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2012-A Review

Looking back to 1997 when we first became a charity, we had no idea that we would end up where we are today. In fact to be honest, my health was so poor, I would not have contemplated that I would have the energy to tackle such a task and commitment as we are involved with now. I never even thought I would see the new century in and this was also the hospital's opinion as well. So the miracle began.

In that time we fully equipped seven wards of a new wing of a hospital in Goa, together with supplying a rather large diesel generator which had to be slid off the side of a lorry into a pile of sand because there was no crane to lift it off. We also equipped the delivery room and put sound equipment in so that there was music everywhere. The nuns and patients all enjoyed it and if you looked carefully you could sense a slight jig in their walk beneath their Habits! We have also assisted in supplying water, electricity and showers to a maternity ward in a hospital in Uganda.

2000 kg of educational books were shipped to India and many libraries were created for children in Rwanda, Kenya and Uganda.

We always have believed that charity begins at home and therefore many charities locally and in the UK have benefited. We have also supported local churches in their outreach overseas to the tune of many thousands and it has been very rewarding to see how that money has been used effectively, especially in building a school in the slums of Namatala, Uganda.

We rewrote the admission investigation forms to ensure that only deserving children were admitted and supported by the Brothers and ourselves with legal protection for all concerned with verification of details being a priority. These forms are now used throughout the Montfort Educational schools. In 2002, at our encouragement girls were admitted to the Vocational Training Centre and the success immediately was phenomenal. There has been under percent pass rate since that date and the school is now recognised by the Goan Indian government as the top ranking school in its class. The boys at St Joseph's have excelled in football, hockey both locally and all India classes. There are no more room in the glass cabinets for the presentation cups, plaques and other awards. I lost count at 80!

Athletic activities are very much encouraged as a daily routine in the school and this reflects in the discipline and interrelationship of the younger children with the older children. On our visits we are always amazed at the amount of rice that these children consume each day but the results speak for themselves. Since we started; the charity has financed over one million meals. This year alone our budget covered 199,570 meals, uniforms, special tutoring, medical including dental, books and exam fees.

So we arrive back where I started. What could a disabled pensioner achieve? Very little by himself. It has been a privilege all these years to receive the generosity, trust of so many people who have sponsored, made donations of money and in these latter years supporting both the shop in Bridgwater which is now closed and the shop here in Nether Stowey. As I'm sure most of you have noticed, Margaret has done a wonderful job of widening the scope of the shop to include fashions, bric-a-brac and anything else you might choose to name. Both myself and the trustees and admire and thank her for her dedication and hard work.

Since the shop in Bridgwater was returned to a very generous landlord, our takings have naturally dropped by over £9,000. So we have had to dip into reserves this year to continue to support the commitments that you have chosen to support. So our appeal must be for more financial donations and sponsorship which enables us to plan and give a sense of security to the projects that we are involved with.

Over 20% of our income now comes from recycling. Please be conscious when you have a washing machine or a broken electrical item that we can recycle practically anything. A kilo of rusty nails feeds a child for two days (not the nails but the money we get for them!).

Thank you for your ongoing involvement. We are an international charity that is local and transparent, where everyone is a volunteer and expenses are kept to a minimum. So please help to keep the shop here in Nether Stowey open with your donations and purchases.

To find out more, please visit our web site: www.montfortitigoa.com or contact Mervyn Todd, Co-ordinator at our shop at Nether Stowey, tel 732426.

CANS Report for Annual Parish Meeting 2013

In the past year CANS have seen the Memorial Groups bring Phase One their project to a very successful conclusion, on time and on budget, they themselves will report to this meeting concerning the memorial. We look forward to further efforts from this very active and determined group.

Millennium Wood

Richard Ince, Roy Osborne and Kevin Perry have finished planting the Diamond Jubilee extension to the Stowey Millennium Wood, there are about 350 saplings in the ground with a further 100 planted in the margins of nearby Stowey Wood on Stowey Rocks Farm. Somerset County Council has licensed the wood for community access and use, so it is now up to the villagers to look after it. With the summer finally on its way this is an area we are hoping will be used by families and individuals for picnics etc. it is within walking distance of the village and is free. Please do not use it as dumping ground for your litter or dog poo bags: take your rubbish home with you. If you are able to help in any way, a bit of weeding, painting the picnic tables etc. please let the Parish Office have your details and we can organise working parties.

