



**July / August 2023**

**QUANTOCK**  
For Nether Stowey & Over Stowey



**Messenger**

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Front cover: Members of Nether Stowey WI enjoying a Coronation Tea at the Church Centre on Monday 8th May, photo:Tina Muir.; Quantock Hills Walking Festival, photo Lynne Abbott: ( page 16)

Inside: Members of SGSG at work, Photo Terry Abbiss (page 18): Members of 'Knit & Natter' group celebrating three June birthdays at the 'Rocking Horse Café'. The group meet at Nether Stowey Library every Friday 10.30—12 noon.

## July 2023

We hope you enjoy this double edition of the  
Quantock Messenger.

Please let us know if you have something to  
contribute—local history, local walks, recipes, news of  
what's going on in the villages—anything which may be of  
interest to others.

Articles should be sent to the editor by the 15th of the  
preceding month -

[editor@quantockmessenger.org.uk](mailto:editor@quantockmessenger.org.uk).

In the meantime, we hope you enjoy the rest of the summer  
and we will be back in September.

Best wishes from the QM team.

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## DIARY DATES 2023

Every Monday (except Bank Holidays) - Toddler Storytime - 11am - TPL

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

Every Tuesday—Stowey Singers all welcome 6.45-8.15 at NSCC

Every Tuesday - Walk for Health - Quantock Medical Centre

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

1st and 3rd Tuesday each month - Stowey Green Spaces (SGSG) work groups  
2.30 - 4.30 pm

2nd Tuesday each month - SGSG meeting 2.30 pm

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

Every 1st Wednesday of the month - Play Reading at the Library 2pm - TPL

Every 2nd Wednesday of the month - Evening talk at the Library 7.30pm -  
9pm - TPL

Every Thursday - Chess Time at the Library - 5pm-6.30pm - TPL

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

Every 2nd Thursday each month - Nether Stowey & Fiddington WI - 2pm -

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

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

3rd Saturday each month - SGSG litter picking 10 a.m

Over Stowey Coffee Morning every 3rd Saturday 10:30-12:00 at the Village  
Hall. Summer dates: July 15th, August 19th.

15th -16th July - The Marion Evered Big Bash cricket weekend in conjunction  
with Over Stowey Cricket club (see page 10)

NSCC - Nether Stowey Church Centre  
OSVH - Over Stowey Village Hall  
SGSG-Stowey Green Spaces Group

NSVH - Nether Stowey Village Hall  
TPL - Thomas Poole Library,

We've just started the fourth year of the five-year National Lottery Heritage Fund-supported Quantock Landscape Partnership



Scheme. Time flies, so as the project end in March 2025 looms it concentrates our minds on things not yet done! At the same time our independent evaluator has given us a glowing mid-project report, which is very encouraging. She has recommended that from now on we really focus on fully embedding our very successful inclusive engagement work within our host Quantock Hills AONB.

Our Apprenticeship scheme has been running since last October and our three apprentices have been out thinning plantations, laying and surveying hedges, planting and weeding new saplings, undertaking small construction jobs, and generally gaining experiences and qualifications in a range of practical countryside skills. Please get in touch if you have any small jobs that would be good experience for the trainees – no promises but we'll see what we can do. They come with a supervisor.

We still have grants available (up to 75% of the cash costs) for hedgerow planting and restoration, creation and management of traditional orchards, and repair of historic structures including traditional white road sign fingerposts. We also have grants for the creation of small wildflower meadows, but these would have to be started this autumn so if you're interested get in touch asap. Our grants are open to Parish Councils, community organisations and individuals.

Any queries about what we've been up to, or to find out more about our grants, have a look at [www.qlps.org.uk](http://www.qlps.org.uk) or get in touch with [bill.jenman@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:bill.jenman@somerset.gov.uk)



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Here is a simple checklist to help you keep your data safe when you are online.



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Use strong passwords

Use approved software

Check your virus protection



Switch on your firewall

Back up data

Create a separate work account on your device



Protect your Wi-Fi

Watch out for Phishing

Get some training

If you would like more information please contact Nether Stowey CofE V.C Primary School and the Digital Leaders will get back to you.



