

Bridge of the Month 135. Mar 2022 Staverton

I am determined to keep up, but this month has been particularly wild. I turned 75 on 3rd March. For some time I did not expect to be here. On 5th -6th I had a sort of extended house party. I think nearly 70 people passed through. By then I was already feeling less than well and at the end of the week I began itching and turned a nasty shade of yellow. A week in hospital and a dynorod job on the stent in my bile duct leaves me 5kg lighter, rather weaker but intellectually, apparently back together.

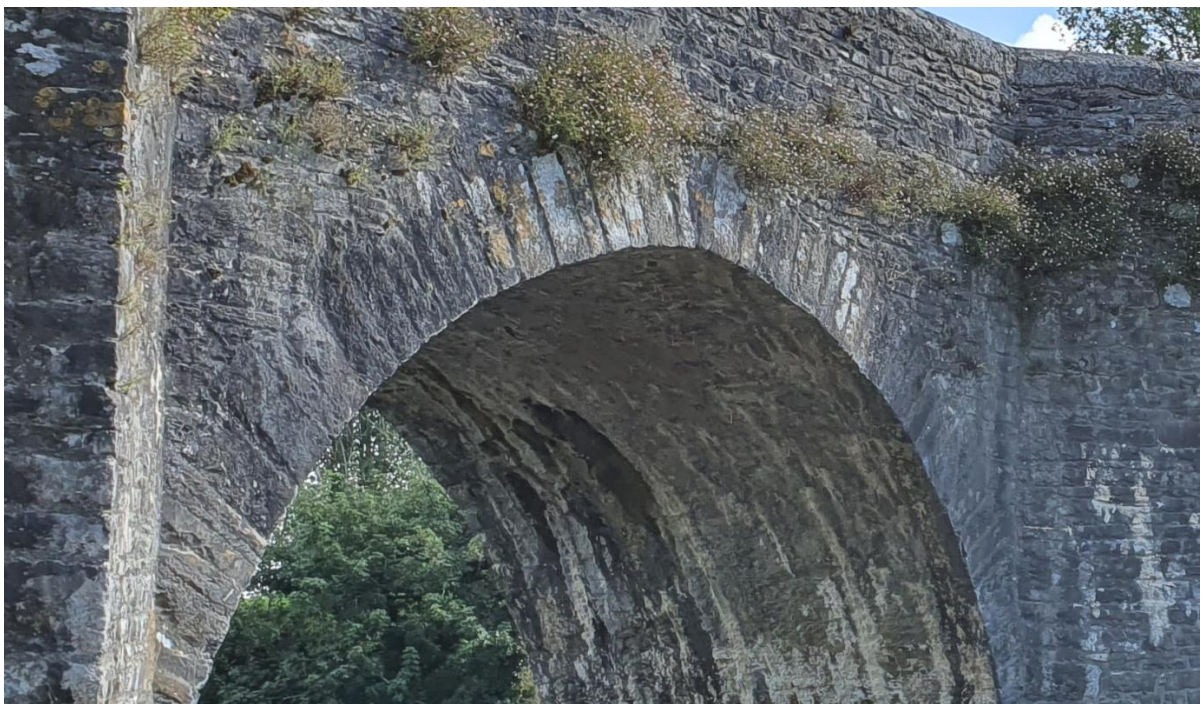
That was by way of explaining that it will be thin pickings this month. Much to my distress, I have lost some photos from a visit to Staverton Bridge back in September. The ones I have are from my phone and don't show a lot but it is surely worth recording that the bridge is there and worth a visit.

Staverton bridge is [here](#) near Dartington, and has the added benefit of its own railway station.

It is a lovely bridge.



I think that is seven spans.



Those water marks suggest it has been widened.



Looking square through we can see that the arch is made from selected but not tapered stones. The builders have nearly managed to follow the curve but left a broad wedge to fill at the, slightly pointed, crown.

Note the sockets at the left here, where the centres were once supported.

March being nearly over, I will leave it at that and try to give more to next month.