

# October 2025



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For Nether Stowey & Over Stowey

## Messenger 50p



Front Cover & Inside: A selection of entries to this years Nether Stowey Flower Show held on Saturday 16th August. Photo's Sophie Carver

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Many thanks to all our contributors, we have a variety of articles for you this month.

If you are not a regular contributor but have an announcement, news or a one-off item you would like to be included, we look forward to hearing from you.

In the meantime, we hope you enjoy this month's edition.

Best wishes from the QM team.

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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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O/Stowey Village Hall	<b>Jackie Barrow</b>	07891720565

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

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Dispensary 01278 733385 10am - 11.30am & 4pm - 5pm (Mon-Fri)  
Dispensary Collection 10am - 12pm & 4 - 6pm (Mon-Fri)  
[somicb.quantock.mc@nhs.net](mailto:somicb.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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### **Other Community Facilities**

**Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline** 03454 040506

**The Thomas Poole Library** 732741 (Mon & Wed 10-1, Thurs 3.30 - 6.30, Fri 10-1 & 2-5 / Sat 10-1)

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**Village Agent:** Sarah Bennet, 07985 680269,

## DIARY DATES 2025

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 6.45pm-8.15pm at NSCC

Every Tuesday - Walk for Health - Quantock Medical Centre

Every Tuesday - Short Mat Bowls 2-5pm - £4 session, annual subs £20 - NSCC

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

2nd Tuesday each month - SGSG meeting 2.30pm

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

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 - 2pm-4pm - NSCC

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

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

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

Last Friday of the Month - Library Book Group - 3pm—4.30 - TPL

Every Saturday - Second-hand book sales 10am—1pm TPL

3rd Saturday each month - SGSG litter picking 10am

1st & 3rd Saturday each month - Dungeons & Dragons - TPL

2nd Saturday each month - Dungeons & Dragons DM Workshop - TPL

Saturday 11th October Over Stowey Harvest Supper & Quiz 6pm (p23)	OSVH
Saturday 15th November NSVHRC Quiz & Ploughman's 7pm (p17)	NSCC
Saturday 22nd November Christmas Craft Fayre 10—3pm (p34)	NSCC

NSCC - Nether Stowey Church Centre  
OSVH - Over Stowey Village Hall

TPL - Thomas Poole Library  
SGSG - Stowey Green Spaces Group

## **Nether Stowey Flower Show Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August**

Despite the arid conditions, we had another hugely successful flower show on 16<sup>th</sup> August. We had 263 entries from 52 competitors. As expected, fruit, veg and flowers were down due to the hot weather, but this was more than made up, by the entries in the children's, handicraft, produce, photography, plants and art.

This years' show was opened by Colin and Diane Penny. Colin welcomed everyone and thanked all the volunteers and committee for their hard work to put on the show. He also thanked all the competitors, without whom a show would be possible. He encouraged people to continue to support the show, so that this lovely village tradition could continue. He especially liked the children's entries.

Colin and Diane were presented with a buttonhole and bouquet by William and Ollie Abbot.

The refreshments tent was a huge success, with non-stop demand all afternoon.

### Cup Winners

Junior – Amelia Palmer 33 points

Junior Runner up – Joint Wilfred Dore & Oliver Abbot 8 points

Fruit, Veg & flowers and plants – Mike Carver 75 points

Floral Art – Jill Bramhall 12 points

Produce – Zoe Connaughton 20 points

Handicraft – Joint Hilary Sells, Zoe Connaughton & Emma Sysum 8 points

Photography – Haydn Bramhall 20 points

Stowey Gardener – Robin Brierley 18 points

WI – Cath Roberts 4 points

Nether Stowey Lady Gaining Most Points – Rose Baker 35 points

Nether Stowey Gent Gaining Most Points – Chris Archer 17 points

Adult outside Nether Stowey Gaining most points – Mike Carver 75 points

Child's Best Exhibit in Show – Oliver Abbot for Animal from Vegetable

Best Exhibit in Divisions A & B – Rose Baker for Onions

Best Pot Plant – Abbi Peters

Best Exhibit in Floral Art – Jill Bramhall for Cup & Saucer Arrangement

Best Exhibit in Produce – Chris Archer for Fig Jam

Best Exhibit in Handicraft – Fiona Charleton – Suede Bag

Overall Best in Show – Andrew Hayes – Wooden Cart.

