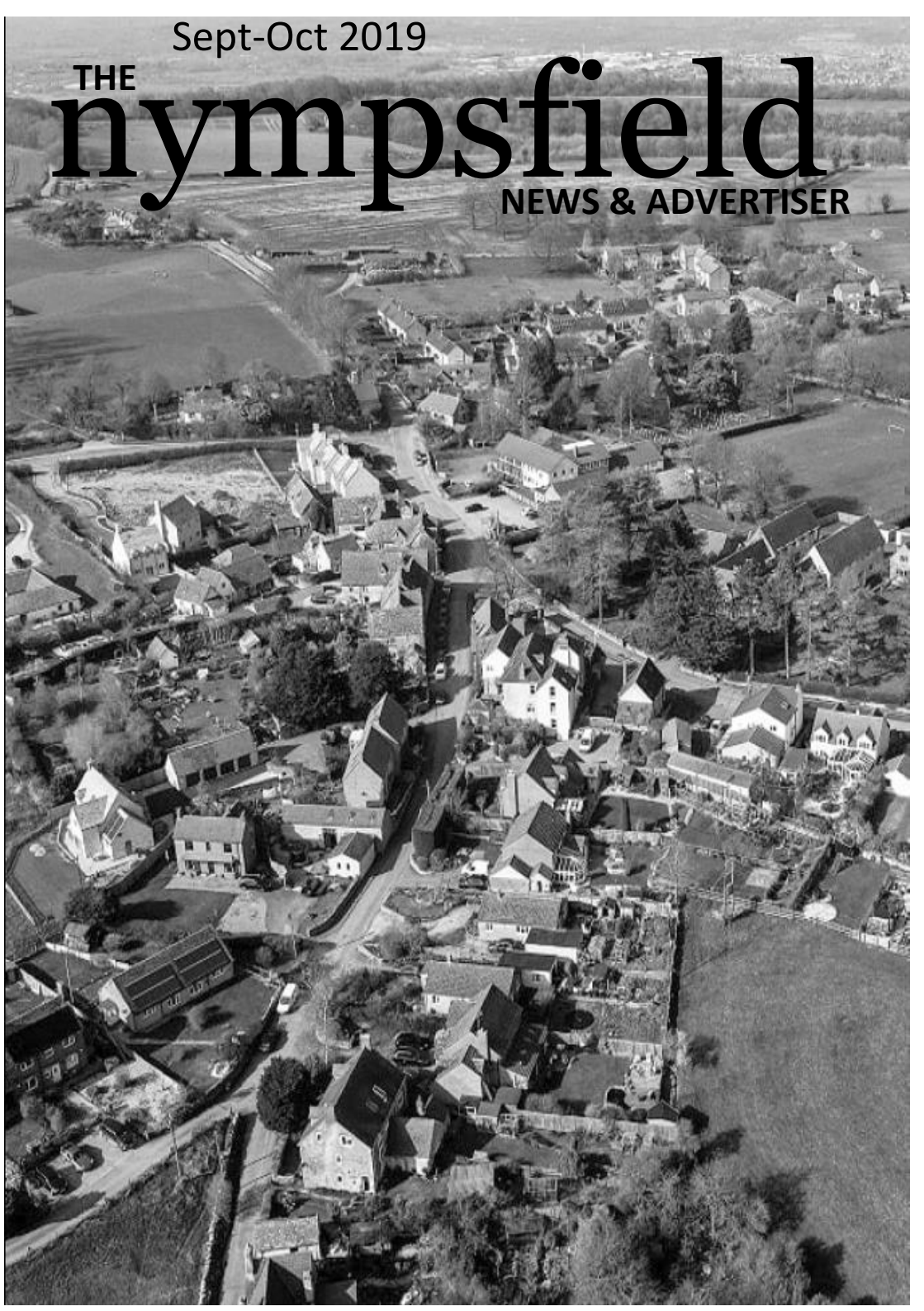


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# nymphsfield

NEWS & ADVERTISER



## Autumn edition

It's August as I write this but it feels very autumnal. Let's hope for an Indian summer. In this edition, news, views & information plus:

- \* Chris Marshall – an appreciation;
- \* Jenny Nisbett asks where all the flowers have gone; and
- \* Ian Crossland looks at sewage.

