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THE nymphsfield

NEWS & ADVERTISER



Bumper edition!

All the usual stuff plus:

- An article from the hey-day of the Rose & Crown by Bob Woodman
- Rod White tells the story of Uley's John Daniel memorial
- Treasure Island review - oh no it isn't!
- poetry from Jenny Nisbett
- emails to the editors
- cover picture: Bowbridge Lock on the Severn & Thames Canal

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GRAND EASTER EGG HUNT

SUNDAY 28TH APRIL

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Village Events and What's On

The Rose and Crown Inn **860796**
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Sat/ Sun 12-11pm

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century pub.

Nympsfield Working Men's Club

Mon-Thurs: 4 - 8pm

Saturday: 12 – close

Sunday: 11.30am – 6pm

Book your special event at the Club – no
hire charge. Contact Ter 07590 268908
or Teresa 860796

Everything Nympsfield!

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

Cream Teas every bank holiday – see
separate notice

St Joseph's Pre-School *Mon- Fri*
St Joseph's School *8:50am – 3pm*

St Joseph's Pre-school accepts children
from the age of two. Open 5 days per
week, term time only. Nursery vouchers
are accepted. Contact Natalie Powers
860311 or email

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See Facebook: 'St Joseph's Pre-school'

BINGO! Nympsfield Working Men's Club.
Eyes down 8pm every other Thurs; 9 / 23
May; 6 / 20 June.
Great CASH prizes & raffle.

U3A Bridge Group *Tuesday 2 - 4.45 pm*

Friendly, social bridge in Dursley
Methodist Church. Beginners and
improvers most welcome, along with
those fully conversant with this
enthraling game.

Tea and biscuits provided; £2 per session.
Call Richard Gwyer on 01453 860512, or
see Cam U3A website for details.

WiN Meetings *20th May and 17th June*

7:30pm, See separate notice about
venues

Book Club Third Wednesday of every
month – see separate notice

Family Fun Day - Sunday 12th May

At the playing field from 11am -
more details in due course.

Progressive Dinner Party – 22nd June

Starting and finishing at the Working
Men's Club. If you haven't joined us
before everyone is welcome call Jo
Beeston 01453 860621 or Michelle
Holloway 01453 861348 if you need more
information.

Michael Watts Memorial Cricket Match

Friday 28 June (evening)

See separate notice

Gin Tasting Evening - Sat 5th October

Village Hall. More information later.

Children's Halloween Party - Fri 1st Nov

at the Village Hall

Uley's John Daniel Memorial

The story of John Daniel, the gorilla, who lived with Alyce Cunningham in Uley from 1918 to 1921 has been reported many times but here Rod White tells the inside story of how John Daniel's memorial came to be placed on Uley Village Green.

In spring of 2016, Margaret Groom, the archivist of the Uley Society published a collection of stories of the village. These were stories which had either not been told in *The History of Uley* or stories of which more information had come to light since its publication. Two of the stories involved John Daniel. (See the photograph, separate from this article, for a little more about the life of John Daniel). Margaret's booklet, entitled 'Notes from the Archives' became very popular and a second reprint was necessary to meet the demand. In January 2017 the story of John Daniel was circulating on social platforms and eventually came to the attention of the wider media. Margaret was inundated with requests for interviews from radio, television and newspapers both in the UK and internationally. Several film companies expressed interest in obtaining the film rights for the story and one company has written a screenplay and is now seeking finance for the venture. After six weeks Margaret was utterly exhausted from this new found fame.

At a committee meeting of the Uley Society it was decided that a memorial should be erected to celebrate the centenary of John Daniel's arrival in the village. Various options were explored but it was eventually decided that a relief carving on local stone should be erected on The Green. Several months passed while we enquired after a



Sebastian Rasch's monument to John Daniel on Uley Green. The text reads "John Daniel resident of Uley 1918-21."

suitable sculptor but eventually we discovered Sebastian Rasch who specialised in this form. Rasch lived in Frampton and immediately fell in love with the idea. His design was inspired by one of the photographs of John Daniel surrounded by school children but he thought that Cotswold Limestone would erode and the image would become indistinct. Instead he proposed the use of Portland stone which was much harder and similar in appearance to the lighter forms of Cotswold Stone.