May Fair

This year was our sixth May Fair and one of the largest yet, once again the weather was kind to us apart from a rather annoying wind.

Our thanks go to the residents who moved their cars on Friday evening; it was a lovely sight at 6am on the day to see the village empty of vehicles.

We also would like to thank the local businesses who did their best to reorganise deliveries, even the postman walked his round on the day.

We would like to thank all of the volunteers who carried out road barrier duties, office cover and helping with the signage for the event. Also thanks to Bob Keene for his 'Master of Ceremonies' throughout the whole day keeping the entertainment flowing especially when groups were late or had to leave earlier than anticipated. Punch and Judy was very popular I am not sure who enjoyed it the most, adults or children

Next year, more stalls, more for the younger generation, more craft exhibitions or demonstrations, we have already started to plan the 2014 event and as always any ideas will be welcome.

We will need people to help for the next May Fair, without support the event will not go ahead, so we ask that if you are able to help in any way please let the Parish Office have your contact details.

The next CANS meeting will be advertised in the Parish office and local shops so please keep a look out.

THE FRIENDS OF COLERIDGE

Report for Nether Stowey Annual Parish Meeting, 21 May 2013

After many years of commitment to the Friends of Coleridge, Shirley Watters finally resigned from the committee in October 2012. Shirley was Honorary Secretary, and at the heart of the Friends' work and activity for over twenty years. She has been the key person in maintaining strong and fruitful links between the Friends of Coleridge and Nether Stowey.

Eliza Sackett of 5 Castle Street has taken over as Honorary Secretary, so please address any enquiries or correspondence to her (elizasackett@yahoo.co.uk).

Tom Mayberry has stepped down from his position as Chairman of the Friends. Once again, the Friends owe Tom a considerable debt for all his work, expertise and enthusiasm down the years. Tom remains a committee member.

Justin Shepherd (Head of English at Wellington School and a Coleridge expert) has taken over from Tom Mayberry as Chairman. This month he gave a talk on Coleridge's poem *Frost at Midnight* at Coleridge Cottage, and he also recently took part in a BBC Radio 4 programme about the poet Edward Thomas's visit to the Quantocks and Nether Stowey.

The 2013 Summer Conference was held at Cannington College, and proved a highly successful event. The next will be held in 2014. The Autumn Study Weekend will be held at Halsway Manor on 25-27 October, and visitors and non-members are welcome to attend the various talks and events for a small fee.

Terence Sackett has created a brand new website for the Friends (www.friendsofcoleridge.com). It is considerably expanded and features more images and illustrations. There are added sections giving insights into events in Coleridge's life, as well as a greater number of Stowey and West Somerset links. Terence would welcome news or details of events relating to Coleridge that could be added to the news section on the new site (tsackett@btinternet.com).

The new website also has an enlarged National Trust Coleridge Cottage section, with photographs of the cottage and a listing of attractions that visitors can look forward to seeing. Caroline Taylor's monthly blog is also being posted on the new website. It is hoped that this will help to strengthen the Friends' links with the National Trust and encourage new membership for the Friends.

Terence and Eliza Sackett have also just written and designed the new Coleridge Cottage Visitor Guide, which will soon be available at the Cottage.

FRIENDS OF NETHER STOWEY LIBRARY

Report to the Annual Parish Meeting 2013

During the past year Committee Meetings have been held monthly, attended by our 8 Committee members and (usually) a member of the Somerset Library Service. Our aims of supporting and increasing the use of the Library have proceeded, with the following events initiated during the year:

Meet the Authors

Two evening events have been held featuring local authors who talk about their books and have their books available for sale.

Book Sales

Six sales have been held, at monthly intervals, selling those books that have been donated by residents, but have not been taken into Library Service stock. To date £320 has been raised, which has been used to purchase new books.

Tall Tales

Members of a local creative writing group read their short stories to an audience. Three of these events have been held to date.

Family History Research

Following training in the use of the Ancestry website, Friends committee members help those interested in family history to use the website - free to Library users - and further their research.

Knit and Natter

Sessions in the Library every Wednesday morning

Childrens' Storeytime

A Class from the School visit the Library every Wednesday afternoon to choose books and have a story read to them

100 word story Competition

A successful competition with entrants of all ages

Stowey Memories

Residents who have lived all their lives in the village talk publicly about life here, especially during the first half of the twentieth century. The sessions are recorded as part of the Oral History Project for inclusion in the County Archive.