The Editors

Email [NympyNews@gmx.com](mailto:NympyNews@gmx.com)

Deadline for the November-December edition 20 October.

*Cover photo- Nympsfield from the air. See item below right.*

## BUS TIMES

**STAGECOACH SERVICE 65 TO WOODVIEW (YEW TREE) VIA DURSLEY (TERMINATES AT CAM & DURSLEY STATION\*)**

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

**TO STROUD (VIA NAILSWORTH\*)**

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.

**Note the reduced service to Cam & Dursley!**

## 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

## Nympsfield from the Air

Coming soon - I will be producing a film showing Nympsfield and surrounding area from the air filmed by an Ultra HD drone. It will be available to purchase with all proceeds being donated to the Church Hall. If you have any places or areas you would like featured please email me at [nisbett53@hotmail.com](mailto:nisbett53@hotmail.com) and I will do my best to include these. I will also try to give warning about the drone being in the air via the Everything Nympsfield Facebook page. Thank you.

James Nisbett (see cover photo)

## LAST POST COLLECTION

MON-FRI 4PM

SATURDAY 09:00 AM

# Village Noticeboard

## Services

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Agricultural Fencing, Gates/ Posts/ Rails, Hedge Laying, Firewood, Mobile Firewood Processing

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Contact 07773 595057  
email: [enquiries@makeupbycindi.com](mailto:enquiries@makeupbycindi.com)

### **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))

### **HANDYMAN/ GARDENER**

Contact: Tommy Guerin 07432 650321

### **IRONING**

Would you like help with your ironing?  
Contact Julie Trinder 860078  
or 07548 918659

### **FIREWOOD**

Locally sourced seasoned firewood  
Contact 861117 or 07860 572905

### **GARDENING**

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

email: [janet@springsnow.co.uk](mailto:janet@springsnow.co.uk)

### **LANGUAGE TUITION**

Oxford graduate offers French, Italian, Spanish, German. All ages, all levels.  
Contact: Annabelle 861143

or 07811 464559

### **PLASTERING AND GENERAL BUILDING MAINTENANCE**

All manner of wet trades & stud partitioning.

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Servicing and repairs to all makes and models of vehicle. Fully equipped garage facilities. MOTs. Free courtesy cars.

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Contact: 860153 or email  
[info@mandnmotorservices.co.uk](mailto:info@mandnmotorservices.co.uk)

### **PIANO LESSONS**

Friendly piano and music theory lessons for all ages and abilities

Contact Hannah 07954 481326

email: [mahon641@googlemail.com](mailto:mahon641@googlemail.com)

# Village Noticeboard

## **THE OPTICAL SHOP**

We are an independent ophthalmic and dispensing optician in Nailsworth. Our main priority is to take care of our patients' eyes. We offer honest & independent advice, a fantastic choice of spectacle frames and an individual personal service. Contact 839145  
[www.theopticalshop.org](http://www.theopticalshop.org)

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

## **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)

## **SPRING SNOW GRAPHIC DESIGN**

Logos, business cards, letterheads, adverts, leaflets, brochures, posters, vehicle livery, signs and websites. Whatever you need designing or printing, just ask.  
Contact Janet or David 861067  
email: [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 Nymphsfield is available for you and your dog to hire on an individual basis. Please visit our website [www.paddock4paws.com](http://www.paddock4paws.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

## **Wanted**

### **STONE**

Any free stone, rubble, hardcore is required to improve the muddy footpath into Jimpsies Field. Contact Rob Morgan 860682

# Village Noticeboard

## **Nympsfield in Bloom**

Sue Cowle has kindly offered to take forward the Nympsfield in Bloom scheme for next year.

Can you help? Any offers would be welcomed. Meeting 15:00 Sunday 22 September at Rose Beach's (Mead House) or contact Sue.

## **June Progressive Supper**

A memorable evening was had by all (more memorable for some than others!)