**NETHER  
STOWEY**

VILLAGE HALL & RECREATION GROUND

[www.stowey.org.uk](http://www.stowey.org.uk)

Registered charity no. 1176413

The Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) in Nether Stowey is now 10 years old. The basketball nets, hoops and backplates (in the hard court area) have recently been replaced. A big THANK YOU to our volunteers Kevin and Ron for installing these and to Nether Stowey Parish Council for the funding. For more information about the MUGA please see [stowey.org.uk](http://stowey.org.uk).

## **Nether Stowey and Fiddington WI**



Our illustrated talk by Nigel Phillips on 8th June was a fascinating eye-opener to the wealth of wildlife along our wonderful Somerset coastline, from Minehead to Portishead. Who would have expected to see a pod of dolphins in Blue Anchor bay, just opposite the Driftwood Cafe? Or knew that there is a forest of sea kelp off Porlock Weir? With some brilliant photographs Nigel showed us just how many rare and unusual plants grow along the shore and on the cliffs. Our varied coastline also provides many different habitats for plants and butterflies. The reserves at Steart and Berrow are breeding grounds for avocets and dunlin in particular, and his pictures of a flock of avocets in flight were amazing. He does underwater photography too, and some of his shots taken whilst snorkelling revealed some beautiful starfish and sea anemones, only to be seen when the tide is in.

Our speaker at our next meeting on 13th July will be a Street Pastor, and it should prove interesting to find out how they operate and about the wonderful work they do.

There are still a few places left for our coach trip to SIDMOUTH on 24th July, and if you are interested in coming for a good day out for £12 please contact Margaret Harris on 01278-734613 or Terry Binding on 01278-732710.

Meetings start at 2.00 in the Church Centre on the second Thursday of the month and the entrance fee of £1.50 includes refreshments and a raffle. Visitors are always welcome too.

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## **Coleridge Nether Stowey Guide**

A third reprint of Terence Sackett's 12-page illustrated leaflet, 'A Walk round Nether Stowey in 1797 with Samuel Taylor Coleridge' is now available.

Nether Stowey Parish Council kindly paid for the printing. Copies are available FREE in the old gaol, the Post Office, and the Thomas Poole Library.

## **BRYAN PLACE 1946-2023**

### **THANK YOU**

Pru, Sharon, Michael and families would like to thank everyone who sent messages of condolences, cards and flowers,

Many Thanks to Sarah and the team at Grandfields and to those who attended the funeral service.

Donations going to Quantock Medical Centre who took care of him for many years.

### **Thank You**

The family of Julia Grace McWilliam who passed peacefully away on 19th May 2023, would like to express their sincere thanks to all who attended her funeral and for the many cards and kind messages received in their time of bereavement. A much loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother and for many years a regular contributor to the Quantock Messenger with her famous recipes page, she will be greatly missed.

**Charity**  
**Big Bash Cricket Weekend**

**Saturday**  
 Afternoon  
 Presidents day  
 Neal Sortwell Memorial Trophy  
 Chairmans Vi versus Presidents Vi  
**Evening** £5 Entry  
 Disco  
 Bar and BBQ

**Sunday**  
 Free entry Donations only  
 from 10am depending on hangovers  
 6 a side cricket comp  
 Bar  
 BBQ

**16th - 17th July**

In aid of  
**The Marion Evered Trust and Over Stowey CC**

### **The Marion Evered Trust**

The Big Bash weekend is coming up on the 15th /16th July. This event ran in conjunction with Over Stowey CC is always a great weekend of entertainment.

On the Saturday you can watch the Presidents XI play the Captains XI and then after the game there is a Disco with bar and BBQ, £5 entry in the evening.

Then on the Sunday a full days entertainment for free with a 6-a-side competition between 6 teams to enjoy, bar and BBQ open all day and a raffle and auction. Always a great atmosphere so come along and enjoy.

## **The Latest from Over Stowey**

### **Cricket Club**



The season is well under way and all teams have been busy trying to improve their league positions.

The 1st XI have at last secured their first win of the season a 3 wicket win at home to Lydeard St Lawrence (LSL 135 all out Over Stowey 137-7) and are currently in 9th place in Division 1.

