

November-December 2019

THE  
**nymphsfield**  
NEWS & ADVERTISER



## Winter edition

As the year races to a close we bring you the usual mix of news, natter, nostalgia and nonsense –all is guaranteed Brexit-free.

We wish our readers a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Thanks for your contributions, please keep them coming!

The Editors

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### BOOKING CONTACTS

#### KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD

Tinkley Lane Nympsfield GL10 3UH  
Contact: [npfbookings@outlook.com](mailto:npfbookings@outlook.com)

#### VILLAGE HALL

Church St Nympsfield GL10 3TY  
Bookings Marie Knight 860115 or  
[nympsfieldvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:nympsfieldvillagehall@gmail.com)

#### WORKING MEN'S CLUB

Church St Nympsfield GL10 3UA  
Bookings: Ter 07590 268908 or  
Teresa 860796

### LAST POST COLLECTION

MON-FRI 4PM

SATURDAY 09:00 AM

### BUS TIMES

**Stagecoach service 65 to Upper Cam (St George's Church) via Uley, Dursley, Woodfield (Yew Tree), Cam & Dursley Station and Coaley (\*terminates at Cam & Dursley Station\*).**

Mon to Fri: 06:36\*, 09:16, 11:46. 13:46, 15:47 & 17:47\*

**To Stroud (via Nailsworth\*)**

Mon to Fri: 07:50, 10:35\*, 13:00, 15:00, 17:05 & 19:00\*

All times are shown from the bus stop on The Cross. Service times may vary and are correct at time of print.

Stagecoach timetable with service updates: [tinyurl.com/y66myhuj](http://tinyurl.com/y66myhuj)

### 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.

**Sun 10 Nov 10:45: Remembrance service at The Cross**

**Thu 28 Nov Taize Service St Bart's**

**Mon 23 December 18:00: St Bart's Carol & Christingle service**, mulled wine and mince pies to follow.

Other services in Dursley, see website  
Vicar Rev Michael Cozens 546459

### ST JOSEPH'S RC SERVICES

Vigil Mass every Saturday 5:30pm

Sunday Masses at St Dominic Dursley

Parish Priest Fr Philip Beisly 542039

# Village Noticeboard

## Services

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### **DOMESTIC HEATING OIL**

We put together a bulk order each month which saves participants £20+ per 500 litres (compared to the price charged by the supplier for a typical single household order). The more people that join in the more we stand to save. Now being co-ordinated by Mike Nicholls ([mike@leopardpress.com](mailto:mike@leopardpress.com)) aided by Colin Fairbrother ([colinfairbrother@hotmail.com](mailto:colinfairbrother@hotmail.com))

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Like help with your ironing? Contact Julie Trinder 860078 or 07548 918659

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Locally sourced seasoned firewood  
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Do you need some help in the garden? Honest, reliable, local gardeners. Garden tidying, lawns mowed and edged, weeding, planting, pruning. Contact Janet or David 861067 or email: [janet@springsnow.co.uk](mailto:janet@springsnow.co.uk)

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Oxford graduate offers French, Italian, Spanish, German. All ages, all levels.  
Contact: Annabelle 861143  
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### **PLASTERING AND GENERAL BUILDING MAINTENANCE**

All manner of wet trades & stud partitioning.  
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## **M AND N MOTOR SERVICES LTD**

Servicing and repairs to all makes and models of vehicle. Fully equipped garage facilities. MOTs. Free courtesy cars. Please visit our website for further details: [www.mandnmotorservices.co.uk](http://www.mandnmotorservices.co.uk)  
Contact: 860153 or email [info@mandnmotorservices.co.uk](mailto:info@mandnmotorservices.co.uk)

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Cotswold stone tiling and walling. Member of Guild of Master Craftsmen. Listed and period property specialists. Renovations, Extensions, Roofing, Landscaping, New builds, Carpentry/ Joinery, Rendering/ Plastering, Painting/ Decorating, Loft Conversions, Insurance work. Contact: Wayne 07816 634755

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Friendly piano and music theory lessons for all ages and abilities  
Contact Hannah 07954 481326  
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## **FOR HIRE: WHITE PARTY TENTS/ MARQUEES**

