

THE

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Nymphsfield

NEWS & ADVERTISER



Editorial

Welcome to the Summer Edition of the Nymphy News where you will find the latest news from the parish council, the climate action group and school plus articles and poetry from all our regulars. Feel free to send us your opinions, rants and mere musings. Deadline for the next edition is 20 August.

The editors

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Cover picture: Thanks to Bob Woodman for pointing out this photo (available on Ebay for about £80). It's described as Victorian but looks more recent to me. Does anyone recognise either of the men in it?

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09:20 (65) Dursley and Gloucester
10:21 (65A) Dursley and Coaley (Sat only)
11:20 (65) Dursley and Gloucester
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13:20 (65) Dursley and Gloucester
14:01 (165) from N'lsworth) to Dursley
then Coaley (Mon to Fri)
15:50 (65) Dursley and Gloucester
17:50 (65) Dursley to Cam & Dursley Stn
(18:20) terminating Westend, Stonehouse

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08:20 (65) Stroud, leaving Cam & Dursley
Station at 07:51
10:25 (165) Stroud via Nailsworth (Mon-Fri
only)
11:05 (65) Stroud
11:17 (65A) Stroud (Sat only)
13:05 (65) Stroud
13:32 (65A) Stroud & Whiteway (Sat only)
15:05 (65) Stroud
17:05 (65) Stroud

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Volunteers wanted to help mow St Bart's churchyard – contact Ann Hardy 860876

What's On or Off

EVERYTHING NYMPSFIELD!

Join us in the "Everything Nympsfield!" Facebook group for the very latest news

NYMPSFIELD WORKING MEN'S CLUB

See our Facebook page for details
BINGO: Alternate Mondays 7pm.
Next: 27 June and 11 July

THE ROSE AND CROWN INN

Open for business. Bookings being taken for tables and B&B rooms!

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roseandcrown55@gmail.com, Facebook message (link from web site) or 01453 860612.

U3A BRIDGE GROUP U3A Bridge has resumed at the Methodist Meeting Room, Dursley starting at a prompt 2 pm, and continue each Tuesday until further notice. Call Richard Gwyer on 01453 860512, or see Cam U3A website for details.

WOODCHESTER MANSION has a new Facebook page: search FB for woodchestermansion
www.woodchestermansion.org.uk

ST JOSEPH'S PRE-SCHOOL

Mon to Fri, term time only, 8:50am to 3pm, St Joseph's School
St Joseph's Pre-school accepts children from the age of two. Registered provider for 2, 3 and 4 year old nursery education funded children. We are also registered to offer 30 hours free childcare entitlement.

Contact Natalie Powers 860311 or email stjosephspresch@gmail.com. See Facebook: 'St Joseph's Pre-school' and article later in this edition.

100 CLUB WINNERS

Week 37 No. 91 Ian Crossland.
Week 38 No. 38 Syd Gwyer.
Week 39 No. 11 Richard Mayes. (£25)
Week 40 No. 94 Verity Giles.
Week 41 No. 8 Paul Harrison.
Week 42 No. 18 Paul Fisher.
Week 43 No. 5 Rose Beach.
Week 44 No. 59 Ann Fisher.
Week 45 No. 14 Mark Holloway.
Week 46 No. 26 Pat Smith.
Week 47 No. 85 Christine Keith.
Week 48 No. 33 Lucy Hare
100 club membership of £12 per number is due at the end of July. If anyone is passing Delahay Townsend please drop the money in clearly marked with their name. If not, we will call and collect sometime in August and September. We do have several spare numbers. Pat and Malcolm 01453 860696.

WiN Women in Nympsfield

Members enjoyed a lovely evening at Whackers celebrating 10 +1 years of WIN at the May meeting – where has the time gone!

We will have had the AGM in June but a little too late for this publication. Our next meeting is Monday, 18th July hosted by Pam at her own home – Cream tea and Pimms. Further details regarding start time, transport and parking will be sent to all members shortly. Looking forward to an enjoyable evening and fingers crossed great weather.

No AUGUST meeting.

If you are not a member and would like to be, please give us a try as a guest (£2), we look forward to seeing you.

For further information, please get in touch: - dianebrimley@hotmail.co.uk or call 079395 08398.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES

Parish of Uley with Owlpen and Nympsfield (part of the Ewelme Benefice): Parish Holy Communion is at 10am, held at St Bartholomew Nympsfield on the first Sunday of the month; all other Sundays at Uley, St Giles.