I would like to thank everyone who entered, visited during the afternoon, (over 150 people came), the WI for the cake stall, the Church Centre for their support and finally the hard-working committee and their families. If you would like to help next year, please let us know.

Jackie Hellier



Photo: Sophie Carver



## **STEART MARSHES EXPANSION**

Residents of the Stoweys who visit Steart Marshes will be interested to know that there are plans to significantly increase the area of the reserve. Bristol Port Company will invest in new facilities for the assembly of floating offshore wind turbines which will, when ready, be positioned in the Celtic Sea. The project will result in the loss of intertidal feeding areas on the Severn Estuary, which are important for wintering birds and for which compensatory habitat needs to be created.

The land which has been earmarked for this purpose stretches along the coast from Stolford to Wall Common, to the northwest of the existing Steart Marshes reserve. The total area, which extends to 130 hectares (320 acres) will be converted to new wetland reserve, comprising intertidal mudflats, creeks and lagoons, some with shingle-topped islands. Birdwatching hides will be built at key viewing points. The existing coastal footpath will have to be diverted inland to skirt the new development, with improved routes for farm access, walkers, cyclists and horse riders.

These developments, both at Avonmouth and Steart, have already necessitated very extensive survey work. Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) will of course be required, but provided that planning consent is given earthworks should get underway from late 2026, with the new reserve scheduled to open to the public from the autumn of 2028. Like the existing Steart marshes, the new reserve will be managed by the Slimbridge-based Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust.

More information can be found on the "Stearst Habitat Creation Scheme -WWT" web site or email  
[StearstConsultaton@bristolport.co.uk](mailto:StearstConsultaton@bristolport.co.uk)

Roy Osborne



We are running a trip to CRIBBS on the 27th October. Christmas shopping or just a browse, coffee, lunch.

No driving, no carpark fees. Coach will pick up opposite the fire station at 9am, return at 4pm.

The cost is just £10.

To book a seat please contact:

Terry on 01278 732710 or

Margaret on 01278 734613.

Look forward to seeing you.

## Mary's Meals

Last year I wrote a small piece about my lovely neighbour, Peter, growing and selling plants for Mary's Meals. At that time, Peter had raised £350 for this amazing charity, that provides a free school meal to children who otherwise would be out begging, working or scavenging for food, with no time or energy for school. No school means no education, therefore no job, so perpetuating the cycle of poverty and hunger. A free school meal draws children into school, filling their tummies, giving them the energy to learn and giving them hope of a better future.

This year, to date, Peter has raised the total to £1,260, and importantly, helped raise awareness of Mary's Meals. I can't give Peter all the credit, but he, along with other generous souls, has helped the number of children being fed in 16 countries around the world, to increase to over 3,000,000 every school day. In 2002 it was just 200 hungry children in a primary school in Blantyre Malawi. Isn't it amazing what love and generosity can do.

Peter's stall is open daily in his front garden at 60 South Lane. My heartfelt thanks to Peter and to all the lovely villagers who have visited his stall. But of course, the biggest thanks will come from the children you have helped. Ann White.



Photo: A White

# ***THE TORRIANO ENSEMBLE***

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SATURDAY 18  
OCTOBER 2025  
7.00PM

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CASH BAR FOR DRINKS AND REFRESHMENTS



**October 2025**

**Crab cakes with anchovy and lemon  
mayonnaise – makes 4 crab cakes**



It's hot ...very hot while I write these dishes during the August heatwave. Don't know about you but I don't seem to have much of an appetite in this weather. So here are a few light dishes for summer heat.

Cornish crab is in season so here is a crab cake recipe.

**Ingredients**

- 400g crab meat (white meat only)
- 200g potato cooked and mashed (no lumps please)
- 2 spring onions
- Small bunch of chives finely chopped
- Zest and juice of one lemon
- 15g plain flour
- Yolk of one egg

Salt and pepper to taste

**Method**

- Leaving out the flour, mix lightly all the ingredients together. Try not to squeeze the mixture too much. Form into 4 equal sized balls. Now gently with the palm of your hand, flatten slightly into discs. Flour lightly and place on a floured plate and leave to set in the fridge for at least an hour.
- Heat a non-stick frying pan and fry for 2-3 mins on each side.

Serve with a green salad and a lemon and anchovy mayonnaise.