The 2nd XI following a decisive win over East Huntspill by 7 wickets (EH 69 all out Over Stowey 75-3) the previous week then proceeded to lose a very close game to Brompton Ralph by just 2 runs (BR 130-9 Over Stowey 128-9) The 2nd XI are sitting a healthy 3rd in Division 4.

Both our youth teams continue to develop and although they have been on the end of some large defeats they never give up and if points were awarded for effort and sportsmanship they would top of their leagues!!

If you want more detail of our respective teams then please go to either the West Somerset League website for the senior teams or the Taunton and District Youth League website for our youth sides.

If you fancy a game of cricket or would prefer to just support then please get in touch with either our Chairman Les

Biffen 01278 732963 or the club secretary Wendy Hill 01278 732194 we would love to see you up at our lovely Marsh Mills ground.

Finally, yet another plug for our annual BIG BASH WEEKEND July 15th and 16th this is an opportunity to support a very worthy cause (the Marion Evered Trust/Children's Cancer at Musgrove Park Hospital and OSCC) .On the Saturday we have the Chairman's XI v President's XI followed by an open air disco,BBQ,Bar and Skittles and on the Sunday we have a six a side tournament and much,much more.

### **July/August Fixtures.**

1st XI 1/7/23 Winsford (A) 22/7/23 Brompton (A) 29/7/23 Holford (H) 5/8/23 Morebath (H)12/8/23 Lydeard St Lawrence (A) 19/8/23 Bagborough (H) 26/8/23 Bridgetown (A)

2ND XI 1`/7/23 Minehead (H) 8/7/23 Buckland (H) 29/7/23 Sampford Arundel (A) 5/8/23 East Hunspill (A) 12/8/23 Brompton (H) 19/8/23 Hemyock (A) 26/8/23 Ashbrittle (H).

UNDER 11 2/7/23 Taunton St Andrew (A) 9/7/23 Broadway and Horton (A) 16/7/23 Brompton Ralph (A) 23/7/23 Staplegrove (H)

UNDER 13 7/7/23 North Newton (H) 14/7/23 Taunton Deane Pumas (A)21/7/23 Stogumber (A)

Over and Out

# Village Hall Quiz evening with Supper

At Nether Stowey Church Centre

On Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> September

Doors open 7pm quiz starts 7.30pm

Teams of up to six-

£10 per person

Prize for the winning team

Raffle

To book your place

Tickets available from

The Post Office

Or Contact

Jan 733436

Information also available on

[www.netherstoweyvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.netherstoweyvillagehall.co.uk)

bring your own bottle(s)

(plates, Cutlery and glasses provided)

All proceeds to go to hall funds

# **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 newmembers both ladies and gents !**

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

**Contact Maggie 01278 732532 or Barbara 732412**



## The Quantock Hills Walking Festival 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> June 2023



Another successful event took place last week for local Walkers are Welcome group Stowey Walking. This year was their fifth walking festival showcasing the beautiful walks available on the Quantock Hills and West Somerset coast. Seven guided walks took place over five days with themes such as local history, archaeology, and wildlife. Over fifty walkers took part from all over Somerset and further afield. Ten participants also took part in a four-day challenge walk taking in the fifty-one miles of the Coleridge Way from Nether Stowey to Lynmouth.

Stowey Walking would like to thank all the walk leaders and everyone who helped to make the event a success. With especial thanks to this year's the main sponsors the Quantock Landscape Partnership Scheme who provided funding and expertise and Somerset Passenger Solutions at EDF who provided transport to and from some of the walk locations. 'We hope everyone enjoyed themselves and that we will see you all again next year.'



The first task in May for **Stowey Green Spaces Group** was to cut the exuberant growth around the newly planted trees in Platinum Wood to help give them a good start. It was pleasing to see that most of the saplings had taken and showed quite a lot of leaf growth. The upper path in Stowey

Wood is well used and this too needed some cutting back to keep a few stray branches, brambles, wild raspberry and nettles under control. In early July it is hoped to do the same at the western end of the exit path from the Stowey Wood.