Other services in Dursley, see website <http://tinyurl.com/ssra4z3>
Vicar Rev Michael Cozens 546459

ST JOSEPH'S RC SERVICES

Vigil Mass every Saturday 5:30pm in Nympsfield. Sunday Masses at St Dominic's Dursley

Parish Priest Fr Philip Beisly 542039
dursleynympsfieldrcparish.co.uk

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POETRY CORNER

COOKS LORE

When making cakes for tea,
For just the family and me
They always turn out fine
And I'm proud to say they're mine.
So tell me please, why is it
When friends pay us a visit
The cakes turn out all lumpy
And the icing goes all bumpy?
Please tell me if it's true
Does it happen to you too????

Jenny Nisbett



THE BOOK CLUB

is normally held monthly. We are a very informal group whose aim is to discuss the book selected and have a social evening too.

Everyone is welcome (whether you have read the book or not).
Enquiries to Carol 860610.

Next books:

20 July: The Funny Thing About Norman Foreman by Julietta Henderson
Tina by Zoom)
17 Aug: TBA



SOUP KITCHEN

The Soup Kitchen raises money for charities in memory of villagers who have recently died. Restarting (one hopes) later in the year, second Wednesday of every month.

QUOTATION CORNER /GARDENING TIP

A good bonfire is one of the great pleasures of gardening.

Michael Watts (late of this parish).

Emails and letters to the Editors



From the King George V Playing Field Committee

The AGM of the Playing Field Committee was held at the Nympsfield Club at the end of May. All goes well: the field is well-used winter and summer and finances are sound. We are currently looking to install a children's play area and an upgrade to the pavilion is on the horizon. It would be great to have additional Nympsfield folk on the committee – contact Ian (860625) if you are interested.



From the Longfield Community Hospice

The Longfield annual summer fete will be held on Sunday 28th August, 1 to 4pm in our beautiful grounds at Minchinhampton. Come along for a great afternoon of fun and support a worthy cause. Free entry, voluntary donation for parking.



From Faye Blackwell

I was delighted with this latest edition as the smithy on the cross holds vivid memories for me. They owned a black Labrador called Monty, on my way home from the village County School I ran as fast as possible past him. I can recall looking around the little yard where work had once been done hoping a horse would reappear.

AND ANOTHER THING...

Ladybird, ladybird fly away home

Britain has 26 different species of brightly coloured ladybirds - who would have guessed that there were so many? But until 2004, there were only 25. Then came the harlequin ladybird – a native of East Asia that has spread all over the Earth. It seems it found its way into America via imported produce in the early twentieth century and, by the 1980s was widespread there. It was then intentionally introduced into Europe as a means of controlling aphids and, from there, it found its way here, possibly on imported goods but they would also be capable of flying across the Channel.



Two spot ladybird seen last year at Westonbirt

Once here, they spread at the rate of 100 km per year with the result that

they cover most of the British Isles and are dominant – almost 90% of all ladybirds found here are harlequins. This rapid advance has much to do with the harlequin's reproduction rate: whereas the seven-spot ladybird, previously our most common type, must overwinter before becoming sexually mature, a female harlequin can reproduce as soon as she is out of the pupa stage.

My first encounter with them came about ten years ago, during the winter. Dozens of them kept appearing in one room at home – a south-facing bedroom. As soon as we'd cleared one lot away, more would come. The strong, acrid smell that they emitted sent me straight to Dr Google to work out what they were. We eventually traced their hiding place to a Venetian blind – the long box at the top of the blind where the mechanism is hidden. Inside, there were hundreds of the little blighters, of all different sizes. It seems they'd been attracted to a south-facing wall and had then come inside, through an open window, to find somewhere to over-winter. Once we'd discovered their hiding place, it was an easy thing to dispose of them. As it happens, they reappeared early this year but this time we knew where to look and, when we did, there were only thirty or so there. But there are horror tales of people having to shovel them up out of the attic. Be warned!

It seems that the acrid smell is used by them and by other ladybird species to help with swarming and also as a way of deterring predators. Harlequins are generally larger than the native types and come in two broad varieties: black with two or four red spots and orange with black spots that can number between zero and 21. This variability makes it difficult to distinguish them from native species but there is one sure way of doing this: harlequin ladybirds have light brown legs, all native species have black legs. So, if you see a ladybird and can't decide whether it is native or not -look at its legs!