## **Lemon and Anchovy mayonnaise**

### **Ingredients**

- 2 egg yolks
- Small clove of garlic
- 2 chopped anchovy fillets
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- Lemon juice to taste

250ml Sunflower oil

### **Method**

Place egg yolks, mustard, anchovies in a blender and whizz for about 20 seconds to emulsify. Now slowly add the oil while the blender is running. Serve straight away but it will keep for 3-4 days in a sealed jar in a fridge.

## **Roasted Sea Bream – serves 4**

I have used sea bream in this recipe, but you could also roast any whole fish e.g. sea bass, mackerel, trout etc.

### **Ingredients**

- 1 whole fish
- 500g whole potatoes cut in half and sliced
- 2 sliced small onions
- 1 sliced lemon
- 2 bay leaves
- A small bunch of chopped parsley

- 1 tsp sweet paprika
- 2 chopped large garlic cloves
- 50ml sherry vinegar
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Olive oil

## **Method**

- Pre-heat the oven to 180 C degrees.
- Fry the potatoes in olive oil for about 6 minutes turning every now and then.
- Remove and place on kitchen paper
- Now add the onions to the pan and fry for about 5 mins and then place with the potatoes
- Line a baking tray with parchment paper and place the potatoes and onion in the tray
- Add salt, pepper and the sweet paprika and give a gentle stir
- Add the bay leaves, a touch more olive oil and 3 slices of lemon
- Place the fish in the tray, and place the rest of the lemon slices on top of the fish
- Place in the pre-heated oven for 25 mins.
- Meanwhile make a little sauce called "Majado". I make it in a small food processor although you could just use a knife.
- Chop the garlic and parsley together, not too fine and tip into a bowl.
- Add the vinegar, stir and add a pinch of salt.
- Take the fish out of the oven, spread the "Majado" over the fish and return to the oven for 5-6 mins. Serve with a big green salad or dark green leafy veg.

### **The Marion Evered Trust**

As the Summer closes its curtains and Autumn joins us our main charity events are done for the year, we would like to thank all those that have helped us with events, donated to the charity and those that have attended events to help us this year. News as to how much we hand over to the Oak children's cancer ward at Musgrove will be in the next newsletter.

If your interested in joining the 200 club and want to be in the draw then please contact Pauline Barrow on 01278 732522 for details.

#### **200 club winners**

Aug

£20 Caroline Hutchings £10 Alison Roberts £5 Richard Holt

Sept

£20 Steve Little £10 Freda Barrow £5 Paul Crossland

### **Thank You**

A huge thankyou to all our friends who gave us cards/gifts on the occasion of our 60th wedding anniversary on the 28th August this year

Stuart & Margaret Harris





**NETHER  
STOWEY**  
VILLAGE HALL & RECREATION GROUND

## Quiz evening with Ploughman's Supper And Pud

On Saturday the **15<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

At Nether Stowey Church Centre

Doors open 7pm quiz starts 7.30pm

Teams of up to six

£10 per person

Prize for the winning team

Raffle

Tickets available from The Post Office

All Tickets need to be paid for prior to the event

No reserved tickets and No pay at the door

Tel: Jan 07740 086656 if you have any dietary needs

Bring your own bottle(s)



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# 50-50 LOTTERY DRAW

## September 2025 Draw

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	<b>£33.00</b>	Ticket No: 14	K Trout
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	<b>£16.50</b>	Ticket No: 242	R Palmer
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	<b>£9.90</b>	Ticket No: 250	H Bramhall
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	<b>£6.60</b>	Ticket No: 27	M Thomas

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Jane Erksine, Trustee 732025

Sharon Mayell, Treasurer 732311

Congratulations to the recent winners of our 50:50 Lottery and  
THANK YOU for your continued support.

We held our AGM on 3 September when new drawings for the new Stowey Centre were on display. These were 'hot off the press' and still need tweaking before they can be submitted to the ecologists to complete their report, then a low level lighting plan needs to be drawn up before they can be submitted to Somerset Council. Everything takes time, but we continue to work hard behind the scenes to make this project happen.

## The Latest from the Cricket Club



Well where did that summer go? With just one Saturday of the cricket season left, the two senior teams have had contrasting levels of success.

The 1stXI with one game left to play lie in 8<sup>th</sup> position in the first division and will just avoid relegation as the two teams below them (Brompton Ralph and Winsford ) cannot mathematically catch them.