The second task was very different when a large group of members started work on the footpath in Millennium Wood to try to make it possible to complete an internal circuit of the wood on a mobility scooter. Modern scooters are surprisingly roadworthy but can be defeated by steep slopes, sudden changes in terrain and large tree roots. An extensive stretch of path was improved on the eastern side of the wood by cutting out roots, putting in edging using the tree trunks cut earlier, and filling in dips with soil taken from a large heap in New Stowey Farm and transported to the site in wheel barrows. This leaves two small stretches of path to be worked on and then, a Test Drive!

Finally, the Group has hosted Duke of Edinburgh students before and it was very pleasing to have one of our members working with and supervising his grandson on a DoE task, cutting brambles near the Recreation ground entrance. An impressive amount was achieved in just two hours.



## **FLOWER SHOW**

The Nether Stowey Flower Show has been a fixture of the village calendar for many, many years, taking place on the 3rd Saturday in August.

Categories include vegetables, flowers, flower

arrangements, cooking, crafts and photography. There is a children's section too. It is a whole family event and in the past 5 generations of one family have entered.

For a variety of reasons there won't be a Flower Show this year. People have said that they hope that Nether Stowey will, once again, have its own Show. This is really up to volunteers expressing an interest in joining the committee. If you are interested please let me know.

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## **The Summer Reading Challenge 2023**

begins in July and the theme this year is Ready, Set, Read! The Reading Agency have teamed up with children's charity The Youth Sport Trust, for a Summer Reading Challenge focused on reading, sport and play. Pop by the library during opening hours to sign up and join in with craft activities during the summer holidays!



## **\*\* WHAT'S ON \*\***

**Toddler Storytime:** Mondays 11am to 11.30am

**Chess Time:** Thursdays 5pm to 6.30pm

**Knit and Natter:** Fridays 10.30am to 12 noon. Bring your own project or just come for a natter

**Play Reading:** This group will be taking a break during the summer holidays and will return on the first Wednesday of September at 2pm. All are welcome!

## **MONTHLY TALKS:**

There will be no monthly talks during July and August but will re-start on Wednesday 13th September with a talk about Community Green Spaces by Roy Osborne.



Are you interested in finding out more about your family history? We have two computers that are available for you to use during Library opening hours. As a library member, you have free access to Ancestry.co.uk which unlocks one billion searchable UK family history records so if you fancy delving into your family history, then come along and explore.

### **Opening Hours**



Monday and Wednesday 10am to 1pm,  
Thursday 4pm to 7pm, Friday 10am – 1pm  
and 2pm – 5pm,  
Saturday 10am -1pm

**ENJOY THE SUMMER AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!**

**"YESTERDAYS.....IN NETHER STOWEY"**

On display in the Old Gaol on the Cross during July and August  
Nether Stowey - birthplace of Jesuit priest Robert Parsons



## Hinkley Point C - Monthly Update

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



#### Sir Keir Starmer visits Hinkley Point C

Hinkley Point C welcomed the Leader of the Labour Party, Sir Keir Starmer MP. Sir Keir met with apprentices, union representatives and hosted a question and answer session with 50 members of our workforce. He emphasised the need for more new nuclear in Britain and the crucial role of its reliable, low-carbon electricity for fighting climate change and increasing energy security.



#### It's good to talk

Mental Health Awareness Week was a great success! Hinkley Point C shone a spotlight on mental wellbeing by enabling colleagues to openly share stories of their personal struggles. In turn, valuable resources were promoted to help achieve better mental health for all.

Mental Health Buddies are ready on site to support our workforce by being available to listen and extend a helping hand when people feel down or overwhelmed. The growing team of volunteers recently attended the first HPC Mental Health conference to celebrate the success of the industry leading initiative but to also provide ongoing training.



#### First switchboards installed in Electrical Building

The first of a set of 10kV switchboards that will help distribute electricity across Hinkley Point C during operation has been installed. They are the first pieces of electrical equipment installed in the power station.

The switchboards are used to connect and disconnect parts of the power system so it can be operated safely without being overloaded or interrupting overall supply. The journey to install the switchboards has taken six years to ensure they meet stringent nuclear safety standards.