Work was commenced in November 2017 and the sculpture was delivered to Elcombe Farm in March 2018 where Phil Rymer kept

it under lock and key in a barn.

Unfortunately, we discovered that the memorial required planning permission and this proved to be a lengthy process. The case officer at Ebley Mill was enthusiastic and supportive but the application differed from the normal fare and the standard forms, designed for dwelling houses etc., were completely unsuitable. There was much iteration on this process but finally approval was granted in August 2018 with the standard form accompanied by 24 additional pages of text, drawings and photographs.

It was decided that an unveiling party should be held on The Green. Jason Pugh prepared the concrete plinth and he and Phil Rymer transported the sculpture, all 750 kg of it, about two weeks before the unveiling. Children from Uley Primary School and the Under-5s Playgroup were invited to submit drawings of John Daniel for use as posters to advertise the event and prizes were given to the winners. Gillie Nichols, a granddaughter of Rupert Penney, who purchased the gorilla, was invited to perform the unveiling, Andy Davis, Chairman of the Uley Society, acted

as MC and Mary Gwyer of The Crown Inn provided a buffet for villagers attending the ceremony. Nikki Clarke and Cathy White provided hot and cold drinks along with Gorilla Biscuits from a van on The Green. In the event, October 6th turned out to be rather wet after a long dry period but mercifully the rain held off for the unveiling. After the unveiling, Ken Lush provided a rendition of The Ballad of John Daniel to round off the occasion. Cameramen from both ITV and BBC filmed the unveiling and conducted several interviews which were broadcast in the local evening news. Margaret Groom was still suffering from her prolonged period of celebrity and delegated responsibility to others. Jason Pugh and Phil Rymer, who had done all the heavy lifting donated their fees to the school and the playgroup.

The memorial now stands proudly at the top of The Green looking down The Street towards St Giles Church. Uley's most famous resident now has a fitting memorial located just 20 metres from the cottage where he spent three unusual years.

Rod White (Treasurer, Uley Society)



The unveiling of the John Daniel Memorial with Ken Lush singing The Ballad of John Daniel, his own composition. To the right of the Gazebo are Gillie Nichols, granddaughter of Rupert Penney and Great Niece of Alyce Cunningham who unveiled the memorial and Andy Davis, Chairman of the Uley Society.

CRICKETERS



Michael Watts Memorial Cricket Match

“The Village vs The Commoners”

Friday 28th June evening

(weather permitting)

All cricket aficionados and all lovers of a great social occasion please put this date in your diary. Watch some fabulous cricket on our fabulous playing field - BBQ and bar included.

CRICKETERS PAST PRESENT AND FUTURE: YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU!

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The famous photo that travelled the world – John Daniel, a lowland gorilla, with Uley children. He was captured in Gabon by French soldiers who had shot his parents. Rupert Penny bought him for £300 in a London department store and he and his sister Alyce gave him his name and raised him in Uley like a child. Later, they were tricked into selling him to a circus and he was taken to America where he soon died – broken-hearted some say.

WiN Women in Nympsfield

Our next meetings are at different venues :-

Whackers on Monday, 20th May 2019 at 7.30pm

We will be welcoming Fiona Eadie – story teller; title TBC
Huge thanks to Rachel for hosting this evening at her home.

Weavers Cottage on Monday, 17th June 2019 at 7.30pm **AGM**

It would be great to have as many of you as is possible on this evening to discuss, not only the future of WiN but also our varied programme over the year and how we might be able to improve on this for the year ahead.

Of course, no AGM would be complete without lashings of Prosecco to wash down a cake or two or maybe something else! I look forward to seeing you at my home.