A combination of injuries, holidays ,work and poor commitment has meant that first team skipper Kieran Barrow has struggled to put out a settled side, hopefully this will be addressed next year.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI on the other hand, have had a much more favourable season, finishing third in division four and only missing out on promotion by 19 points, in fact had it not been for two games conceded to the opposition\*(35 points for a win) promotion would have been a formality.

The youth set up at the club continues to grow from strength to strength and we are very grateful for all the time and support given by our wonderful coaches and volunteers not to mention the parents.

Our two main fund raising events this year were both a resounding success with both the BIG BASH and the more recent mountain bike event bringing in much needed funds.

Finally, if you are reading this and have a little time to spare, we are always on the lookout for players/coaches/scorers and ground staff, so please get in touch with the club chairman Les Biffen on 07384381368 and he will give you more information on the various roles within the club.

Dates for the Diary:

Club Dinner and Awards Ceremony : Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October

Club AGM : Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October.

Until the next time.

Over and Out

## **Nick's Gardening Notes**

### **October 2025**



This is a good month to reflect on the 2025 season and consider your successes and failures whether it is in the garden or on the allotment. It has been a challenging growing season with high temperatures and very low rainfall until late August. At the time of writing, I have now had about 60 mm (2.4") of rain and it always amazes me how resilient plants are and the speed at which some recover. Some plants will have suffered badly and now is an opportunity to evaluate the garden as a whole and perhaps consider changing the planting. Perhaps to reduce the maintenance or even rethink/expand the vegetable plot. In my case I have given up the allotment after 25 years and it is a case of changing some of the garden in order to accommodate some vegetables and fruit.

**Vegetables:** cold nights and autumnal weather can soon cause damage to late sown salad and root crops such as carrots but covering with fleece or a cloche can provide protection, help maintain quality and extend the season. Overwintering onion sets, such as Radar can still be planted this month and Jermor is a good shallot variety. Garlic, Provence Wight or similar, can be planted now and into November but as with the onion sets fertiliser application is best left until the spring when a balanced dressing should be applied as growth commences. Planting of spring cabbage should be completed. Old yellowing leaves on brassicas should be removed and composted. Very tall brassicas may benefit from a cane to give winter support. As ground becomes cleared of summer crops winter cultivations can be commenced and organic matter dug in. No-dig beds should be weeded and organic matter/compost applied.

**The Greenhouse:** summer crops such as tomatoes, cucumbers, etc will be coming to an end and the greenhouse can be cleared and the opportunity taken to give the inside a thorough wash and clean before it is used again.

**Fruit:** It has been generally a good year for both tree fruit and soft fruit although size of fruits may have suffered through lack of soil moisture. Late varieties of apples and pears should be harvested and stored. Weak canes of blackberries, loganberries, tayberries and the old fruiting canes of main season raspberries can be pruned and new canes tied in. Clean up between strawberry plants removing excess runners and weeds.

**Flowers:** remove summer bedding and replace with winter/spring bedding plants such as violas, wallflowers, primroses/

polyanthus, and forget-me-nots. This is the month for planting bulbs whether in containers or in the border or lawn. Lift tender plants such as dahlias to store dry over the winter. In well drained situations dahlia tubers can be left in the ground but protect with a good layer of compost. Start to overhaul herbaceous borders where overlarge clumps can be split and old weak growth removed and replaced with younger vibrant pieces. Fleshy rooted genera such as hostas are best divided in the spring when fleshy wounds heal and quickly make new growth.

**Shrubs and trees:** while the soil is still warm it is an excellent month for planting hardy trees and shrubs and in particular evergreens. Climbing roses can be pruned by removing dead, damaged and unhealthy looking stems and then tie in shoots that can extend the framework and prune others back to two or three buds. Check that the plant support is in good order for the winter. At the end of the month reduce the height of rose bushes and taller shrubs such as Buddleja and Lavatera that are prone to windrock and complete pruning in the late winter. It is a good month for taking hardwood cuttings of roses.

**Weed control:** where perennial weeds have become a serious problem it may be worth removing the plants, cleaning their root systems of invasive weed roots and thoroughly digging the bed and removing weed roots/underground stems, etc. before replanting.

Nick Rigden

# OVER STOWEY HARVEST SUPPER

Saturday 11th October

6pm bar open, seated by 7pm

Over Stowey Village Hall

Tickets £10 per person, to include:

Homemade Soup & Bread, Ploughman's & Delicious Crumble Puds,  
all sourced from local producers & makers

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BAR - RAFFLE - QUIZ (optional!)

Raffle prizes to be confirmed, but rest assured they will be fabulous!