4 x 8m @£75 and 4 x 12m, we have 2 of these that can be joined together @£100 each. Self-erect and dismantle, min. 3 day hire. 3 x 3m pagoda available f.o.c.  
Contact: Janet 861067 / [janet@springsnow.co.uk](mailto:janet@springsnow.co.uk)

## **PADDOCKS4PAWS**

A safe place to exercise or train your dog. A secure 4-acre field with 1.8 metre (6ft) high fence in Nympsfield is available for you and your dog to hire on an individual basis. Please visit our website [www.paddocks4paws.com](http://www.paddocks4paws.com) for more info  
Contact Sue 861117 or 07815 568718

## **For Sale**

### **COMPUTER CHAIR £25 o.n.o.**

Contact Hazel 860009

### **STIHL HEDGE TRIMMER**

Long handled Stihl hedge trimmer only used twice and in great condition. Cost £679, sell for £450. Contact Tommy 07432 650321

### **TWO BEAUTIFUL OAK WARDROBES**

One is 2-door, the other 3-door. From Global Furniture in Stroud, Cotswold range. Will separate. Perfect condition. Only being sold as they won't fit in our new house. Collection only. Contact Jo or Paul Beeston 07792680534 or 07966477801.

## **Wanted**

**STONE** Any free stone, rubble, hardcore is required to improve the muddy footpath into Jimsies Field. Contact Rob Morgan 86068.

**10<sup>th</sup> November**

**Remembrance Sunday**

**Service at the Wayside Cross  
(War Memorial)**

**10:45 am**

# Village Events and What's On

## **The Rose and Crown Inn      860796**

*Tuesday to Sunday 12-3pm and 5-11pm  
Sat/Sun 12-11pm*

Good beer and food in traditional 17<sup>th</sup> century pub.

## **Nympsfield Working Men's Club**



Mon-Thurs: 4 - 8pm  
Saturday: 12 noon - close  
Sunday: 11.30am – 6pm  
Book your special event at

the Club – no hire charge. We now accept CARD PAYMENTS. Contact Wayne – 07769 317559 or Teresa – 860796/07773 404086.

**CHRISTMAS SQUARES – On Sale NOW!** The Grand Draw will be at 2pm on Saturday 22nd December – fantastic prizes to be won.

### **CLUB CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES**

Christmas Eve: 2pm – close  
Christmas Day: 11am – 2pm  
Boxing Day: 11am – close  
New Year's Eve: 12 - close

**CLUB BINGO** - Re-starting after the Summer break, every other Thursday starting 7.30pm **\*\*NEW TIME\*\***

November 14th and 28th  
December 12th

Great CASH prizes and Raffle.  
Look out for announcements/updates on our Facebook Page and follow us on Instagram - @nympsfieldclub  
See separate notices.

## **SOUP KITCHEN**

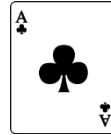
Second Wednesday in the month, Village Hall. See separate notice.

## **Everything Nympsfield!**

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

## **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 [stjosephspresch@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephspresch@gmail.com).  
See Facebook: 'St Joseph's Pre-school'



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

## **YOGA IN THE VILLAGE HALL**



Autumn Term starts at 7 pm on Tuesday September 3 rd.

There are one or two spaces available...friendly relaxing class...free taster session for newbies. Suitable for all - you don't have to be bendy!

For more information please email Norma on [Noz5252@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Noz5252@hotmail.co.uk).

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## Fri 1st November Nympsfield Working Men's Club Halloween Party

The club becomes the spooky

### **Black Lagoon Saloon**

and opens its doors for all Nympsfield's cowboys, Indians and outlaws

*Wet your whistle with whiskey and song / Come square dance and party all night long!*

**8 till late – karaoke, horse races, good value drink, shootouts and bonfire**

Fri 1st Nov 4.30-  
6.30pm Village Hall



## **CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY**

Fancy Dress followed by trick or treating. All ages welcome, but the party will be aimed at Primary school aged children. Cost £1 for expenses.

We would be grateful for a plate of party food for the Halloween Tea

Parents will be required to accompany their child/children at both the party and the Trick or treating.

