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Editorial

Welcome to the early summer edition of the Nympy News.

Thankfully, no deaths to report nor obituaries in this edition but plenty about the much-to-be-encouraged efforts to revive the pub. Throw in the usual small ads, more from our regulars and a lovely memory from Theresa Freeman, and there should be plenty to interest you.

Thankfully, the everlasting rain seems to have eased off, the sound of mowers is in the air and the house martins have just returned. Spring must be here.

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The Cross, to Dursley

09:28 (65) Dursley and Gloucester

10:21 (65A) Dursley and Coaley (Sat only)

11:28 (65) Dursley and Gloucester

12:36 (65A) Dursley and Coaley (Sat only)

13:28 (65) Dursley and Gloucester

14:17 (165) from N'Isworth) to Dursley then Coaley (Mon to Fri)

15:58 (65) Dursley and Gloucester

18:04 (65) Dursley to Cam & Dursley Stn

(18:35) terminating Horsemarling Lane, Stonehouse

The Cross, to Stroud:

08:05 (08:00 Saturdays) (65) Stroud, leaving Cam & Dursley Station at 07:30 10:25 (165) Stroud via Nailsworth (Mon-Fri only)

11:21 (65) Stroud

11:17 (65A) Stroud (Sat only)

13:21 (65) Stroud

13:32 (65A) Stroud & Whiteway (Sat only)

15:21 (65) Stroud

17:56 (65) Stroud (leaves Cam & Dursley 17:25)

All services Mon-Sat unless stated otherwise. No buses on Sundays and Bank Holidays.

The online timetables can be found at: https://tinyurl.com/65nympsfield1 for the Stagecoach services and https://tinyurl.com/65anympsfield for the Saturday Cotswold Green service.

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2 Dec

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Quotation Corner

Do not try to understand electricity.

Best to just fear it.

- Bob Mortimer's Rules for Life



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, there's always one!) Enquiries to Carol 860610.

Next books:

15 May: The Glutton by A K Blakemore (Martin & Kate)

19 June The Last List of Mabel Beaumont by Laura Pearson (Lin's)

What's On or Off

NYMPSFIELD CLUB

See separate ad. and our Facebook page for details.

BINGO: Alternate Mondays 7pm. **THE ROSE AND CROWN INN** Shut.

ST JOSEPH'S PRE-SCHOOL Mon to Fri, term time only, 8:55am to 2:55pm, St Joseph's School. We accept 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.

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(Part of The Ewelme Benefice.)

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Service at St Bartholomew's usually the first Sunday of the month at 10am.

Details of all services on the Benefice website.

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SEE WEB SITES FOR CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS

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



100 CLUB

Week 19 No. 61. Julie Trinder.

Week 20 No. 65. Trevor Gaunt.

Week 21 No. 18. Paul Fisher.

Week 22. No. 78. Gerald Smith.

Week 23 No. 73. Teresa Freeman.

Week 24 No. 46. Ute Mc Farling.

Week 25. No. 32. Ian Roseblade.

Week 26 No. 35. Tina Franklin (£25)

Week 27 No. 26. Pat Smith.

Week 28 No. 9. Dave Lovegrove.

Please phone Malcolm or Pat on 01453 860696 if you are interested or would like more information.

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.

MORE BRIDGE Want to learn a

fascinating and time consuming pastime – then bridge is for you! Contact Bridget Lumb (07899 968220) or google Wotton-under- Edge Bridge Club for information about lessons starting this Autumn.

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Alternatively contact the teacher; Ian
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UNUSED GARAGE/SHED/WORKSHOP

space with electricity to rent for use as a small wood workshop. Contact me if you have any spaces available! : 01453 860968 or dan@dtdm.co.uk .





More pics of a Bomb Squad 1960's outing to Nympsfield Thanks to Jean Smith

I say Caruthers, it's a bomb!

LOCAL ELECTIONS

The next elections for the district council and the police & crime commissioner are on 2nd May.