Find out about the latest progress being made on site and what's happening in the local community in the latest edition of Plugged In - <https://www.edfenergy.com/energy/nuclear/new-build/projects/hinkley-point-c/local-community>

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## **Over Stowey Parish Council**



The Parish Council held their annual meetings in May and the Annual Parish Meeting was a chance to review the achievements over the past year. There was also an interesting and informative report from the Stowey Green Spaces Group on all the work they undertake for both Over Stowey and Nether Stowey. Please see a copy of the report on the website.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council started with the re-election of Cllr Tully as the Chair and Cllr Barrow as the Vice-Chair. Representatives for other groups and services were also agreed.

The [Annual Governance and Accountability Return](#) was fully reviewed and the Internal Audit has been completed with no issues reported. This can be viewed on the website.

At the previous meeting it had been requested by the Over Stowey Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committee that if the event held by them needed top up funding, would the Parish Council consider this. As it turned out the event was successful and additional funds were not required. However, the committee are looking into where the village hall could benefit from being updated. Plans are being considered and costs looked into, so there may be a donation request from them at some point in the near future.

The Highways department have provided further updates on the requests for the parish. Drainage work will take place in Aley at some point over the summer. Other maintenance work on the drains and gullies within the parish will take place sometime during the financial year.

Work on signage and road markings will be undertaken and it is hoped some of this will have happened by the time that this issue of the Quantock Messenger was published.

Any problems on the roads can be reported online at the Somerset Council web page [Report A Problem on the Road](#) or at [Fix My Street](#)

The July meeting will be held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023 and the next meeting after the summer break will be on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Please check the website and notice board for details.

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.overstoweparishcouncil.co.uk/>

Email: [clerk@overstoweparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@overstoweparishcouncil.gov.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.

## **Nether Stowey Art Group**

Dear Members

Please note there will be no Art Group Meetings in July & August due to low attendance.

The group will start the Autumn term of the 4<sup>th</sup> September

2023, however I will be stepping down with effect from January 2024. Therefore, if anyone is interested in running the Art Group from January 2024

Please contact me on 01278 732382. Mac Muir

## Nick's Gardening Notes

### July and August 2023



So far we have had no rain in June following a relatively dry May and most gardener's water butts will be empty by now. This has resulted in some poor germination, plants slow to establish and many plants showing stress. Water should not be wasted and priority should be given to helping plants/crops to establish and those crops that will really benefit from water such as courgettes and squashes and those that respond to extra water at moisture sensitive stages. Peas and beans benefit from water at the flowering and pod swelling stage and potatoes when the new tubers are at the marble stage. Weeds competing for moisture and nutrients should be controlled particularly the deep rooted perennials such as dandelion, creeping thistle and bindweed. When watering it is important to give plants a good drink rather than just a splash which quickly dries out and encourages shallow rooting.

**Vegetables:** July weather can often be warm and damp and a watchful eye should be kept on potatoes and outdoor tomatoes for any sign of potato blight. Foliage affected with brown/black markings should be removed and burnt and not put onto the compost heap. There are currently no recommended chemical sprays for the home gardener.

Carrots, lettuce, spring cabbage, turnips, and oriental leaves together with mangetout peas can still be sown and early July is a good time to sow Florence fennel. Ensure that brassicas (e.g. cabbage, kale, cauliflower, sprouts etc.) already planted are protected from cabbage white butterfly by using small mesh netting (5-7 mm) supported **above** the crop and not resting on the foliage.

**Fruit:** once strawberries have finished fruiting it is an opportunity to rejuvenate the crop. Old straw should be raked out and composted and the foliage cut down to about 50 -75 mm (2 to 3 inches) and any weed removed. Apply a liquid feed or general fertiliser and water in and in no time quality new foliage will appear. This all helps to remove pests and diseases and unwanted runners should also be removed. Interestingly, next year's flowers are initiated within the plant in the autumn. After four or five years strawberry yields do start to deteriorate and it is sensible to establish a new planting on a fresh piece of ground. Once fruiting has finished main crop raspberry canes can be cut down to ground level leaving the new canes which can be tied in.

New growth on cordon and espalier apples and pears should be summer pruned to restrict size and encourage the build-up of fruit bud for the following year. This can also apply to wall trained shrubs such as Pyracantha and Chaenomeles (Japonica or Japanese quince).