Please contact Jo Beeston on either joannebeeston74@mail.com or 07792 680534 or Michelle Holloway on holloway2006@hotmail.co.uk or 07484 827470 to let us know if you would like to attend and what type of food you would like to bring. (sandwiches, wraps, fruit, cake etc)

St Joseph's School  
9<sup>th</sup> November

## **Fireworks Night**

**Gates Open 17:45** for BBQ, Cakes,

Soft Drinks, Bar etc.

**Fireworks start 19:00**

*Advance tickets:*

Adult, Child,

Family: £5, £3, £15

*Tickets on the night:*

Adult, Child, Family: £6, £4, £18

Children under 3 - free

Sorry, NO sparklers

For advance tickets and further details apply to the school or email to pta@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk



### **100 Club Winners**

- Week 45. No. 80. Lyndsey Egglestone.
- Week 46. No. 88. Sandor Toth.
- Week 47. No. 99. Pete Krausa.
- Week 48. No. 65. Trevor Gaunt.
- Week 49. No. 79. Geoff Whitman.
- Week 50. No. 61. Julie Trinder.
- Week 51. No. 68. Douglas Jackson.
- Week 52. No. 39. Judy Whitman (£25)

100 club subs are now due for 2019/20. We still have some spare numbers.

Pat and Malcolm 01453 860696.

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## WiN Women in Nympsfield

**Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019 – 7.30pm – Village Hall**

We will be welcoming back Erin Baker who will be cooking delightful Canapes and Nibbles all with an Xmas theme, so ladies not too much tea/dinner this evening; at the very least leave a bit of room for a canape or two to try!

**Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 7.30pm – Whackers**

Our traditional Christmas get together at Whackers for mulled wine, mince pies, nibbles, singing and secret Santa. An evening to relax, enjoy, have fun and be entertained. This is sure to put us all in the festive mood with only a few days left before the big day!

Huge thanks to Rachel for hosting this evening at her 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 – *contact* [catherine860636@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:catherine860636@yahoo.co.uk) or call 861610



## **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 read the book or not). Enquiries to Carole 860610.

**20 Nov:** Verity, Malt House Barns - *Days Without End, Sebastian Barry*

**19 Dec:** Kate & Martin, Chapel House - *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine, Gail Honeyman*

**15 Jan:** Tina, Four Wells: *The Circle, Dave Eggers.*

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## SOUP KITCHEN

The Soup Kitchen raises money for charities in memory of villagers who have recently died. It starts in the autumn and runs through to spring, second Wednesday of every month.

**13<sup>th</sup> November** is the first soup kitchen of this season.



## New Year's Eve at the Club

See in the start of the new decade with Cocktails and Karaoke! All welcome – a fantastic night of fun and camaraderie guaranteed – starts 8pm



## Nympsfield Gin Night

**Rearranged date**

**30<sup>th</sup> November, Village Hall**

Tickets £17.50: includes 3 Gin and Tonics, a Gin Glass and Nibbles. More gin available to buy! And if you don't like gin there will be some prosecco and red wine – but please let me know.

This is a fund raiser for the Village Hall so if anyone would like to make a donation of Gin, Tonic, or Nibbles they would be gratefully accepted. Also, help would be appreciated to design and print tickets.

For tickets, further information and offers of help please contact Jo Beeston

Tel: 07792680534 or email [joannebeeston74@gmail.com](mailto:joannebeeston74@gmail.com)

## DON'T FORGET! SANTA CLAUS'S TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS EVE TOUR OF NYMPSFIELD



**In aid of Village Hall**

Nympsfield Players will put  
on

## Jack and the Beanstalk

### A Pantomime

at Nympsfield Village Hall on  
19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> March 2020

Put it in your diary.



## FAREWELL TO THE MARIST SISTERS

As announced in the previous issue of Nymphy News, the Marist Sisters are leaving at the end of October after ninety years in the village. They first came at the invitation of the Misses Leigh. The convent building – originally built by their grandfather William Leigh as an alms-house was known in the village as The Barracks. It is shown on a 1920 map of the village as a War Orphanage. Later, it was gifted by the elder of the two sisters to the Marist Order with the condition that, if they were ever to leave, it would be passed on to another religious order or, failing that, would become home to some other charitable body that was doing good works in the community. As you might expect, the lawyers are trying to puzzle that one out. Sr Alexius, who is remembered as a splendid head teacher of St Joseph’s School, is now in her eleventh decade.