If you are not a member and interested, please give us a try, we look forward to seeing you. *New members are always welcome.*

If you would like further information, please get in touch
catherine860636@yahoo.co.uk or call 861610

Nympsfield Working Men's Club

At the Nympsfield Working Men's Club AGM on 14th April, Officers were elected as follows:

Chairman - Wayne Herbert

Secretary - Teresa Walton

Joint Treasurers - Amy Guerin and Carys Hellewell

Committee Members - Richard Wooldridge, Natalie Herbert, Stephen Jones, Rob Morgan, Tommy Guerin and Sophie Guerin

Membership Fees for the year 2019-2020 are now due and are as follows:-

Single Membership: £15

Family/Double Membership: £25

Senior Citizen Membership: £10

Double Senior Citizen Membership: £15

We look forward to welcoming you all into the Club over the summer months and thank you all for your continued support

Hetty Peglar's Cookbook and the Faggots

Monday 25th February was a bitter sweet day for me. It would have been my late wife, Linda's, 66th birthday. I took myself out to a National Trust property as a means of togetherness – it was the sort of thing we would have done for our birthdays. On coming home, it was to my total delight that I found the resurrected Nympsfield Newsletter in my emails – well done guys! But the real uplift to me was to find on page 15 a reprint of the recipe for Linda's faggots which we produced in our pub days – thanks to Rose for thinking up the idea.

Two tales emerge of how Hetty Peglar's Cook book came about and how faggots came to be on the pub menu:

It's over 30 years now since we celebrated the 800th anniversary of St Bartholomew's Church in the village. Now forgive me with the passing of time for I may not have got this right. There would have been a committee to raise funds no doubt, but I have this feeling that the idea of the Cookbook came from Linda and Ian Beales and I have this idea also that it may have been put together after a late-night drink. For anybody who knew Ian in those days, he



only did late night drinks by virtue of his job. Most of the best ideas came out of late night drinking I recall! [*they still do – ed*]

Ian arranged the business side of things - printing being his forte. Linda arranged the gathering together of recipes from the village mostly from the women but on casting my eye back over a copy there is one male, Ron Easton, who also has passed on sadly like many of the other contributors. It is also interesting to note that all the recipes were in pounds and ounces.

I can't remember what the print run was, but it was many hundreds and they easily sold out and it is quite hard to come by a copy these days. On re-examining my actual copy it is signed by no other than Delia Smith who came in the pub one lunchtime – another tale. I remember now I gave her a copy of mine. Good funds were raised for the church.

The faggots go back further than Linda. However, this particular recipe came from Linda and she maintained it came originally from her gran who was born in Wales – thus they were called Welsh faggots on the menu. I think this may have been a bit of a tall tale just to give the faggots some sort of selling point description. Faggots, chips and peas was



When Nympsfield became Ambridge: Linda and Bob Woodman polishing the replacement pub sign for the Nympsfield 800 celebrations 1986

a standard on our menu, and we made and sold hundreds of them over the years. In later years the mass production of them took place on a long stainless-steel table in the kitchen with huge amounts of pig's liver being mixed in with breadcrumbs by hand – truly a messy job.

But the idea of the faggots must be credited to Christine Smith, landlady of the pub some 20 years before us. I have

a great memory of Christine on a bank holiday Monday laying a fund-raising penny trail from the pub to the club in the pouring rain – such was her dedication to village life. When we moved into the pub in December 1982 Christine came down to welcome us and gave us her copy of the Aga cooker instructions. The Aga in the old kitchen had not been used since her day for cooking. She recounted how she would make faggots for gliding club visitors and how popular they were. The challenge was set, the Aga was fired up and from that day to the day we sold the pub 20 years ago now in March 1999 we always had faggots on the menu.

Their legacy lives on. Great friends Mary Gwyer of the Old Crown Uley occasionally puts them on her specials board and Caroline Guerin frequently makes them and gives me some for which I am endlessly grateful. Both worked at the Rose and Crown and took their skills forward. (They also drove me crazy but that's another story.) Both do them to Linda's recipe.