Thanks to Jo and Michelle for all of their hard work in organising it, and thanks to all who hosted it for the lovely grub.

## **The Cam Surgery**

### **FLU VACCINATIONS 2019**

Free Flu Vaccinations are available to:

1. All patients of 65 years and over
2. All pregnant women
3. Patients with chronic (long-term) chest and heart complaints, diabetes, liver and renal problems
4. Patients with a chronic neurological disease, such as Parkinsons disease or Motor Neurone disease
5. Patients with a weakened immune system due to disease (such as HIV/AIDS) or treatment such as cancer treatment
6. People living in long-stay residential care homes
7. People who are in receipt of a carer's allowance or those who are the main carer of an elderly or disabled person
8. People who are morbidly obese (defined as BMI of 40 or above)

**Flu vaccinations will be given at Flu**

**Clinics on:**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 9.00am to 12.30pm**

Plus Monday 28th October and 4th November 2.00pm – 7.00pm

**NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY**

## **Nympsfield Gin Night**

**Rearranged Date** has changed from 5<sup>th</sup> October to **30<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Venue – Village Hall at 8pm

Ticket Price £17.50: includes 3 Gin and Tonics, a Gin Glass and Nibbles

You will be able to buy more G&Ts!

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

If anyone could design and print some tickets it would be a great help

(For those who don't love Gin but would like to join us, there will be a small amount of Prosecco or Red Wine available – please let me know.)

For tickets, further information and offers of help please contact:

Jo Beeston Tel : 07792680534 or email joannebeeston74@gmail.com



# 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 - close*

*Sunday: 11.30am - 6pm*

Book your special event at the Club – no hire charge. We now accept CARD PAYMENTS. Contact Ter 07590 268908 or Teresa 860796

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

September 5th and 19th

October 3rd, 17th and 31st

Great CASH prizes and Raffle.

Other dates for the diary are:-

Saturday 31st August: **Summer Fund-raiser** 3pm till late. Hog roast with veggie options, promises auction and fun!

Friday 11th October: **Psychic Evening**

Look out for announcements/updates on our Facebook Page and follow us on Instagram - @nympsfieldclub

## **Everything Nympsfield!**

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

**Cream Teas** every bank holiday – see separate notice

**WiN Meetings**      *Monday 16 Sept & 21 Oct, 7:30pm, See separate notice.*

**Book Club** Third Wednesday of every month – 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

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.

## **Children's Halloween Party**

*Fri 1st Nov* at the Village Hall

## **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.

## WiN Women in Nympsfield

Ladies, welcome back. We trust you have had a good summer break.

Our next meeting is on

Monday, 16th September 2019 7.30pm @ The Village Hall

As we would not wish to undo all the relaxing our members have done during the summer, Jenny Underwood, a qualified reflexologist and trained in

Indian head massage, will be giving a demonstration.

Monday, 21st October 2019 7.30pm @ The Village Hall

A team from the Cotswold Canal Trust will talk about the ongoing restoration project along our canals. As you may be aware, this is run entirely by volunteers from the local community (including our Rachel) who give time and energy to save our heritage and improve our local environment for the benefit of everyone.

We have always given generously to the food bank and have now been asked to donate cash – a food bank box has been delivered which we will bring along to our meetings.

WiN membership fee is £20 for the year - £2 visitors

*New members always welcome*

**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.

18 Sept: Gerry, Crossways - Year of Wonder, Geraldine Brooks

16 Oct: Carole, Haye House - The Seven Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle

by Stuart Turton

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

18 Dec: Kate & Martin, Chapel House - t.b.a.

### No Mod Cons

One hundred years ago, Nympsfield had neither mains water nor a main sewer. Drinking water came from wells and at least one - the Four Wells on the Holloway (just below the Cook's house) - acted as a public supply. Contamination of drinking water by sewage was a known hazard and households were required by law to have a sanitary method for sewage disposal. Mostly, this consisted of a hole in the ground (a cesspit) where solids would collect (to be dug out and carted away periodically) while liquids would soak away, relying on so-called "self-purification", i.e. destruction of pathogens by microbial action in the soil, to clean it up before it reached the groundwater below - and the wells that drew from it. If a cess pit was too deep, that could leave too little soil and rock to effect the clean-up.