The photo is believed to be from the late 1970s.



**Back row L-R Srs:**

Ronan	Perpetua	Etheldreda	Genevieve	Beatrice	Mary-Clare	Regina	Mary-Luke	Marion
RIP	RIP			RIP	RIP	RIP	RIP	RIP

**Front row:**

Alexius	Linus	Ferdinand	Rowland	Margaret	Fellim	Alby-Mary-Anastasia
	RIP	RIP	RIP	RIP	RIP	RIP

## OLD NEWS FROM NYMPSFIELD

### Not a Bad Air Day

These days cartographers of the Ordnance Survey mostly rely on satellite photography and computers; not so long ago it was a pen and paper exercise with the detailed information coming from soldiers who made notes and sketches in pocket-sized “boundary books” specially issued for the purpose; these were supplemented by “name books” that list the correct names and spellings to be entered onto the maps. The instructions from the Survey were that “For names generally the following are the best individual authorities, and should be taken in the order given: Owners of property; estate agents; clergymen, postmasters and schoolmasters”. Is this the only time that an estate agent has been considered to be more trustworthy than a vicar?

No longer needed by the Survey, all these documents are now kept at the National Archives at Kew. Looking through the ones connected to Nympsfield a couple of years ago I found an old letter placed loosely in the file. It was dated 15 September 1933 and was written by Bryan H.St.J. O’Neil, Inspector of Ancient Monuments, to O.G.S. Crawford, archaeologist to the Ordnance Survey. O’Neil said that he’d been to see the Nympsfield Long Barrow and thought that he may have found another one – this one unrecorded – close by. He provides not very accurate figures for its latitude and longitude but, helpfully, someone has added a sketch map which

allowed me to find it quite quickly: if you are interested it’s located close to the big five bar gate into Stanley Wood on the Stroud Road (B4066), about 75 yards east of the Buckholt junction. There’s not a lot to see: a mound about one metre high and maybe six or seven metres diameter with a couple of trees growing out of it. The location is perfect: were it not for the trees it would have an uninterrupted view of the Severn. It looks man-made to me but whether it’s a long barrow is a different matter. Its absence from present-day maps suggest that O.G.S Crawford was unconvinced although, other than the little sketch map, there is nothing to show that it was actually investigated. That’s the problem with unsuccessful research – it rarely gets written up.

Nympsfield aside, O.G.S. Crawford (1886-1957) (first name Osbert known to his friends as Ogs) was a very successful researcher. He made his name as a user and promoter of aerial photography in archaeology, coming to the idea after working on aerial reconnaissance on the Western Front during the First World War. His classic paper used R.A.F. photographs to map what he called “Celtic fields” on Salisbury Plain. Typically, these are an acre or so in extent and rectangular with boundaries indicated by raised banks. Local examples are rare. The name is disliked by archaeologists although its replacement, “ancient field system”,

hardly has the same ring. It's thought that they could have been created anytime between the Bronze Age and the departure of the Roman legions.