Programme of Monthly Evening Talks

Starting in September, a series of talks will be given on the second Wednesday of each month covering a diverse range of topics.

Stall at the May Fair

A stall taken to promote the work of the Friends and the Library itself.

**NETHER STOWEY RECREATION GROUND
(Registered Charity No: 304590)**

Report to Nether Stowey Parish Council 20 May 2013

Playing Field Committee Activities 1/4/12 – 30/3/13

Over the last 12 months the Playing Field Committee have been busy progressing the regeneration of the facilities and continuing to fund raise.

The committee continue to keep the profile of the charity as high as possible by providing regular articles for the Quantock Messenger and information to parents via the Nether Stowey Primary School newsletter. The website www.netherstoweyrg.co.uk is kept up to date with news about the playing field and the regeneration project.

Expenditure for the playing field is being managed very closely and last year was more successful in terms of fund raising with £621 via Car Boot sales, £817 from our Race Night and £2,500 from The Party in the Park. This year Car Boot sales are planned for every Bank Holiday Monday.

The Committee would like to thank all those individuals and businesses who supported the fundraising, especially Bill at the The George Hotel and Sue Stacey and the Parish Council for grants received, which help towards the up keep and maintenance of facilities within the village.

Regeneration project update

The village lottery was re-launched at our very successful Diamond Jubilee Party in the Park last June. It is now known as the PFR club (Playing Field Regeneration). It is a valuable source of regular income for the playing field and is essential to support grant funding applications, showing how the village is helping itself. It has grown to 100 members and subscriptions are collected once every six months, to keep the administration to a minimum. Small monthly draws are held in The George and a Super Draw is held on the final month. Winners are published in the Messenger.

The money from the old village lottery totalling over £26,000 was spent on attaining full planning permission for the pavilion and MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area). It enabled us to finally attract our first grants of £50,000 from Sport England and £110,000 from Viridor Credits which will go towards development of the MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area) and another £43,000 from Sedgemoor District Council to go towards the whole project.

Work on the MUGA commences on 10 June 2013.

Another £5,000 has been agreed by SDC for the Play area, but will be given to us once the work has been done.

All in all, another very busy year.

Sharon Mayell (Treasurer)

Nether Stowey Annual Report to Nether Stowey Parish Council 2013

The village hall committee has focussed on three areas in the past year: fund raising; encouraging new users; and starting the major repairs identified in the 2011 hall survey.

Fundraising

Two new fundraising events have been introduced this year which we plan to make annual events - a Halloween party for families and a quiz in March. Both were successful and well received and also introduced new people to their village hall. Our Christmas Fayre goes from strength to strength with many stall holders booking for next year before they left the hall. Other events are planned for later this year which, if successful, will also become annual events.

The new bouncy castle has been a great success with a number of parties having been held already this year encouraging use of the hall on Saturdays and bringing new people in.

Progress on Repairs

A significant start has now been made on repairs using contractors to carry out the major structural repairs to the small hall and volunteers for other repairs and redecoration. New foundations have been put in to support both the floor & walls in the small hall. The provision of a new ridge to the small hall has ensured waterproof integrity. Repainting was carried out by committee members.

Other outside work has been carried out by volunteers, tiles have been replaced where necessary on the lean to parts of the building and the wooden capping to the toilet block to the main hall has also been replaced and weather proofed. Windows in the small hall toilets have been repaired and proofed and external timber has been protected. Additional lighting has been provided to the external walkway from the car park to improve safety. Repairs have also been carried out to the main hall ladies' toilets.

General

Better visibility for the hall has been achieved with the creation of a web site which provides both locals and visitors visibility of local events. This has already benefited one club with a booking for a garden club trip from a family in Germany.

Occupancy

Most established clubs continue with their regular bookings with three notable exceptions. Zumba Gold has unfortunately closed through lack of members but this loss of hall income has been more than offset by the success of Friday night Kick boxing and an increase in bookings from Tuesday Toddlers which now runs throughout the year.

Nether Stowey Twinning Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting for 2012: held at the Rose & Crown Public House at 7.30 pm on Thursday 21 February 2013

Present: Michael Barry, Fay and Carl Brazier, Eric and Heather Coates, Michelle and Tim Tribe, Pat Pardoe, Roy Osborne, Peter Greig, Robert Hood, Sue and Dave Davison.