Now that harlequin ladybirds have arrived here, it seems that there's nothing to be done – we have to learn to live with them. Nature will readjust to find a new equilibrium, no doubt, but that might mean that some other species will be squeezed out. There is particular concern for the two spot ladybird whose numbers have fallen dramatically in recent years. The two spot shares its habitat — typically sycamore, lime and other deciduous trees – with the harlequin which out-competes the two spot and predated upon it. Other victims of its predation are lacewings and hover flies – both important pollinators. Happily the native seven spot ladybird population seems to be holding up.

Ian Crossland

Nature Notes by Miss Daisy: The Bumble Bee

Of all the many species of bees, the Bumble Bee is probably everyone's favourite. With their plump, furry bodies, they make everyone smile as they move from flower to flower in search of nectar.

Unlike their close relatives the honey bee, they live in much smaller colonies, usually located underground, often in discarded rodent holes.

Apart from the new queens, who hibernate during winter, the rest of the colony dies in late autumn. The queen emerges in the spring to lay her eggs, which were fertilised the previous year.

The bumble bee is a very important pollinator, and are very valuable commercially. So much so that in the past two decades there has been significant growth in managed bumble-bee hives, to pollinate hot-house food crops.

They are not aggressive but will use their sting if they are harmed, or in defence of their nest.

Like everything else, bumble bees are declining, due to modern farming methods, the use of pesticides and the modern habits of concreting over gardens and infilling of open spaces. We can help the bumble bee by planting nectar rich plants – especially if we choose a variety of plants which have successive flowering periods from spring to autumn. Sedum is a beautiful late flowering plant which attract the bees in my garden well into early autumn.

Sometimes you might come across a bumble bee on the ground, and you can help it by gently lifting it onto a nectar rich plant, or by putting a few drops of sugar water on a saucer to revive it. Gently place the bee on the edge of the saucer and it will often fly away once it has been able to regain its energy.

The old name for a bumble bee is "Dumbledore", the name chosen by J.K. Rowling for the headmaster in her famous Harry Potter books. Apparently this is because she could imagine him walking along humming to himself.

From the Headteacher at St Joseph's School

Whilst everywhere we go we seem to be getting back to a more 'normal' way of life as the covid restriction have lifted. However, last term (spring term), the impact in school like many others continued. During the Easter break, I found myself reflecting on the term and being grateful for the amazing, hardworking and committed staff who worked tirelessly to ensure that the high standards of teaching and learning at St Joseph's continued. We have been fortunate throughout the pandemic, that even during outbreaks, we have been able to keep all of our children in school without having to send groups home. We have been grateful that after Easter, the weather improved, and everyone remained healthy – so far there have been no more interruptions to our plans to continue to develop and improve the learning in the school.

It was a sad end to the term 4 as we said goodbye to Jane Allen who has retired. Jane has worked at St Joseph's for 16 years. Throughout the last 2 years, her workload increased with cleaning all of the hand touch places daily. Last year, due to enhanced cleaning regimes, she came back in half way through the day for additional cleaning safety measures. We cannot thank her enough for all that she has done to keep St Joseph's staff and children safe throughout these times. We will certainly miss her but know that she will pop in to see us on her way down to see her ponies.

With the lifting of restrictions, we have been able to get the children off site and back to learning outside of the classroom. Year 3 and 4 went swimming last term – you wouldn't believe how excited they were leaving school and getting on a coach for the first time in 2 years! Year 6 have taken part in a wild life quiz against other schools as well as some Mock trials. This is a well-established event that St Joseph's have not taken part in before, but certainly one that we will be doing again. Our team, the defence, competed against another school and needed to create 'reasonable doubt'. The children were required to act out a role whilst thinking on the spot and responding to unknown questions. Having not taken part in such an event before, they did incredibly well and won their trial – a great achievement for a first go. As has always been the case, members of staff from other schools and members of the public made comments about how polite and well behaved our children were. It is great for the children to be getting out and about again, exemplifying the school ethos and representing our school so well.

On Sunday the 10th April the PTA organised their first event where we invited parents into school for the Easter trail. There were teas, coffee, stalls and crafts for the children to do and of course the Easter Hamper raffle. It was a beautiful day and so well supported but more than anything lovely to invite our parents back into school and to see the children enjoying playing in the school grounds.

This term the statutory tests have begun again after a 2 year break. The year 6 children worked hard with Mrs Knight and Mrs Hamlin towards these tests. Whilst the tests are statutory, the results are not going to be published in league tables this year but we have still prepared our children to be the 'best that they can be'. The results this year are an opportunity for the DFE to assess the impact of covid and most of the children having had at least 6 months out of school.