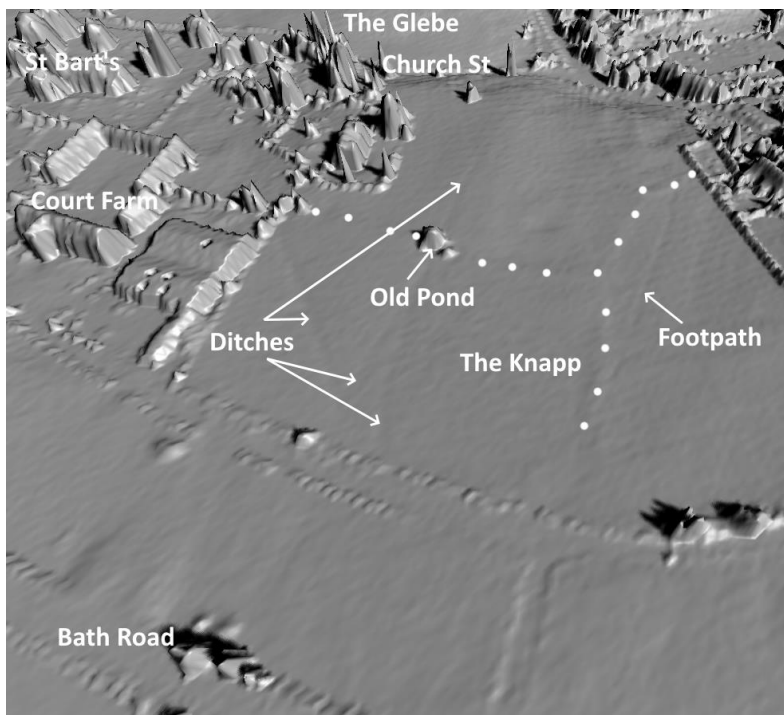
A big disadvantage of aerial photography is that trees often get in the way. Also, where the features have low relief, one may need the sun to be low in the sky for them to be seen and, even then, the shadows cast by nearby trees – in hedges for instance – can interfere. A new technique - Lidar (light detection and ranging) - overcomes many of these problems using laser beams shot from an aircraft to detect quite subtle differences in ground elevation. And now we have a Lidar map that covers much of the country. You can find it by Googling "UK Lidar map". The part covering Nympsfield looks to have been produced about

ten years ago – before the silage clamps at Court Farm were demolished. There's much of interest to see: the possible long barrow at Buckholt is clearly visible despite the trees; surrounding the village there are many vestiges of ridge and furrow cultivation – this is the mediaeval method of cultivation that survived until the eighteenth century – none of which shows up on existing aerial photos. But most exciting of all is an indication of Celtic fields in the heart of the village on the Knapp. It looks as though the five acres of The Knapp could, in ancient times, have been sub-divided into three or four separate fields.

The significance of this is that, for the first time, we may have evidence of pre-historic occupation of the area where the village now lies – as opposed to the burial sites on the Cotswold edge.

Ian Crossland

*Oblique 3-D Lidar view looking north over The Knapp and The Glebe. Ditches are mostly associated with the old pond and are a much later feature. The low banks marking out the ancient fields are shown by white dots.*



# POETRY PAGE

## MR. ENCYCLOPAEDIA BRITANNICA

Mr. Encyclopaedia Britannica sits all alone on the shelf

These days no-one consults him So he has to talk to himself.

His covers are made out of leather and his spines are printed in gold

But these days he looks a bit jaded, as he is incredibly old.

He's been usurped by Mr. Google If there's something the children must know

They totally ignore all his volumes – it's straight to the laptop they go.

But with ever increasing technology, one day there'll be power cuts worldwide

And the children will then come to find him, to discover his knowledge inside.

Jenny Nisbett.

## My Holiday (pt 1)

I had a great holiday  
From the beginning to the end  
But no I didn't drive  
Anybody round the bend

Instead I went swimming  
And I swam a few widths of the pool  
Then it brought memories  
Of being back at school

The beach was beautiful  
It went on for miles  
Then I thought to myself  
No more nights on the tiles  
There were so much scenery  
For you to take in  
It reminded me of watching TV  
And seeing Dusty Bin

We stayed in a log cabin  
Which was really nice and easy  
It brought back memories of  
watching Cider with Rosie

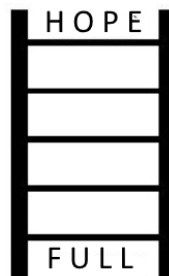
Miss Beverley Newman, St Judes

## POETRY COMPETITION

Fame beckons (via publication in the Nymphy News) for the best poem on the subject of dog poo.

Haiku, sonnet, quatrain, iambic pentameter – the form is immaterial but short entries will be preferred.

## WORDLADDER



Change one letter at a time to move from one word to the other. Each step should be a real word

## Emails to the Editors



**From Anthea Dove**

**Re Mod Cons:** The 28th August 1964 was a very hot day in Nympsfield. I was sitting in Church Cottage, where we lived then, with our young Austrian friend, Marli, who used to come over in summer to help with the children. They were all out somewhere playing, and Chris, my husband, was at work in Avonmouth.