1. The formal notice convening the Meeting was read by Roy Osborne, deputising for the Association's Chairman, Ashley Easden.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from Judith Greig, Jill Goodwin, Ruth Pickard, Jackie Jones, Marie Easden, Liz Onions, Rick and Teresa Turner (and initially on behalf of Heather Coates and Michelle Tribe, who arrived after attending a meeting of Stowey Gardeners).
3. **Approval of the Minutes of the 2011 AGM:** Roy gave a brief summary. Approval of the minutes was proposed by Peter Greig and seconded by Sue Davison.

Chairman's Report.

Roy Osborne assumed Chairmanship of the AGM in the absence of the Association Chairman, Ashley Easden. Although neither Ashley nor Marie Easden were expected to attend the AGM, Marie had asked that the minutes record her willingness to continue serving as a member of the Committee. Roy thought that in the circumstances it would be difficult to take decisions or hold a satisfactory discussion on issues where Ashley had previously taken the lead, such as the visit to Theillay, tentatively scheduled for October (see below); the objective should be to manage the AGM as best we could. The Committee elected (and co-opted) at the last AGM had worked well together, the first challenge being to focus almost immediately on arrangements for the visit by 27 members of the Theillay Association to coincide with the Nether Stowey May Fair from 5-8 May 2012. A welcoming supper for around 70 persons had been held at Over Stowey Village Hall on the first night and a very enjoyable bring-your-own meal, with music and entertainment, held at St Mary's Church Centre on the evening of Monday 7 May. Events over the May bank Holiday weekend (apart from the May Fair itself) had included a boules and skittles session, a tour of village gardens

- with cream tea kindly hosted by Eric and Heather Coates, and a sponsored walk on the Quantocks in which the respective Chairmen of the Stowey and Theillay Associations had both taken part. At times the Theillay contingent had struggled, both in terms of physical stamina and appropriate attire, given the sometimes challenging weather, but overall the visit was a success.

After the hard work that had gone into organising the Theillay visit there had been a lull in Association activities over the summer. Several possibilities were mooted at Committee meetings, but identifying suitable dates which didn't clash with other activities or when enough Committee members were available to ensure success wasn't easy. It had however been possible to organise a Murder Mystery night at Nether Stowey Village Hall on Friday 26 October at which over 60 guests enjoyed a "whodunit" staged by the Taunton Thespians. Monthly quiz nights held at the Rose & Crown continued to be a valuable source of income through the autumn and winter months.

Treasurer's Report.

Michael Barry circulated the latest financial accounts. Paradoxically, these showed one of the biggest inflows of funds but a lower net return. This was partly because the Committee had decided not to concentrate on profit-making events. The Association's accounts were nevertheless healthy, with over £4,000 in the bank, although there would soon need to be a recruitment drive to counter the slow decline in membership (as well as the gradual increase in the average age of Members!). Thanks were given to Sue Davison for co-ordinating the Quiz Nights and to Peter Higginson and to Jean Higginson for the valuable support they give to the Association by collecting annual subscriptions.

Election of the Management Committee

Roy emphasised the uncertainty surrounding this Agenda item, given that the Chairman's intentions were unknown. That said, it was believed that all members of the existing Committee, with the exception of Tim Tribe, who was standing down, would continue to serve. This meant that Michael Barry (Treasurer), Roy Osborne (Secretary), Marie Easden, Sue Davison, Fay Brazier, Liz Onions and

Jackie Jones were all willing to continue for a further year. New nominations had been invited with the Notice of AGM and were invited from the floor, but none were forthcoming. It was however noted that Rick and Teresa Turner at Poole House had expressed interest in becoming involved with the Association. It was agreed that the first meeting of the Committee after the AGM would need to establish Ashley's intentions, not least because he had yet to say whether he wished to continue as Chairman.

Peter Greig suggested that the Association organise some sort of welcome event for people new to the village who might have little knowledge or understanding of the existence or aims of the Association. This led to a discussion about how to engage people's interest, with Dave Davison pointing out that the experience of the Playing Fields Committee and other village groups was that it was an uphill struggle to engage with some people. Although not a "dormitory" village it appeared at times to be in hibernation! The same individuals tended to do everything. There should be scope for organisations to work more closely together to raise awareness and interest.