Give them a go – the bacon wrapped around them makes them delicious!

Long live the Rose and Crown Inn faggot – the challenge is set!

Bob Woodman

Treasure Island

In March, PPP Inc. (Pittaway Pantomime Productions) and the Nympsfield Players brought us *Treasure Island*, a tale of skulduggery on land and sea written by Brian Woosey of Box. Taking its title - but not much else - from Robert Louis Stevenson's novel, the plot centres on the rivalry between two Nympsfield pubs: the Admiral Benbow and the Skull and Crossbones. At the Benbow we find retired pirate Long John Silver (John Burgess), Mrs Silver (Barbara Thomas), their son Jim (Dani Dangerfield) and a hyperactive parrot (Kate Douglas). Long John has a disgraceful but very funny assortment of fustian directed at his wife. She, poor thing, endures his barbs but also suffers from a severe dose of malapropism, at one point thinking that a barista is some kind of lawyer.

At the Skull and Crossbones we have Ma Flint (Tina Franklin) and her five Spice Girls (Michelle Dangerfield, Olivia Artz, Georgia Holloway, Gemma Artz and Holly Stewart). Despite their best efforts to turn it into a high class Gastro Pub, they are running into financial difficulties when the bailiffs turn up (Paul Harrison and Wayne Herbert in a sort of Mr Rough and Mr Smooth combination – guess which is which). Aid – of a sort - arrives in the form of Billy Bones (John Gazzard) and Sam Wiley (Carol

Pittaway) former shipmates of Ma's late husband, Cap'n Flint. The dodgy pair manage to convince Ma Flint that she is the true owner of a treasure map that her hubby gave to Long John Silver for safe keeping.



Barbara Thomas, Dani Dangerfield and John Burgess as Mrs Silver, Jim Silver and Long John Silver

In the best traditions of Nympsfield pantomimes, Ma Flint and her gang decide that kidnapping is the best approach to regaining the map and duly abduct Jim's girlfriend, Delia, enthusiastically played as a crusading Stroudy Vegan by Claire Wycherley. Delia manages to escape by persuading Ma and Co. to abstain from alcohol (pantomimes being a logic-free zone) and sails off with Long John and his crew to the Treasure Island. Ma's Mob

follows in hot pursuit. Courtesy of passing through the Bermuda Triangle, when the two competing pub teams reach the island they are surprised to find themselves in the 21st Century. Here they encounter Ben Gunn (Paul Harrison again), descendant of the original Ben Gunn who was marooned on the island by Cap'n Flint – finally, a nod to RL Stevenson there.



Ma Flint (Tina Franklin) and four of her five Spice Girls (L-R Michelle Dangerfield, Holly Stewart, Olivia Artz and Georgia Holloway)

Gunn is assisted by an earnest American (Kate Douglas relinquishing her parrot outfit) and a very odd couple: Martin Phillips as a trouble at t'mill north-countryman and his wife a very Gloucestershire Wayne Herbert, be-skirted and be-wigged, with two large balloons stuck up his jumper. The treasure, unfortunately, is long gone – used to build a beach-side hotel (B Gunn proprietor). But all is not lost. As ever in hospitality, the locals are not interested in working with

tourists and staff are in short supply – what's needed are immigrants so, jobs for everyone! Strangely for a pantomime there were no marriages and there was almost no pantomime dame until, at the last minute, Paul Harrison donned the traditional big dress and wig to sing – you guessed it – “There is nothing like a Dame”.

As usual, some of the best lines came from the audience. When Long John contemplated a treasure-less future – poor, lonely, and comforted only by hard liquor – from the back row came the voice “welcome to my world”. The Saturday night crowd was especially appreciative of the scene shifters – Ian Roseblade and Chrissy Robbins – greeting them with applause and cries of “more” every time they appeared. I happened to sit close to the prompt, Sophie Price. She was kept busy throughout - not so much reminding the actors of their lines as trying to figure out where the play had gotten to because hardly anyone bothered to keep to the script. As Sophie said, to the actors the script is no more than a rough guide.