I was pregnant and all at once I realised I was in labour. I wondered how I would get to the hospital in Stroud. I tried to think of anyone who would drive me. But Marli was already out of the door. She ran round and down to Front Street and approached the foreman who was overseeing the men digging the trench preparing for the main sewer.

“Leave all that!”, Marli commanded. “You’ve got to drive Anthea down to Stroud. She is in labour”. Well, he did. Possibly the fact that Marli was very attractive had something to do with it. The poor man drove very fast and was very nervous, but we arrived safely and the next day, Ben\* was born. \*Sadly, Ben died aged five months. He is buried in a corner of St Joseph’s churchyard.



**From a Walker**

**Dog poo:** someone is leaving bags of poo in white and green bags in the field between the Cross and Coaley Peak (and doubtless elsewhere). One of our villagers picked up and removed 22 bags recently (thanks!) The dog warden has been informed and many of us are keeping our eyes open for the culprit. It would be very nice if the person responsible could take their stuff away with them for proper disposal before they have the embarrassment of being identified. Should we bring back the village stocks?



**From Ann Hardy:**

**Dog walkers** are welcome in Jimsie's field (opposite the Village Hall) where my cows and this year's calves are grazing as long as they pick up all poo. This is because it carries an infection which causes the cows to abort shortly before they calve. The National Trust cows grazing Cleeve Hill have this infection and so cannot breed.

My cattle are the very rare Welsh Belted and red cows, so please keep your dog on a lead until they have done their business and then pick up and take it to the bin!

## Nympsfield People

The May-June edition of the Nympy News saw an appeal on behalf of **Carys Hellewell** who was suffering from Gastroparesis and Vascular Compression Syndrome. This meant that she had not been able to eat properly for years. The appeal was for £40,000 to allow Carys to travel to Germany for treatment there. Eventually, with help from various local sources, crowdfunding and a local charity, Carys was able to reach her goal: she flew to Dusseldorf for an eight hour operation at a clinic there. This was successful and, although there were complications later, she is now on the mend – her doctors say it will take a year to make a complete recovery.

“I had been waiting to get to this stage for so long that it seemed impossible” Carys said. “Thank you so much to everyone that has supported me through this, I now have a chance at life”. Our best wishes to Carys for a speedy recovery. [Acknowledgements to Stroud News and Journal].

## **NYMPSPFIELD PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

At the September meeting we were pleased to welcome PC Lay, Beat Manager covering the Dursley and Cam. PC Lay had been invited to the meeting to provide an overview of the police presence in the community. He advised that due to staffing issues there has been no police presence for the last 2 years. However, a new PCSO, Anne Barker, has been assigned to cover the Nympsfield area. PC Lay was pleased to advise that in the last 12 months only 9 crimes have been recorded, (3 of theft which were not residential burglaries). This reflected favourably compared to other local areas, such as Horsley reporting 47 crimes, 3 of which were burglaries. PC Lay suggested that lack of crime in the Nympsfield community may well be its geographical position which has poor access/egress from an intruder perspective.

Cllr Cowle highlighted the issue of dangerous parking outside St Joseph's when children are being dropped off at school and PC Lay advised that he would investigate this concern and report back to the Council.

At October's meeting Cllr Dewey reported the planting of trees in the Stroud area to create a woodland to help mitigate climate change. This follows the planting of a further 100 trees last year in Stratford Park. On 3rd October Stroud District Council (SDC) also approved a proposal to plant a woodland of 5 acres on the former Stratford Park estate on the eastern side of the A46. Cllr Dewey also reported a meeting "SDC Against Plastic" being held on 19th November at 7.30m at the Crown, Uley.

Other issues raised at the meeting related to the relocation of the War Memorial, modifications to the new gate into The Glebe and pot holes on Tinkley Lane.

The Council has been approached by Rosemary McCloskey, Rural Project Officer, Stroud District Council who wishes to carry out a sustainable drainage project (Natural Flood Management) on the Miry Brook. Rosemary wishes to tap into any local knowledge on anyone who is living next to the Miry Brook. If you have any information, please contact her at SDC: direct on landline 01453 754464 / mobile 07813 340211 / email [rosemary.mccloskey@stroud-gov.uk](mailto:rosemary.mccloskey@stroud-gov.uk).