The UK Government has introduced a requirement for registered electors to show photo ID when voting at a polling station. All electors will be required to present a government approved photo ID document at the polling station in order to be issued with a ballot paper. Residents are urged to make sure they are ready to vote by checking they have an accepted form of ID (whether or not you regard this as a Tory plot to disenfranchise younger voters who may be disinclined to vote for them).

The most common forms of photo ID are permitted e.g., photo driving licence, passport, and some concessionary travel passes, such as an older person's bus pass (but **NOT** young people's travel passes, discount cards or student ID). Voters will be able to use expired ID if they are still recognisable from the photo. Only original documents are accepted. Further details and a full list of acceptable forms of ID are included on the Council's website at www.stroud.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/elections/voter-id.

(One can also apply for a certificate from the council if you don't have photo ID, but you're too late for these elections).

Village Hall - Dates for your Diary 2024

- 15th June Youth Games 2-4pm feedback on whether you would like this continue would be gratefully received.
- 13th July Youth Games 2-4pm Theme Wimbledon table tennis tournament challenge your friends and parents!
- 19th October Mexican Evening please let us know if you can help
- 30th November Christmas Bazaar. If you or anyone you know would like a stall please let us know

Please contact Jo Beeston $\underline{joannebeeston74@gmail.com}$ if you have any feedback or would like to offer any help.

St Joseph's Pre-School

It has been a busy few weeks in pre-school! We have celebrated our Deputy Practitioner's, Kayleigh Niven, 10 years in the setting! We thank her for her continued dedication to the pre-school.

This term the pre-school has been doing fundraising such as the tombola at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Easter Egg Hunt as well as our Spring Raffle and Bags2Schools. We are looking at Growing! this term where we have had Living Eggs within the setting, learning the life cycle of chicks. We have also been growing plants and learning about the seasons.

The Pub

There was a good turnout for the consultation meetings on the pub on Sat 13 April. Matt, Dan, Mike and Jon gave a very professional presentation which left most of us convinced that there was a credible plan to get the Rose & Crown reopened.

Pop up Pub - for all the Family Rose & Crown

Date – 18th May 2024

Time - 3-8pm (ish)

Join us for:-

• Drinks, including Real ale

BBQ – Burger, Sausage & Vegan option.

· Pub snacks

• Traditional pub games

Venue – The Rose and Crown grounds and Car park

Music

Possible Morris Dancers (tba)

Raffle

We hope you can join us for a great afternoon and evening. All profit will go towards securing the Rose and Crown for the future. Any donations of raffle prizes will be gratefully received.

18th May - SAVE THE DATE!!

From Matt, Jon, Mike and Dan

Thank you to everyone who came along to the public meeting on Saturday afternoon. It was great to see so many people at both sessions and we hope you found the presentation interesting and informative. Please find attached the slides from the day. If you have any questions, please reach out and we will do our best to answer them.

Thanks also to everyone who put their name down to volunteer in one or more of the working groups. It's not too late to volunteer, so if you are interested then please let us know and we will be in contact. Just to remind you, the working groups are:

Business plan (Lead: Matt)	Communications (Lead: ???)
Strategy - SWOT, PESTLE	Raise awareness
Social impact and community benefits	Digital - website, FB page, newsletter
Financial modelling – P&L, cash flow, balance sheet	Media coverage – print, online, radio, TV
	Publicity – local celebs, MP etc.
Fundraising (Lead: ???)	Operations (Lead: ???)
Organise fundraising socials	Legal contracts (conveyancing,
Identify grants	tenancy)
Grant applications	Insurance
Share offer	Utilities
	Policies
Building (Lead: Dan & Jon)	
Building refurbishment costings and timings	
Planning/LBC approvals	
Building works	

The presentation can be downloaded at http://tinyurl.com/r-cpresentation

And finally, don't forget the Rose & Crown pop-up-pub fundraising social on **Saturday 18th May**. We hope you can make it!