Congratulations and thanks to everyone for a very entertaining evening especially Director and chief cat whipper-in Brian Pittaway and not forgetting the terrific young dancers that opened the show.

Ian Crossland

Moon landings

Is the moon really made out of green cheese?

The little mouse asked of his Mum
"I'm sorry I don't know the answer –
But I'll try to find out for you son".

The mouse had an inquisitive nature
And wanted to find out himself
So he decided he'd make a moon
rocket
From some things he found on a shelf.

He took an old plastic bottle
Which wasn't incredibly wide
But it would do very well as a rocket
With a little mouse curled up inside.

The next night was really a full moon
At least it was so meant to be
But it looked like the side had been
nibbled
Just there on the right – can you see?

The little mouse just wasn't telling
About the exciting adventure he'd had
His tummy was full up with green
cheese
And he was feeling exceedingly bad.

Jenny Nisbett

CHURCH SERVICES

CHURCH OF ENGLAND

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

Earlier and later services are held in Dursley, please see

<http://www.dursleyparishchurch.org.uk>
Vicar Rev Michael Cozens 546459

ST JOSEPH'S RC

Vigil Mass every Saturday 5:30pm
Sunday Masses at St Dominic Dursley
Parish Priest Fr Philip Beisly 542039

100 club winners.

- Week 21. No. 98. Richard Pearch.
- Week 22. No. 77. Julie Bleaken.
- Week 23. No. 58. Wendy Arnold.
- Week 24. No. 35. Gerry Bowen.
- Week 25. No. 96. Jane Mayes.
- Week 22. No. 77. Julie Bleaken.
- Week 23. No. 58. Wendy Arnold.
- Week 24. No. 35. Gerry Bowen.
- Week 25. No. 96. Jane Mayes.
- Week. 26. No. 35. Gerry Bowen. (£25)
- Week. 27. No. 7. Pete Woodman.
- Week. 28. No. 76. Martin Wooldridge.
- Week. 29. No. 50. Shareena Toth.
- Week. 30. No. 12. Jo Beeston.
- Week. 31. No. 96. Jane Mayes.
- Week 32. No. 27. Catherine Harrison.
- Week. 33. No. 5. Rose Beach.

NYMPFIELD PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON
MONDAY 13TH MAY AND MONDAY 10TH JUNE 2019
AT 7:30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Nympsfield Parish Council news

There have been two meetings - in March and April - since readers last caught up with council matters.

In March some new foundations were laid. Updated Code of Conduct, Standing Orders and Financial Regulations were presented and approved. This sounds very boring of course! But it began to lay the basics for a fresh and modern start for your council, which its members have embraced.

A big move forward has been the revitalisation of The Glebe – registered Village Green – new stile project. Thanks to the dedication of the volunteer Cotswold Way Association the whole thing is happening again and everyone was thrilled that members of the Sutcliffe family are generously involved in memorial to their parents

The March meeting included a highways “brainstorming” session when everything from missing lettering on fingerposts to traffic calming at Cockadilly was aired. Debate then turned to the suggestion of a new bus shelter near St Stephen’s.

In April the council received with obvious regret the resignation of Cllr David Acton. The Stroud District Council elections department was advised and firstly the vacancy was advertised for an election after which the council will be able to move to co-option So step forward you volunteers ... ?!

Your Parish Councillors:	Your District Councillor
Cllr Elizabeth Sturgess (Chair) 861076	Cllr Jim Dewy
Cllr Susan Cowle (Vice Chair) 861010	cclr.jim.dewey@stroud.gov.uk
Cllr David Acton 861067	Your County Councillor
Cllr Ann Hardy 860876	Cllr. Loraine Patrick
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	Dr David Drew
	david.drew.mp@parliament.uk

COUNCILLOR NEEDED!

Would you like to help keep the Nymphsfield community a great place to live and work?