**Ornamentals:** ensure that new growth on climbing and rambling roses is tied in to avoid being damaged by wind. Wisteria has made strong new growth and should be pruned in August. The new whippy growth is cut back to a bud about 150mm (6 inches) from the base to encourage the build-up of flower bud for the following year.

It is important to regularly deadhead blooms for continuity of flower and with some such as lupins, poppies and delphiniums they can be cut back hard down to the basal cluster of leaves to produce new growth and some late flower. Bearded iris have been good this year and following flowering can be lifted and old rhizomes cut out and young vibrant sections replanted being careful not to bury the rhizomes and with their foliage cut down by half. Apply a general fertiliser dressing or mulch and water well in to ensure good growth and bloom next year.

**Propagation:** in August (mid summer) it is timely to take semi ripe cuttings of many shrubs such as berberis, weigela, deutzia, lavendula and rosmarinus.

Nick Rigden



## FREE Health Walk Nether Stowey

Gentle walk around the village with Vicki and Steve

Fortnightly on Wednesday @10am from the Church Centre

For more details contact Steve 07747 127334  
[steveatkinson@uwclub.net](mailto:steveatkinson@uwclub.net)



Knit and natter

**A friendly, social group who meet at  
The Thomas Poole Library**

**Friday's 10.30 to 12 noon**

**All ages and abilities are welcome!**

**For more information, contact  
Elise on 01278 732612**



## COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

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

Email [somwestnptsedgemoor@avonandsomerset.pnn.police.uk](mailto:somwestnptsedgemoor@avonandsomerset.pnn.police.uk)

PC Claire Allen, PCSO Jason Wyatt, PCSO Jeremy Pidgeon  
Jake Dade (Hinkley issues only) [@avonandsomerset.police.uk](mailto:@avonandsomerset.police.uk)

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Antisocial behaviour call **0800 298 2009**

Vandalism on the Quantock Hills call **101**

Household noise problems (Environmental Health) call **0845 408 2540**

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### Somerset Councillor:

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### CHURCH SERVICES – JULY 2023

	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> July</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	<b>9<sup>th</sup> July</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	<b>16<sup>th</sup> July</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> July</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity
<b>Nether Stowey</b>	11:00am Morning Worship (C/Centre)	11:00am Holy Communion (Church)	11:00am Morning Worship (C/Centre)	11:00am Holy Communion (Church)
<b>Over Stowey</b>	5.00pm Songs of Praise	9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)	9:30am Holy Communion	9:30am Morning Worship
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July 8<sup>th</sup> After Trinity</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>11.00am Benefice Holy Communion at Nether Stowey Church Centre</b>  <b>4.00pm Wild Worship in Marquee next to Spaxton Village Hall</b></p>				

### CHURCH SERVICES – AUGUST 2023

	<b>6<sup>th</sup> August</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	<b>13<sup>th</sup> August</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	<b>20<sup>th</sup> August</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	<b>27<sup>th</sup> August</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity
<b>Nether Stowey</b>	11:00am Morning Worship (C/Centre)	11:00am Holy Communion (Church)	11:00am Morning Worship (C/Centre)	11:00am Holy Communion (Church)
<b>Over Stowey</b>	6.30pm Evensong (BCP)	9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)	9:30am Holy Communion	9:30am Morning Worship

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Living in this beautiful part of Somerset I am sure we all recognise that feeling. The world is good when we look out over the Quantocks and see the abundance of green in fields and trees. The world is good when visiting the beach and watching the rhythm of the sea. The world is good when I see the red flash of poppies as I drive past grass verges on the side of the road. The world is good when we hear the song of the birds nesting in our gardens. The world is good when we look up to the sky and spot shapes in the clouds. I could go on and I'm sure that you have your own examples of how the world is good.

Sadly, when we look closely at our world, we notice many places where it is no longer good. Those grass verges that display an abundance of flowers also display an abundance of litter. The song of the birds is punctuated by sounds of building and intense farming methods. The outline of trees in the horizon is broken up where trees have been felled to make space for other things. The view of the sea is spoilt by pollution and floating rubbish.

As Christians we are called to celebrate and care for our world, to ensure that we can continue to say, 'it was good'. We do this in many ways, but this month will do that with a Wild Worship Service on Sunday 30th July in the Flower Show tent at Spaxton. Wild because we will celebrate creation and hear from a speaker from A Rocha, a Christian charity concerned for our environment. Wild too because the service will be informal, with music led by a band, puppets and crafts for children.