Cholera epidemics were not unknown in the district and in 1914 the Dursley Rural District Council (RDC) came up with a Nympsfield Sewer Scheme that was discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting that year. Villagers, worried by news of infectious diseases in Dursley and elsewhere, were keen to take up the offer and the meeting voted in favour. But the Chairman, Rev Van Den Burgh, was not convinced and he eventually brought the meeting round to agreeing to send a deputation from the village to the RDC to discuss three "difficulties" with the proposal.

The first of these was "a deficient water supply"; put another way, clean water

was the most important priority and how useful was a main sewer anyway if houses did not have water on tap? The second problem was "the Outfall"; the minutes of the meeting don't explain what this means but my guess is that sewage was meant to drain by gravity to the lowest point in the village (in the field just below the Plain probably) where there would be a holding tank with an overflow to an artificial soakaway - in effect, a very large septic tank. The third and final issue - no surprise here - was the cost; this was estimated at £313 of which one third would be chargeable to the parish. Given that the parish rate only raised £10 per year, one can understand the concern.

Two months later, the deputation reported back on its meeting with the RDC. By now, the village had changed its mind on the idea and no-one could be found to second a motion to accept the RDC's proposal. Instead, swayed by the Rector, it voted to say that

*This meeting is satisfied that under its present healthy conditions and with its excellent health record, the village is sufficiently well served by the existing drain, and respectfully asks the RDC to let it remain as it is. If through neglect, defects have arisen, it invites that proper repairs be executed.*

The Rector noted in passing that the well at the Barracks (now the Convent) had been mentioned incidentally in



connection with the drainage scheme, but that no official statement had reached him from the RDC – at least in writing. In other words there was a possible health hazard with the Barracks well but not to worry as he'd only heard about it off the record.

The RDC wasn't to be swayed so easily and ordered a report from the district Medical Officer. This was passed back to the village for "observations" but, by now, it was September 1914, a month after Britain had declared war on Germany. The MO's report was read to the village meeting whose response – again led by the Rector was to call for

*the RDC to suspend ... any action in the matter [given] the unsettled state of the Country and the prospective call up on its resources .... Meanwhile the continued health of the village is, they think, a sufficient guarantee that the present system of drainage is of no danger to the health of the inhabitants.*

This did the trick: the scheme was put aside for the duration of the war and then quietly forgotten. Instead, in 1933 the village began lobbying for the RDC to bring mains water to the whole village. This was finally achieved in 1940. One of the reasons given was that the Four Wells was known to be contaminated. This, of course, undermined one of the arguments the village had put forward for deferring the sewer scheme but, by then, all that had been forgotten.

Mains sewerage took longer to come to the village and arrived piecemeal: first at

an unknown date to Cockadilly where, presumably, it was easy to route the effluent down towards treatment works that drain to the Severn. Next, as part of the development of the Tinkley Corner Council Houses in 1950; and, finally, to the whole village around 1967. By this time the electrically-powered pump house on Baker's Lane was in use to push the material up to the lip of the escarpment so that it could then flow downhill to the treatment works – as it still does, fatbergs permitting.

Ian Crossland



*Nailsworth fountain commemorating William Smith, who helped bring "pure drinking water" to the town after it had been hit by cholera.*

## WHERE HAVE ALL THE FLOWERS GONE?

On the street where I lived as a child –  
roses and poppies grew wild

The birds sang in the trees – butterflies on  
the breeze

We played hopscotch with chalk – or we  
went for a walk

We stayed out after dark – we were safe  
in the park

On the street where I lived as a child.

.....

We played with a friend – summer days  
without end

Front gardens kept neat – and the air  
smelled so sweet

On the street where I lived as a child.

.....

Now no children are seen – they're  
indoors with a screen

People don't even talk – they text as they  
walk

They're glued to their phone – can't they  
leave it at home?