We ask because a vacancy has arisen on Nymphsfield Parish Council and a volunteer needs to be chosen to fill the seat.

So if you'd like to find out more about what this might involve why not get in touch with the council's locum clerk Jo Barber, contact details below, who will be happy to chat about exactly how local councillors care for and encourage residents' ambitions.

The person will probably be chosen by a process called co-option, which just means applicants will be informally interviewed by the other councillors and a choice made.

Although first Stroud District Council will publicise the opportunity in case people wish to call for an election instead.

The new council member will be supported in their role, and offered training. They should be comfortable working electronically, have a positive outlook, a can-do attitude and be willing to work as part of a team.

Jo is on 07817 377640 or clerk@nymphfieldparishcouncil.org.

Neighbourhood Watch

Between 17th and 19th April some wooden shed panels were stolen from St. Jo's primary school. There was also some vandalism (eggs thrown at the building). Any information please to Stroud Police, incident number 152.

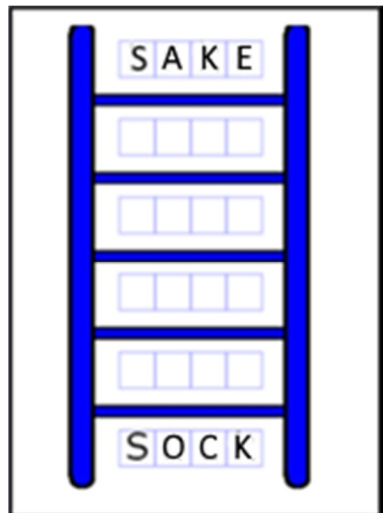
Reports of incidents or suspicious activity for Neighbourhood Watch to Martin (860133)

Spams & Scams

My spam folder this month has been filling with offers of drugs to make me hirsute and swollen, and links claiming to be from me or people I know. Best to delete anything unexpected without accompanying text, even if you know the (claimed) sender.

WORD LADDER

Change one letter at a time to get from one word to the next; every step should be a real word



Emails to the Editors



Well done to everyone involved in this year's panto Treasure Island. From the young dancers to the main characters, they were all superb, we have some great future actors/actresses in the making. It was so funny & very well thought out, we are so lucky with the talent we have up here. Once again, Well done!
Julie Trinder



We went to see Anthea & Chris Dove last week. Their adopted son Peter, aged 49, has just died. They asked if you could mention him in the next issue of the newsletter, as he grew up in Nympsfield? I couldn't get a photo but they did say that he came to them in 1972 at the age of 3. They also send their best wishes to all who remember them.
Janet & David Acton



I was wondering if we could possibly post Carys's story in the Village newsletter and hopefully with the village community all get behind her to raise money for her surgery. Carys lives alone in Nympsfield and has lived here for a few years now.

I will be putting forward a few fundraisers for her one being a big raffle where I am hoping to contact all local businesses etc to donate prizes to raffle off. At least that way if anyone can not financially be able to donate to her cause they can still give and help raise for her. The next few paragraphs, based on Carys's GoFundMe

page, <https://bit.ly/2VdLiKn> explain why she needs to raise money for her surgery.

Hi my name is Carys and I have just been diagnosed with 5 Vascular Compression syndromes and I also suffer from Gastroparesis and Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome (POTS).

In 2010 I had an appendicectomy due to having lower abdominal pain and as a result they removed the appendix. This is when my problems began. Quite quickly my weight started to disappear and eating started to be a real problem. I began vomiting and food felt like a rock in my stomach and I had nausea, early satiety, pain and sickness.

Eventually, I was diagnosed with Gastroparesis which is a delay of stomach emptying, and given treatment which began to stabilise my weight and give me more energy but many symptoms remain and I still need a stomach feeding tube.

This year I went to Germany to meet a Professor who is a world expert in these things. He found a number of conditions and advised surgery as soon as possible to prevent my symptoms from getting worse. All told, this will cost me £40,000.