The work on the log trail was completed just before half term. We are all delighted, especially the children, who are extremely happy with it. Every time I look at the children enjoying the trail, I still find it hard to believe that such a fantastic and expensive project has been completed in such a short time. This is all down to the hard work of the School Council and PTA (who's fund raising efforts have been relentless throughout the pandemic), especially Leah Farrer (a parent and member of the PTA) who liaised between the children and the company who installed the trail and Michelle Jenkins who runs the School Council. An incredible amount of time and effort has gone into turning dreams into reality. And, the extremely kind and generous donations from Out of School Club, Pre-school and the school governors. How lucky the children of St Joseph's are now and for years to come.

On the Friday before May half term parents were invited to join us for a picnic on the school field to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee and to enable them to see the new log trail in full use. The weather was amazing and what a lovely way to end the term. The first whole school event that we have held since the first lockdown. It was lovely to be able to share the afternoon with so many parents. And... there are more exciting events to look forward this term, the house singing competition, Health week including sports day and a whole school picnic, the year 6 end of term production – Aladdin and much more...

The excitement continues into the next academic year - our PTA has arranged for a circus to be held at our school! This event will take place on Saturday 10th September.

Tickets are available from the PTA pta@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk everyone is welcome. It would be lovely to see you there.

Neighbourhood Watch

Clare Howells, school head, reports: Sadly, we have continued to have issues with some individuals coming onto the school site over the weekend and causing damage. Two of the children's football posts have been completely broken and the third is missing a piece from being dragged around the school field. The outdoor learning area is often found dismantled and re-arranged, much to the frustration of the staff who then have to spend time re-setting it up before they are able to start work for the day so that it is available for the children when they want to use it. Hoops and cones, that the children use at break, are damaged and sharp from bite marks so need to be thrown away where they have been used as dog toys. We have had to pick up dog mess off the school field and some shards of glass needed to be picked up off the playground where a beer bottle had been smashed (both of which present a significant risk to children). The pre-school has also suffered from damage to their climbing frame, broken toys and equipment and their Astro turf has been burnt, which as you can imagine, melted plastic becomes rough and not safe for the children to play on. Whilst there is a right of way across the school field, (if members of the public choose not to use the permissive right of way) people are allowed to walk straight across the field, not use it as a public park. Dogs should be on a lead at all times and school equipment is not available for public use. This amount of damage to the property is not fair and costly. Sadly, we are unable to replace the goals for the children so they will miss out until we are able to raise the funds somehow.

Otherwise, nothing much locally but nationally, with petrol hitting £2 / L and heating oil still at over £1 / L there have been lots of reports of theft from vehicles and storage tanks. Keep tanks locked if possible!

Non-emergency police contact dial 101 or online to <https://www.gloucestershire.police.uk/ro/report/> (the online reporting form is much easier than it was!).

Any reports of local issues to Martin 860133 please.

Forward phishing emails to GCHQ: report@phishing.gov.uk

NYMPFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

We continue to await Gloucester Highways' ideas for a new design for the Frocester Hill junction.

Planning consent has been refused for the proposed development at Scar Hill. A retrospective application for consent for a mobile home at Court Farm has also been refused. Please visit

<https://www.stroud.gov.uk/environment/planning-and-building-control/search-planning-applications> for more details.

A bench to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee has been installed at the bus stop by The Cross.

clerk@nympsfieldparishcouncil.org.



Nympsfield Climate Action

The first meeting of the Nympsfield Climate Action Network (NCAN) took place at the Village Hall at the end of April, with 12 residents in attendance. Section meetings have since taken place (Energy, Resilience, Transport and Biodiversity) and the next full meeting is scheduled for the 21st June at the Village Hall. It is not too late to get involved in shaping the plan for Nympsfield.

The Second Meeting of Nympsfield Climate Action Network (NCAN) took place on 21 June in the VH- 9 people attended.

We have split into 5 groups under the NCAN umbrella and each group reported back from their initial get togethers.

Biodiversity Group we all realise that the dawn chorus is not as loud as it was, fewer reports of the sighting of bats at night and fewer insects on our windscreen in summer. The Group had been in touch with Wild Stroud (www.wildstroud.org) and discovered there is a wildlife corridor between Minchinhampton and Edge which has been recognised and is being nurtured. Is this something we could do in Nympsfield? The group is thinking of surveying/mapping the Nympsfield parish so we can see what we have now and so know where we are going with regard to Nympsfield and wildlife. Wild Stroud believe that planting wild thyme and marjoram really benefits pollinators eg butterflies, bees etc. The National Trust and Wildlife Stroud are working together

and giving the working group ideas on finding out “How Wild Is Your Garden?” It would seem that there are fewer bats around than there used to be. It was suggested that bat boxes could be used – perhaps we could we make our own?