It was agreed that the Committee would look into this, and would try to agree a programme of events, to list those events in the Quantock Messenger and to stick to them so people could note dates in diaries.

Visit to Theillay

Roy drew attention to Ashley Easden's note on the visit circulated to Members as an attachment to his (Roy's) email on the AGM. At a Committee meeting on 13 February Ashley had said that he had received around 15 expressions of interest in a visit, but because they had contacted Ashley direct no-one at the AGM knew who these individuals were. Roy explained that the package proposed by Ashley, involving a coach journey from Nether Stowey to Exeter airport, a FlyBe flight to Paris and coach from Paris to Theillay return appeared to be both conveniently scheduled and reasonably priced, but the Committee would need as a matter of urgency to establish who had expressed interest and to decide whether to proceed.

Forthcoming Events

There was a wide-ranging discussion. Some ideas had been sent to Roy in response to the questionnaire attached to the AGM notice. These included re-instatement of ideas which had previously been popular, such as Open Gardens, boules and Safari Suppers, as well as ideas for a more social focus to activities, such as an evening get-together at the Olive Tree restaurant in Bridgwater. It was generally thought that an event at which people (especially those new to the village) could hear about the Twinning Association over a relaxed drink would be helpful. Roy was keen to try (again) to engage the Primary School, perhaps via the new Head Teacher, by a meeting with or presentation to the PTA or by a message in the weekly school newsletter sent home with children on Fridays. Parents and schoolchildren should be a pool for future support for the Association.

The Association will have a stall at the village Fair on 4 May and hoped that Members would volunteer to man it. Roy suggested that we think about how to make it attractive and eye-catching, as well as a means of raising funds. One possibility (for instance) might be a lucky dip comprising of a large sack containing mainly white but occasionally red (prize-winning) onions, but all ideas from Members would be welcome. One suggestion from the floor was that we serve crepes on the stall, but it was thought that this might be difficult to organise and sustain for the day. Greg Parsons from the Cricketer Farm was mentioned as someone willing to help with catering for certain events.

The possibility of re-instating a film night was mentioned, with Peter Greig saying that there are moves afoot for contemporary films to be shown in the village, not least as a facility for people who found it difficult to get to Bridgwater or Taunton. All these ideas will need to be discussed in Committee.

Any Other Business

Eric Coates had received an email about renewal of the Association's web site subscription. Roy said that he had been unable to access the site without a password, but that this would need to be addressed quickly. (Comment: Eric has since sent the

password to Roy who has forwarded an exchange of emails to Mark Sells to clarify what is needed).

The Coming Year

Refurbishment work on the hall will continue this year with new guttering and fascias to the front of the hall and redecoration of the main hall and jubilee room by village volunteers on the weekends of 27th/28th July and 3rd/4th together with new curtains for both halls. The pronged cold spell this year has shown the hall heating to be lacking particularly during the evenings and work is planned to help enhance the heating in very cold spells. We also plan to improve the kitchen facilities during the year. Expenditure in the coming year on improvements is expected to exceed £3,500.

To help recover some of this expenditure new fund raising events will include a pamper evening in November and a coffee morning and evening talk to allow villagers to see the newly redecorated hall on the 10th August;

Summary

Expenditure on repairs to the last year totalled £5377.74 with expenditure on new facilities and enhancement of existing facilities amounting to £1433.87.

There is still much to do to catch up with maintenance and reverse the decay that the structural survey reported and to smarten the hall and enhance the facilities. To this end we ask the Parish council to make a generous grant for 2013 to help the committee to continue to move the hall forward.

The village hall now has a strong committee and during the next 12 months the committee plans to consult the village on the future for Nether Stowey village hall and continue with the repair of the current hall to prolong its life whilst introducing new events to bring more, younger people into the hall.

Ray Brooks

On behalf of Nether Stowey Village Hall Committee

15th May 2013



C.A.N.S.