Right now I can't plan anything as basic daily activities are a struggle. Some days I can't even get out of bed. So I'm asking if anyone could please donate, even a pound, it would make such a difference for me.

If you'd like to donate or if you have any fundraising ideas can you please get in touch with me? The Club will get behind her also. Thank you.

Cindi Herbert.



[commenting on the Club Easter celebration – ed] Wayne Herbert did a fantastic job; I wouldn't have lasted ten minutes with the [Easter Bunny] suit weather combo. I did feel about five years ago the Nympsfield I grew up in & adored was losing its identity. The older generations passing on & a significant percentage of new residents either being nervous or not wanting to

integrate themselves in the Village culture. The Village was becoming fragmented & adopting an urban trend of not wishing to acknowledge your neighbours. Days like this will influence the new generations that we are all equal regarding of status, career or materialistic wealth. Fantastic effort again to everyone involved

Nico Pearce

Nailsworth Festival 18th – 26th May 2019

As ever, the Festival will kick off on Saturday with entertainment and market stalls in the town centre, as well as the ever popular duck races. There will be a wide variety of musical acts appearing in the evenings during the Festival. These include: the Real People, an indie rock band; the Elias Quartet; country blues from Brooks Williams and opera from Opera Anywhere. There will be talks from Sabet Choudhury of BBC Points West and John Bradshaw, a world expert in animal behaviour. On the second Saturday there will be the welcome return of the Lip Service Touring Company, with a new production.

Other activities mainly for children and young people:

- On Festival Saturday (18th May) there will be a Sports Fest for 8 to 16 year olds, organized by Nailsworth Youth Club in partnership with PSALMS. The next day, Playcircle will present a musical theatre session as they retell the classic tale of “The Fisherman and his Wife” by Brothers Grimm. This is suitable for all ages.
- More theatricals will be provided by Nailsworth Dramatic Society's Youth Group presenting: LAUGH! An eclectic

mix of comedy sketches brought to you by this talented group of 11-15 year olds on Monday 20th May.

- Finally, Nailsworth Library will be putting on their “Buzzy Bee Workshop” on Saturday 25th May 10 am.

Other activities for all ages:

- Ruskin Mill's Festival Exhibition will feature the photography of Walter Lewis, on the theme of “local”, to get us thinking about developing more robust local economies and enterprises.
- On Wednesday 22nd May, Nailsworth's exciting writing group Tell Tales offer “Tales of Love and Longing”, an evening of stories, sketches and poems on the eternally fascinating subject of romance.
- There will be a Floral Card Making workshop at Mother Goose on Friday 24th May and
- an Art Exhibition by quilt and textile artist Kristine Raw with other invited artists 25th-26th May.

A full programme of activities is available on the Festival website

www.nailsworthfestival.org.uk. You can also follow the Festival on Facebook and Twitter.



At The Club - The Great Easter Egg Hunt

Nympsfield Working Men's Club Easter Egg Hunt on April 20th was a great success, with 34 children enjoying the fun and sunshine, including an Egg Hunt, face painting, games, never-ending raffle, cakes, goodie bags and a visit from the Easter Bunny!

Thanks to everyone who attended and helped in any way to make this event such a success. We hope to see you all again soon.

Cream Teas in the Village Hall 14:30 – 16:30 in aid of St. Bartholomew's clock repairs and Village Hall renovations with sale of **PLANTS, PRODUCE AND BOOKS.**

- Mayday 6th May
- Spring Bank Holiday 27th May
- August bank Holiday 26th August.

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 – usually with a drink and a few nibbles. Everyone is welcome (whether you have had time to read the book or not). Enquiries to Carole 860610

19 June Blindness by José Saramago

Martin & Kate, Chapel House

18 Sept: t.b.a. No meeting May, July or August.

What do you call a man with no shins? Toe-knee

What do you call a woman who can balance three pints on her head? Beatrix

What do you call a man who's lost his pants? Nicholas

What do you call a man with three rabbits coming out of his ears? Warren

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