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All are welcome to come along for coffee and a chat. Helen and Rose look forward to seeing you soon.

We had a very successful and fun day at Burton Springs/ Yellow Door Cottage Fete on May 28<sup>th</sup> and we'd like to say a big THANK YOU to Jenn, Gareth, Amanda and Stan for hosting this wonderful event. The sun shone and it was good to see everyone outside enjoying themselves.

A massive £640.15 was raised, so thank you everyone who donated prizes bought tickets and helped out on the day with great enthusiasm. This will enable us to have a lovely Christmas Party with plenty of treats.

We are planning a summer trip out; the date is to be confirmed.

### Upcoming Café Dates:

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October



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## Coleridge Cottage



A very warm welcome from us here at Coleridge Cottage!

The garden is full of wild flowers, the roses are in bloom, and the blackbirds sound jubilant! And it has been lovely meeting more and more local folk. Residence passes seem to be a success this year and we'd like to remind you that, for £10, your card entitles you and a friend to free entry all year, plus **10% off** at the tearoom.

Coleridge Cottage hosted a Poetry reading by prize-winning poet, Graeme Ryan on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023 in the garden.

*'The Dreaming of Hinkley Point'* imagines Coleridge, Dorothy and William Wordsworth in the 21<sup>st</sup> century landscape of the Somerset coast and the Quantocks, a place where natural magic meets cutting edge technology, where light and seemingly divine nuclear power come on at a switch and 'the shining city on a plain' evokes Kubla Khan: an irresistible beacon to these poets and their entourage.

Heading through the timeless combes and woods, past the oak-leaved setting of Alfoxton, over upland heaths and the nuclear A, B, C of the Bristol Channel – and into the mind and laudanum trances of Coleridge - *The Dreaming of Hinkley Point* is a powerful, tender, deeply imagined and thought-provoking work.

Graeme Ryan is a prize-winning poet who lives in West Somerset. He has performed widely in the South West. His collection *Valley of the Kings* came out in 2022.



## **Volunteering**

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We'd love to see you, for tea and cake, during your little escape from 21<sup>st</sup> century life.

A reminder that we are open Wednesday to Sunday, 11am until 5pm, with the last entry at 4pm. We hope to see you all soon.

Best of wishes,

Charlotte Bailey  
Site Manager

## **215<sup>th</sup> Women's Walk – 17 June 2023**

Thank you to everyone who has helped to keep alive this unique village tradition of celebrating Tom Poole's Female Friendly Society, by coming on the Women's Walk.

Tradition, in different guises, is what it is all about:

Libby Lang proudly carried the embroidered banner, in the way her mother Charmaine Crocker did when she was a girl, walking with her mother Rose Crocker.

Emma Draper, who remembers walking with her mother when she was six, has recently returned to live in the village and came with her daughter, to walk again.

Pat Stacey, donned her late mother-in-law's hat. The hat that was always worn on the Women's Walk.

And Molly Bradner who said she has walked it forever!

The event enjoyed the Devon Pipers playing 'Amazing Grace' beside Tom Poole's grave.

We enjoyed the Nether Stowey School Choir entertaining us during the Church Service singing two great songs beautifully. The collection in the church, for the Taunton based Women's Refuge charity SARSA, continued the ethos of the Female Friendly Society of 'Women Supporting Women'. And of course, the Afternoon Tea, when everyone could relax, chat and enjoy the array of delicious homemade cakes.

Thank you to everyone who made this happen. The Organising Committee, our Reverend Eleanor King for conducting the church service, to Kathy Peckham for playing the organ, to the road marshals, the official photographer, the cake bakers and the washer uppers and especially to everyone who came to walk. It wouldn't happen without you.

I look forward to seeing you all again, plus new comers, next time, for the 216<sup>th</sup> Women's Walk, on 22 June 2024. Get the date in the diary.

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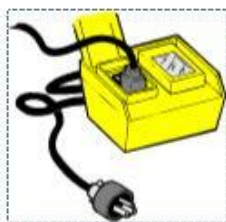
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