Community Action for Nether Stowey

Stowey Memorial Project Group

Update following the Dedication of the Memorial on 27 October 2012:

1. The Memorial was **placed on site** over 23rd and 24th October and covered until the Saturday 27th when the unveiling by the Lord Lieutenant of Somerset and Dedication by the Rector of the Stowey and Archdeacon of Taunton took place.
2. Some 250 or so people were present on a sunny, breezy day with the Bugle Party of Somerset ACF leading the parade of dignitaries, RBL, and villagers from the Library. Chairs were brought from the church centre to seat the dignitaries and the less abled. At 11.30 on the 27th October the **memorial was unveiled** showing the design of Portland Stone chosen by the people of the parishes and created by Tom Clark, Stonecarver. The wording of "Over and Nether Stowey In memory of the people of Stowey who have given their lives in service to their country and in honour of those who serve today. We will remember them." was also chosen by the villagers with almost 70% of the votes received in each case. It was also agreed by the Project Group, CANS and the Parish Council that no names would be shown on the memorial at this stage as these are already noted in each church. These names are also in the time capsule buried beneath the memorial. Wreaths were laid by members of the community and the children of the Nether Stowey Primary School. A reception was held afterwards for all those directly involved at the Church Centre while other members of the public were encouraged to visit the local refreshment facilities.
3. The **funds needed** for the preparation, planning, creation of the memorial and the day's events were all raised through fundraising by the Memorial Group through Trusts (including the Fairfield Trust and the Duke of Cornwall Trust) as well as local businesses and villagers who wished to give a donation. Twelve local individuals and businesses who had guaranteed the income received letters thanking them for their backing and absolving them of future responsibilities.
4. The £2,000 promised to the Parish Council for continuing **maintenance** was raised and provided – some of this coming back in the form of reclaimed VAT. Consequently the Parish Council accepted responsibility for future insurance and maintenance of the Memorial from 27th October 2012.

5. In **March 2013** the Stowey Memorial Project Group met again to discuss the remaining funds raised for two books to be made about the Memorial names and its history, as well as provide a plaque for the adjacent wall.
6. Enough funds remain to create **the two books** of which there are planned to be at least two copies of each: one for the library and another to be retained by the Parish Council. One will be leather bound and a page caligraphed in the name of each of those who lost their lives in WWI and WWII with matching print to write something about each person and a photograph where one exists. It will also include stories and photos of others who have served for their country during these wars where possible. It is hoped to build up a picture of how the wars affected the Stoweys and those who lived here at the time. Both books are intended to be a valuable resource to the children of the village and anyone else who might wish to look a little further into the lives of those who offered so much.
7. The **second book** will show the formal story of the memorial including the list of donors which will be in a matching calligraphy to the Memorial Book and also a more informal section with records and memories of all that went into creating it. It will include photos of the making of it; the time capsule and all that went into it etc.
8. Jack McWilliam and Mike Henry are **now seeking help** from as many people as possible in the village and through the RBL to gain the information needed for the first book. Anything you can do to help would be appreciated.
9. Gerry Wright is putting together as much information as possible for the second. If funds run to it it is possible that **more copies could be made** of the second book to the larger funds and perhaps a limited number for sale.

January 10th

Safer Driving *Dave Hill*

Tea Hostess Margaret Adam
Raffle Margaret Adam
Flowers Jean Parry

February 14th

Somerset's Coast

Nigel Phillips

Tea Hostess Pam Palmer &
Claudia Ferriday
Raffle Margaret Harris
Flowers Cath Roberts

March 14th

Rhinestones & Sequins

Rachel Harding

Tea Hostess
Raffle Cath Roberts
Flowers Jean Aitkenhead

April 11th

World of Goldsmithing

Andrew Clarke

Tea Hostess Cath Roberts &
Joan Ansell
Raffle Margaret Harris
Flowers Margaret Scutter

May 9th

AGM & Resolutions

Tea Hostess Jo Forrest
Raffle Joan Ansell
Flowers Claudia Ferriday

June 13th

What is Herbal Medicine?

Maggie Pope

Tea Hostess Jean Morgan
Raffle Jacqueline Slade
Flowers Wendy Ebdon

July 11th

Kings, Queens & Royals!

Commander Anthony Holt

Tea Hostess
Raffle Charmain Wright
Flowers Jean Aitkenhead

August

No Meeting

September 12th

Making Films that Change People's Lives *Ingrid Hesling*

Tea Hostess Pauline Smith &
Ann Bass
Raffle Vi Adair
Flowers Margaret Scutter

October 10th

**Nether Stowey Parish Clerk—
What do I do?** *Caro Slaymaker*

Tea Hostess Jean Aitkenhead &
Tanya Mather
Raffle Barbara Carter
Flowers Pauline Heslop

November 14th

'Sarah freeman' 19c Murderess
Dr. Janet Settington

Tea Hostess Judy Neal &
Irene Bullock
Raffle Judy Neal
Flowers Irene Bullock

December 12th

Members Christmas Lunch

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Mrs. J. Parry
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Mrs. P. Heslop

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NETHER STOWEY W. I.