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Tickets on sale from 1st September. Call to reserve yours now!

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Lu: 07967 278293

Hilary: 07724 974895

Jane: 07742 632728



# Nether Stowey Arts Evenings

A mini-festival at the library

Wednesday 12 November, 7pm

## Painting the Quantocks

An illustrated journey through the artistic heritage of the Quantock Hills.

A short talk by Terence Sackett on the history of landscape painting in West Somerset, including the celebrated Victorian Idyllists group.

Local artists, including Claire Devergie and Juliet Harkness, will share insights into their work, their sources of inspiration, and the appeal of this unique landscape. The event will feature a selection of slides and an exhibition of original paintings.



Wednesday 19 November, 7pm

## Charles Dickens and his legacy



An evening with writer and broadcaster Lucinda Hawksley, the great-great-granddaughter of Charles Dickens.

Lucinda will explore the life and enduring influence of her celebrated ancestor, offering fresh insights into his world and the creative legacy he left behind.

This promises to be a fascinating blend of literary heritage and contemporary perspective, bringing Dickens's relevance for today's audiences.





### Wednesday 26 November, 7pm

#### Cecil Sharp's Quantocks

An evening celebrating the great folk-music collector, Cecil Sharp, who began his pioneering work on English folk music in Somerset, collecting many pieces from the Quantock area.

Local folk performer Paul Upton introduces us to Cecil Sharp, and then joins Watchet folk duo Candelford, and singers John Hartoch and Jackie Macbeth, to ensure an informative and entertaining evening with a distinctly local flavour.

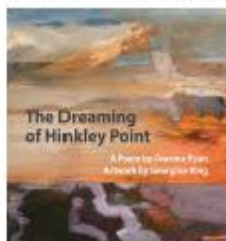


### Wednesday 3 December, 7pm

#### Writing the Quantocks

An inspirational evening of words and music, accompanied by film and image.

Fire River poet Graeme Ryan will read from his powerful poem 'The Dreaming of Hinkley Point', with a film show of stunning paintings by Minehead artist Georgina King. Graeme and Georgina's book will be on sale.



Ralph Hoyte will talk about his innovative Quantock Poetry Trail, and local poets, including Anne Lovejoy and Viv Grant, will read their poems.

There will also be readings from writers of the past about Thomas Poole, and a performance by volunteers from Coleridge Cottage.

Justin Shepherd, Wiveliscombe-based classical guitarist and committee member of the Friends of Coleridge, will provide musical interludes.

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### To reserve your seat

If you would like to reserve a seat at any of the events please email [events@thomaspoolibrary.org.uk](mailto:events@thomaspoolibrary.org.uk)

indicating which event(s) and how many tickets.

Non-members of the library Trust £10, members £7.50 per event, payable at the door.

There will be an interval at each event for refreshments

**The Thomas Poole Library**  
Castle Street, Nether Stowey TA5 1LN  
Tel: 07734 968940  
Website: [thomaspoolibrary.org.uk](http://thomaspoolibrary.org.uk)

# Quantock Quilting and Sewing Group

Held at St Mary's Church Centre, Nether Stowed  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday each month 10am-1pm

Come and join us. New members always welcome. No experience necessary. We are a very friendly group

**Our Christmas Fayre this Year is on the 22<sup>nd</sup>  
of November.  
SAVE THE DATE**

**If you would like to book a sales table, please call:-  
Gill Griffiths 01278 733709**

For any further queries please contact Sue 07956 925787  
or Lyn 01278 732576 or Anna 01278 652307

## **News from The Quantock Medical Centre**

This is a reminder that The **Covid Team will be attending the Practice on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025** to hold a **Walk in Clinic from 9. 30 am to 4pm** for anyone locally who needs a covid vaccination (those over 75 years and those who are immunocompromised).

We will be holding our **Flu Clinics** on the following dates this year so please do call us on 01278 732696 to book an appointment.

Wednesday 1st & 8<sup>th</sup> October

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> October

Last year over 300 patients who would usually get their flu vaccination at the Medical Centre went to a Pharmacy or had it

during their covid vaccination which meant that we had to throw 300 vaccines the equivalent of £3000 away. So please do **support the Practice and come to us for your vaccine** if you are eligible.