Rose and Crown Inn 1982 - 1999

We were just the custodians in the passage of time

When asked to write a short of history of The Rose and Crown Inn, not much is evident. I hold a copy lease made between James Bridgeman, the local lord of the manor, and Henry Cole some 340 years ago in 1684.

It is the sole survivor of five pubs and arguably I have just found out maybe six in the 17th century. Additionally, there was The Bell, The White Hart, The Red Lion and The Red Bull. Recently I have discovered a lease of The Kings Head made in 1687. These other hostelries would have fallen by the wayside in the late eighteenth century when the stage-coach route up the escarpment was realigned not to go through the village but around it.

The Rose and Crown Inn survived this and continued trading, albeit with a change of sign for a very significant time to The Ducie Arms in deference to the then lord of the manor.

In the 20th century the ownership of the pub passed through Stroud Brewery which was then acquired by national brewers Whitbread plc. So, it was in 1982 we were offered the tenancy of this pub by Whitbread which I was told was at the top of the hill in the middle of a field.

This truly amazing building which was now under our control had numerous outbuildings and ten acres over two fields. In one of these outbuildings there was the remains of the generating plant as electricity did not arrive in Nympsfield until 1955. We even had this wonderful irrigation system, complete with resident frog, in the cellar.

Around 1989 we purchased the freehold from the brewery and over the next ten years lovingly restored the building to much of its former glory. We did this with great passion and pride and sold the pub on in 1999. At the stage it was a premium pub with one of the highest turnovers for a rural pub in this part of the county. Manic days! [Great times! -ed]

Yesterday I looked at the pub with sadness. It is closed and run down and looks sad in its central location in the village. Today I listened to four guys Matt, Mike Dan and Jon, co-founders of the Nympsfield Community Pub group, set up to buy the pub for the village. They spoke with passion and drive. I have hope that with great village support and funding they will get the pub 'rocking' again. Let's see Nympsfield village as the owners on a conveyancing document!

From Bob (and the late) Linda Woodman

Mirror Mirror.....

There is an old woman who lives in my hall Sometimes she is there..... sometimes never at all I never invited her — asked her to stay So now I am wishing she'd just go away. Her hair is quite straggly — she's wearing a frown And often is seen in an old dressing gown.

I've tried to be friendly – tried to get her to talk
But she just keeps on walking her shuffling walk
I was getting quite worried as to who she could be
Till I stopped by the hall mirror and discovered
It's ME!!!!!

Jenny Nisbett

LOOKING AT LIFE with Miss Daisy

"Splashing through puddles"

A friend recently sent me a delightful clip from You Tube which really made my day. It depicted a very small boy with a large elderly dog on a lead. If truth be told it was the dog leading the little boy towards the camera. After a few yards they came across a big puddle in the middle of the path.

The little boy carefully put the dog's lead down and enjoyed several seconds of stamping up and down in the puddle. He then stepped back a few paces and ran through the puddle, which he repeated several times until there was little water left, whilst the dog just stood waiting patiently.

He then carefully picked up the dog's lead and they proceeded towards the camera. The little boy had a huge smile on his face and I swear that the dog did too!

It occurred to me, that with all the strife and troubles in the world, that maybe we should all take some time out every day to splash through the puddles!

OLD NEWS FROM NYMPSFIELD

Bob's Big Book

Robert Atkyns, born 1647, came from an influential Gloucestershire family with property scattered over the length of breadth of the county. Both his grandfather and father were high-ranking judges so, not unnaturally, young Robert studied law also. With family in high places he was knighted at age 16, made a Fellow of the Royal Society when 17 and given a well-paid sinecure at 26. He later served as an MP for eight years. A charmed life — until it fell apart. In the Glorious Revolution of 1688, James II was deposed in favour of his sister Mary and her hubby, William of Orange. Sir Robert opposed the change, his father supported it. To avoid a family



bust-up, Robert gave up public life and turned to historical research.

