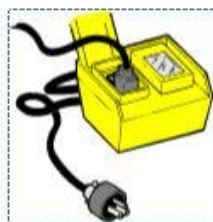
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