There was a suggestion for reinstating some of the fruit trees in the Glebe field- for a community orchard.

Communication/Networking Group

NCAN has a Facebook page - Nympsfield Climate Action - please join! We're looking at a website in the future but not quite yet.

We realise that communication is the key to NCAN taking off.

The Group agreed that a QUESTIONNAIRE for all the village to complete is a good starting point to find out what people are doing NOW around all these areas - transport, how biodiverse are our gardens, how are we minimising energy use? We hope to get this QUESTIONNAIRE out in the Autumn.

Energy Group

Although from a climate change point of view moving away from oil would be ideal, we realise that all homes would need to be well insulated and draught proofed before considering changing our boilers away from oil.

It was suggested that the purchase of an infra-red device designed to detect heat loss from roof and walls could be passed from neighbour to neighbour. This would assist in giving a clearer picture of actual heat loss occurring in our homes.

How much electricity are we wasting? There is, apparently, a meter that can read how much electricity each appliance is using. By purchasing and then circulating such a device, the village community could better save energy and money. Look out for further information for the village energy measuring initiative -coming soon!

Resilience Group

This Group is working to set up resources both physical and human to aid the village recover from an emergency. Extreme weather, fire, flash flooding are just a few examples of unexpected emergency situations.

We recognise that Nympsfield needs to have a Community Emergency Plan (CEP) in place as we could all be affected by an unexpected emergency event. We talked about identifying places of refuge in the event of an emergency eg Village Hall. Other local villages have a CEP in place. We need volunteers for practical assistance eg first aiders, providers of kettles, sleeping bags etc. Any skills in the village to assist in an unexpected situation? We are only at the early stages of this - we need people to come forward to help at all levels.

Transport Group

What journeys are being made into and out of the village on a regular basis? Are they all necessary when fuel is so expensive? How can these journeys be reduced? We know there are many informal arrangements already in place which cut down on car journeys. Can we expand on these gestures of goodwill further to save fuel and money. We will be adding to the **QUESTIONNAIRE** to see whether there is any interest amongst villagers for collection of prescriptions/newspapers/eggs, milk etc. Also is there enthusiasm for a shared community Electric Vehicle (EV) or even an Electric Bicycle? We would love people in the community to share their experiences of alternative transport (other than in a private car) in the Newsletter e.g. pros and cons of having an EV, horse and cart, bicycles, walking to school, using a bus to and from Cheltenham etc. Please send in your experiences good and bad so we can grow our understanding of what the change to electric may be and what to look out for
nympsfieldclimateaction@outlook.com

Nympsfield Going Forward

We discussed the idea of having an event in the Village Hall with stalls (plus tea and cakes!) in Sept/Oct for the village to contribute ideas on any of the subjects mentioned above. How do we imagine Nympsfield when there are no diesel or petrol vehicles? No oil boilers? How do we see our lives being different to how they are today? You can be a part of this - so look out for this being advertised and please come along. We are at the beginning of all this and need the involvement of as many people as possible. If you have any time to spare or have an interest in any of the above, no matter how big or small, we would love to hear from you. Please make contact so that we can add you to our email list: nympsfieldclimateaction@outlook.com

<p>Your Parish Councillors: Cllr Sophia Price (Chair) Cllr Elizabeth Sturgess (Vice Chair) Cllr Peter Tomiak-Baquero Cllr Trevor Gaunt Cllr Rosie Clements All can be reached via the Clerk: clerk@nympsfieldparishcouncil.org</p>	<p>Your District Councillor Cllr Martin Pearcy cclr.martin.pearcy@stroud.gov.uk Your County Councillor Cllr. Wendy Thomas wendy.thomas@gloucestershire.gov.uk Your Member of Parliament Siobhan Baillie (con) siobhan.baillie.mp@parliament.uk</p>
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USEFUL NUMBERS

Emergencies		Police (non-emergency) 101
Electricity	0800 6783 105	Police: Neighb'd Policing, Dursley & Cam Team (non-emergency) 01453 753500
24h Floodline	0845 9881188	Rose and Crown Inn 01453 860612
Severn Trent	0800 783 4444	St Joseph's School 01453 860311
Police	999	Stroud District Council 01453 766321
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Doctors' Surgery Uley	01453 860459	Neighbourhood Warden - Andy Beamish 07834 419332
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