### **WHO CAN HAVE THE SEASONAL FLU VACCINATION**

Eligible groups for the 2025 to 2026 season:

Aged 2 and 3 years on 31 August 2025

Those aged 6 months to under 65 years in clinical risk groups (Diseases of the Heart, Lung, Kidney, Liver, Blood, Asthma, COPD, Diabetes, Weakened Immune System, Stroke, or with a BMI of 40 or higher.

Pregnant women

All those aged 65 years and over

Carers, those in receipt of carer's allowance or main carer of an older or disabled person

Household contacts of immunocompromised individuals

Frontline health and social care staff

Children in Reception to Year 11 to be done in schools

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Helen Stacey

Practice Manager

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	<b>NETHER STOWEY</b>	<b>OVER STOWEY</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> October</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Trinity	11.00am Morning Worship (Church Centre)	6.30pm Harvest Evensong
<b>12<sup>th</sup> October</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Trinity	11.00am Holy Communion (Church)	9.30am Morning Worship
<b>19<sup>th</sup> October</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Trinity	11.00am Morning Worship (Church Centre)	9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)
	3.00pm Deanery Service    St. Peter's Williton	
<b>26<sup>th</sup> October</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Trinity	11.00am Holy Communion (Church)	No Service

## **COFFEE MORNING**

### **ST. MARY'S CHURCH CENTRE**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October**

**10.30am – 12.00noon**

Dear All,

We have welcomed in the new academic year after a long and warm summer of holidays, rest and enjoying the outdoors. Children have now started or returned to school, and our young people have stepped out into the wider world. Some have left home to go to college or university. We wish them all well.

Autumn is often the season when we notice change. The daylight hours lessen and it gets colder. We celebrate the countryside in all its beauty and its changing colours. We notice the fields around us have been harvested and enjoy the glorious sunrises and sunsets that frame our days at this time of year. In the churches, there will be harvest services in which we give thanks to our farmers for their work all year round and to God for his gifts to us.

We move then into a time of remembrance. On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, we will be gathering for our All Souls' services, where we remember loved ones who have passed away and are no longer with us. All are welcome to the short service at which we light candles in memory of our loved ones, followed by refreshments and an opportunity to chat. This year the services will be in Goathurst Church, Nether Stowey Church and Holford Church – all at 3:30pm. If you would like to have a name of a loved one read out, please let Alison in the Benefice Office know, ideally by email:

[qv.benefice@gmail.com](mailto:qv.benefice@gmail.com). It would be helpful if you could put 'All Souls' in the subject line.

With every blessing this autumntide.

Eleanor

## CHURCH CONTACT POINTS

ST. MARY'S, Nether Stowey *with* ST. PETER & ST. PAUL, Over Stowey

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**Church Centre Contact:**  
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stoweygardeners@yahoo.com

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

16 October	Talk. Gertrude Jekyll's Planting Plans. Claire Greenslade
20 November	Talk. Chelsea or Bust. Claire Hart
12 December	MEMBERS CHRISTMAS PARTY

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## **NETHER STOWEY & FIDDINGTON WI**



**What is a Village Agent?** Well, on 11th

September members were enlightened when Village Agent, Sarah Bennett, came to our meeting. A Village Agent is a local, paid community support worker, who provides free, confidential and practical solutions and advice to vulnerable or isolated individuals. The movement started back in 1926, when a need was identified in rural areas for help and support where people don't have easily-accessed help and support services. The Community Council for Somerset (CCS) currently has a team of over 60 Village Agents working across Somerset.

A Village Agent acts as a link between isolated or vulnerable residents in rural communities, putting a user in touch with the various support services available, including statutory, voluntary or community organisations, providing free, confidential and practical solutions and advice. They provide practical and emotional support on nearly everything, including helping people to access benefits and financial assistance, social care, health and isolation concerns/problems, and Sarah said that a Village Agent could always point a person to the appropriate source of help that was needed. They can also offer help and advice with housing issues, and perhaps recommending a tradesman, who will have been scrupulously vetted, if work or

maintenance is required.

Help from a Village Agent can be accessed through many avenues, i.e. your GP surgery, on line at **somersetagents.org**, by personal recommendation, through Age Concern, a Talking Cafe, by their Advice Line on **01823-331222**, to name just a few ways of contacting this service, which is free. The nearest Talking Cafes to Nether Stowey are at Williton and Bridgwater.

They also support unpaid carers looking after a family member, partner or friend and in need support or respite themselves.

This service can be accessed on **0800-3168600** or by email on **carers@thrivesomerset.org.uk**.