The outcome, 24 years later (1712, a year after his death) was *The Ancient and Present State of Glocestershire*. It's a big, beautiful book: 18x12x3½ inches with more than 450 pages and dozens of copper plate illustrations. It is arranged in the form of pocket histories of each parish, these being listed

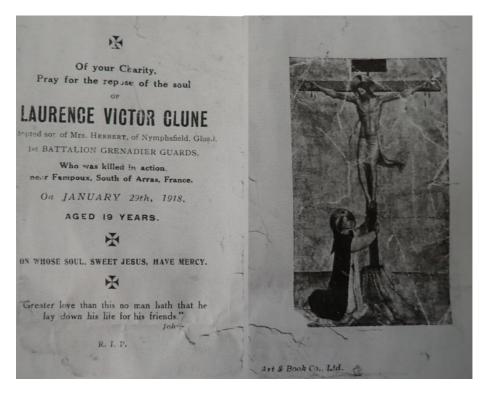
alphabetically. The 1½ pages on "Nimpsfield" trace the ownership of the manor from Domesday down to Sir Robert's day. There were 50 houses in the village then with 250 inhabitants. The Lord of the Manor was John Bridgman and Atkyns notes a "handsome monument" in the church for Mrs Heveningham Bridgman (died 1673). It's still there (in the tower) and worth seeking out. The Rector was James Berriman. Because of the multitude of changes following the Civil War and the restoration of the monarchy in 1660, we don't know when he came to the parish or who preceded him. No doubt Berriman could have told Sir Robert but he probably didn't ask. What we do know is that Berriman died in 1720 and that, walking into church, one steps on his tombstone (look under the carpet in the porch). The past is all around you.

Ian Crossland

A Memory from Theresa Freeman

Reading about Private Laurence Clune in the January edition of the Nympy News brought back a memory that my mother, Constance Freeman, told me.

She would have been very young at the time, probably no more than 14. She said that her mother (my grandmother Mrs Benton) asked my mother and her brother Joseph to walk with Laurence to Frocester Railway Station as he was going back to the Front and had no one to wave him goodbye. She said how he hugged them both. Laurence never came back.



Prayer card circulated in the village for Laurence. He is buried at Level Crossing Cemetery, Frampoux, Pas de Calais, France.

Youth games in the Village Hall

On a couple of Saturday afternoons recently, it has been great to see some of the younger members of our community, along with their families and friends, gathering at the Village Hall to play a variety of games and maybe enjoy snacks and treats together.

A fierce competitive streak has been evident across all the ages and the table tennis equipment has been well used. For those wanting to try out new board games, the wide variety on offer, space for setting up and availability of others to play with, has been ideal. It's also been lovely to see the highly artistic results of the craft activities and the Easter biscuit decoration was a delicious as well as absorbing pastime.

Thanks so much to those who have been supporting this monthly initiative and long may it continue! (Next one will be 27th April)

NYMPSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

We are pleased that Nicola Crabb has joined the team as our new Councillor and we are once again at full strength. No other nominations were received than those of the five existing Councillors for the May 2nd election and therefore our existing Councillors will be returned unopposed.

Grants have been awarded to the Village Hall (cleaning) and the Playing Field (grass cutting) for their 2024/25 costs.

Regarding planning applications, NPC have objected to the resubmitted proposal for housing at the FGR New Lawn site on the grounds of traffic impact on Tinkley Lane and Nympsfield village. (S.18/0815/OUT)

The traditional village litter pick and bbq has been arranged for the 21st April. By the time you read this the village will look a lot tidier!

Your Parish Councillors:	Your District Councillor
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Cllr Trevor Gaunt	Your County Councillor
Cllr Anne Robertson	Cllr. Wendy Thomas
Cllr Nicola Crabb	wendy.thomas@gloucestershire.gov.uk
All can be reached via the Clerk:	Your Member of Parliament
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