Programme 2013



President Mrs. M. Harris
Secretary Mrs. B. Carter
Treasurer Mrs. M. Bradner

Meetings start at 7pm



Nether Stowey
Parish Council

QUANTOCK ACTIVE LIVING



Somerset
Active Living

2013 PROGRAMME

*The Fourth Thursday of the Month
At the Church Centre from 2pm till 4pm*

Thursday 27th June _ _ _ _ Nether Stowey School
Mr Adams

Thursday 25th July _ _ _ _ "The Diary of a Somerset Parson"
David Sebborn

AUGUST. NO MEETING

Thursday 26th September _ Fit as a Fiddle
Dianne Ramsey

Thursday 24th October _ _ Teddy Bears
Mrs D Budd

Thursday 28th November _ Somerset's Coast
Nigel Phillips

Thursday 19th December _ Beautiful Britain
Mr Peter Trigg

CHRISTMAS TEA

**Cost £2.00 per person
(including tea/coffee, a slice of homemade cake and a raffle ticket)**

For further information please contact any of the following:

- Margaret Harris 16 Pooles Close Tel: 734613
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- Margaret Wells 40 Mount Road Tel: 732609

Nether Stowey Annual Parish Meeting

Quantock Musical Theatre Company

Report from Malcolm Hogg, Chairman of QMTC

2012 was again a busy year for us with a concert to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, followed by our now annual visit to Dunster Castle to entertain visitors for the 2 evenings of Christmas songs during the Dunster by Candlelight weekend, once again with the invitation to return in 2013. We sang again at Bridgwater Angel Place, The Snowflake Evening in Bridgwater, Hestercombe House, and our very own Village Hall Christmas Fair.

Once again we have approached various village hall committees around the area, offered and engaging in partnering, where the local organization and publicity of the event is carried out (with support from the QMTC team) by the representatives of the venue and following the performance subsequent 50-50 profit sharing proves beneficial to all parties.

The venues visited:-

Danesfield School (Williton VH Committee)

Otterhampton VH

Holford VH

Stogursey Victory Hall

Nether Stowey VH

We are making ourselves available to other groups for performances at fete's, parties etc.

Again this year QMTC Producer Bob Keene has taken on the mantle of organising the Village Centre entertainments at the May Fair assisting Mary Roberts (Chair of C.A.N.S.) in the massive task of organizing this popular event

Remember the stage extension we mention it every year, do not forget that it is available for use by anyone. You will have seen it in use at the 'Panto' and more recently at the performance by 'Taunton Operatic'. The extension is versatile and can be used in many different ways to make steps or display staging etc. Should any organization wish to avail themselves of the use of the stage extension, contact Malcolm Hogg or Mike Onions of 'The Quantock Players' and we will be only too pleased to help.

In mentioning 'The Quantock Players' may I take this opportunity in again thanking the 'lighting crew' for their services during our performance in the Village Hall.

The show went very well for an opening of the season. The audience attendance was disappointing but, although small they were very warm, appreciative and all enjoyed our tribute to Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, 'Singing in the REIGN'.

As chairman every year I must make thanks once again for all the hard work by, the organisers, directors, musical directors and the performers, back stage crews, front of house, Tea ladies (most important), last but not least our hard working committee, without their great input we would not exist. Thank you.

2013 sees us almost ready to start (June) our run of concert tours, 'When you wish upon a Star' a celebration of Disney. We will be planning a new Christmas season as soon as this one comes to an end.

So, QMTC is alive and well, but as always we need support from the community in the form of audience which goes without saying, in addition, as always we are looking for new members we need members who are willing to commit to the company, not just to sing and/or perform there are many ways to get involved.

We can be contacted via the website www.magicofthemusicals.info well worth a visit for interested parties, e-mail addresses are available there for all of the officers and contacts within the company, the content of the site will increase as we progress. Information and news is also available on the excellent www.quantockonline.co.uk site.

On behalf of the committee

Malcolm Hogg, Chairman

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