Meetings second Monday in the month at 19:30 in the village hall.

### **Your Parish Councillors:**

Cllr Elizabeth Sturgess (Chair) 861076  
Cllr Susan Cowle (Vice Chair) 861010  
Cllr Ann Hardy 860876  
Cllr Carol Pittaway 860610  
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# Neighbourhood Watch

## Spams & Scams



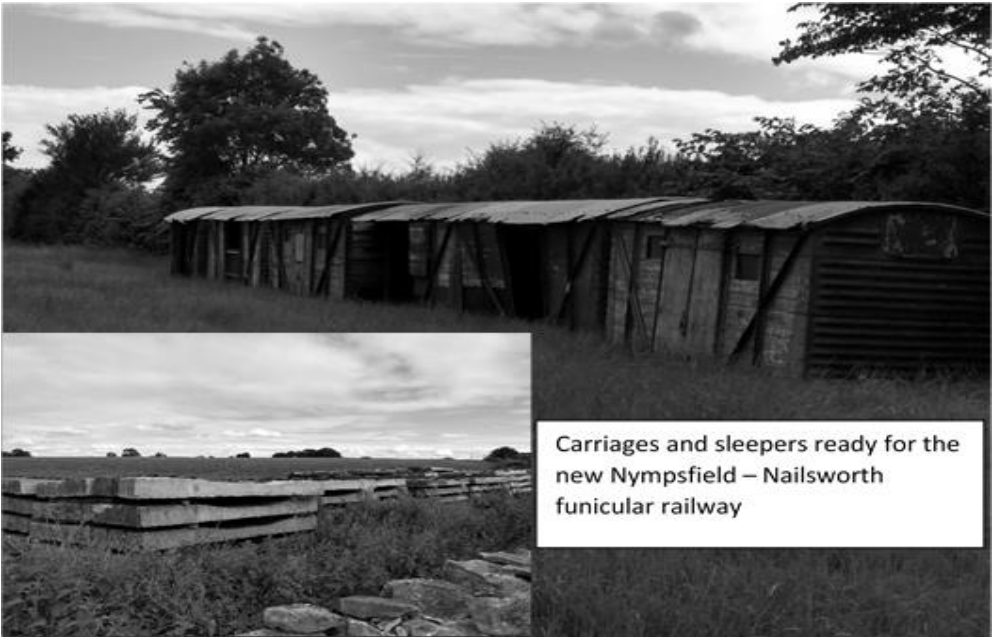
Scammers now have the technology to mimic an official telephone number so it comes up on

your caller ID display (if you have one on your phone). This can trick you into thinking the caller is really from a legitimate organisation, such as a bank or utility company. If you're in any doubt, hang up and call the organisation directly. If possible, call them from different phone as scammers can keep the phone line open, so that, even if you hang up and call the organisation directly, the line may still be connected to the scammer. If it's not possible to use another phone then wait for at least 10 minutes before you call.

A local resident recently received a phone call from a plausible-sounding man claiming to be from the Metropolitan Police Fraud Squad. He said that her credit card had been found and that, immediately after speaking to him she should hang up and then call a landline number he gave her. When the resident said she'd have to speak to someone else first, he slammed the phone down.

Clearly he was not with the police and the landline number he gave was false. His intention was that, when she called back, she would be connected directly to his accomplice who, no doubt, would try to talk her into giving up her PIN number – and who knows what else?

## Breaking News



Carriages and sleepers ready for the new Nympsfield – Nailsworth funicular railway

## USEFUL NUMBERS

Emergencies		Police (non-emergency)	101
Electricity	0800 6783 105	Police: Neighbourhood 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
Childline	0800 1111	Building Control	754871
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111	Dog Warden	754491
Doctors' Surgery Nailsw' th	01453 832424	Pollution, noise, bonfires etc	754478
Doctors' Surgery Uley	01453 860459	Neighbourhood Warden - Andy Beamish	07834 419332
Glo'ster Royal Hospital	0300 422 2222	Rubbish collection	754424
NHS Direct	111	Village Agent – we no longer have one!	
Nuisance callers (Information Commissioner Office if you are registered with telephone preference service)	0345 070 0707	Vet (Bowbridge)	01453 762350

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