The garden & cream tea held at a member's home in August was a great success, thanks to some wonderful summer sun.

On **9th October** we will have a return visit from Ursula Franklin, who this time will be telling us about Madagascar, and the **13th November** meeting will be a Laser Printing session, which should prove to be quite informative and interesting.

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month from 2.00 - 4.00 pm in the Church Centre. Admission is £1.50p, which includes refreshments and a raffle. Our meetings are open to non-members, who might not want to commit themselves to joining but would like to try us out first, and would be very welcome.

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As the Parish Council had not met prior to the submission deadline, there are no further updates as yet.

It is however the time of year that the Parish Council request that as the bird nesting season has ended, please could any landowner/property owners with a boundary that has hedging adjacent to or trees overhanging the highway ensure that these are cut back as soon as possible in the interests of safety to all road users.

The Clerk vacancy is still open and if you are interested in finding out more or applying for this position, please see the Parish Council website for more information [https://](https://overstoweyparishcouncil.gov.uk/news/parish-clerk-vacancy/)

[overstoweyparishcouncil.gov.uk/news/parish-clerk-vacancy/](https://overstoweyparishcouncil.gov.uk/news/parish-clerk-vacancy/) or phone on 07391 313740.

The role is varied and interesting and if someone would like to take this opportunity on, the existing Clerk would be very happy to job share or shadow someone for an extended period of time to ensure that the new Clerk is confident with the workings of a small Parish Council.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> of November,

but this is to be confirmed. Please check the noticeboard and website 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. If you provide your full contact details, we can then ensure appropriate and relevant items raised are on the agenda for the next meeting.

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

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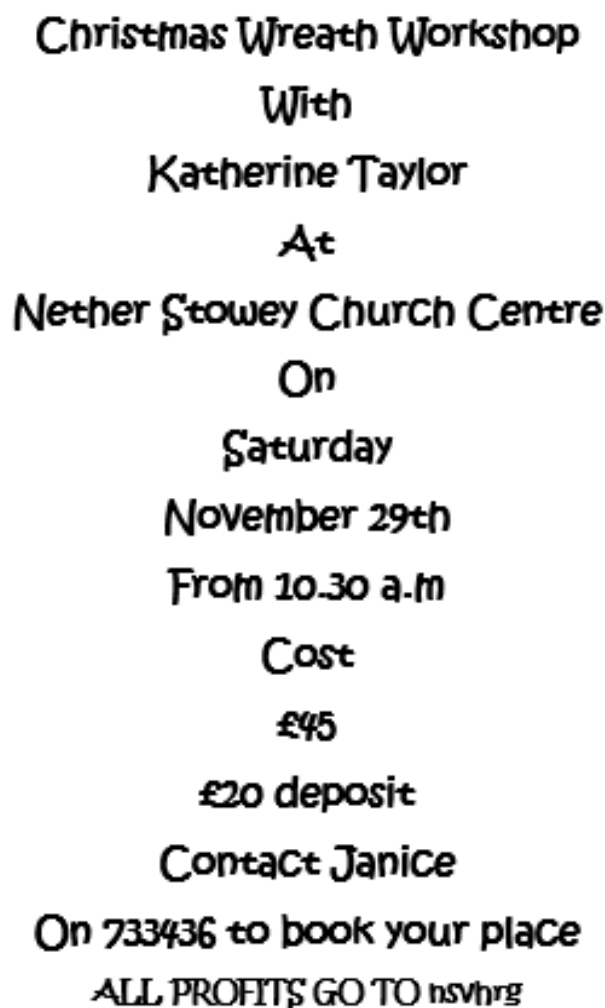
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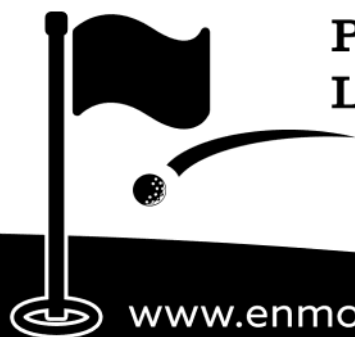
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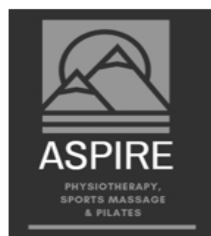
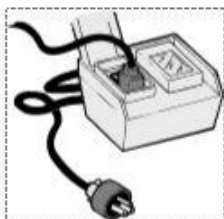
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