Gardens dry as a bone – they're all  
concrete and stone

There's no sign of the bees – and they've  
chopped down the trees

On the street where I lived as a child.

.....

I mourn for the world that I knew – where  
roses and poppies once grew

We're destroying our planet – and  
everything on it

SO OUR FUTURE IS ALL UP TO YOU!

Jenny Nisbett.

## 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.

## CHURCH SERVICES

### CHURCH OF ENGLAND

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.

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

# Nympsfield News

## Woodchester Park:

From Emma Guthrie of the National Trust: I am emailing to let you know of some felling work that we will be undertaking at Woodchester Park from mid-September. We are going to be removing an area of non-native Western Red Cedar trees as part of our parkland restoration work. The work will take approximately 2-3 months depending on the weather, and for this time a large part of the purple walking route will be inaccessible to the public for health and safety reasons. We will be putting diversion signs in place to allow walkers to still do a circular route through the park. However, we are aware of the disturbance this will still have, especially to the local community who use the park regularly.

## The Marist Convent

The Marists have announced that the centre next to the school will be closing at the end of October, and the two sisters will be relocating. No plans for the future of the building have yet been made public. I'm sure that we wish the sisters well wherever they find themselves.

## New gate

There's a new gate at the entrance to the village green near to St Bartholomew's.



## Nympsfield People



Happy birthdays (a bit belated – sorry!) to:

**Lionel Holloway**, 90 on 11<sup>th</sup> May

**Rose Beech**, 85 on 23<sup>rd</sup> August

**Word Ladder** - Change one letter at a time. Each step should be a proper word



## **NYMPSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

The July meeting was attended by a dozen members of the public concerned about plans for 10 new dwellings on land opposite The Hawthorns, The Plain. The proposal for four flats and six houses prompted a wide-ranging debate which clearly showed both local people and the parish council's objections to the idea. Protests included the number of units, their location, and its sustainability next to a large working farm.

The site was also not that identified in earlier surveys. The council objected in the strongest possible terms about it to the Stroud District Council local planning authority. The proposal has now been "called in" which means the SDC members instead of their officers will determine the application.

The council's Annual Governance and Accountability Return was approved for submission to the external auditor. It showed total spending of £7,894 against a precept (income) of £7,642 during 2018-19. There are however balances moving forward of £14,409.

In August the council co-opted new councillor Peter Tomiak-Baquero to fill its vacant seat. New clerk Ms Susan Black was also welcomed following interviews held at the end of July for the permanent clerk's vacancy.

It was agreed Vice-chair Cllr Susan Cowle would now take forward negotiations with bus operators Stagecoach about use of the stone bus stop in the centre of the village following the council's dissatisfaction with Gloucestershire County Cllr Loraine Patrick's liaisons on the matter.

A new firm was engaged to cut the grass at The Cross, The Barrow and Cockadilly junction. This would be experimental and subject to later review.

It had earlier been resolved to attempt to relocate The Cross from private householders' land to The Barrow because its roadside position meant both damage to the war memorial and hazards for worshippers. Cllr Cowle would see if permission could be gained from the War Memorial Society before any practicalities are discussed.

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
Clerk: clerk@nympsfieldparishcouncil.org	

### **Your District Councillor**

Cllr Jim Dewy    cclr.jim.dewey@stroud.gov.uk

### **Your County Councillor**

Cllr. Loraine Patrick  
loraine.patrick@gloucestershire.gov.uk

### **Your Member of Parliament**

Dr David Drew  
david.drew.mp@parliament.uk

## Neighbourhood Watch

A large volume of calls is being received mostly by older residents in the area. The callers claim to be from Sky, HMRC, another Police Force, or a well-known Bank stating they are investigating counterfeit currency and they need your help. The person on the telephone requests that you give them your bank account details and they will be able to sort it out for you, and ensure you receive a refund of the monies that have been taken.

Those people sound very convincing, and sadly a few people have fallen victim. Please be aware of anyone asking for your bank account details, your PIN number or, any other private information that may lead to them taking your money or identity.

It all may be a SCAM !!!! Please be careful.

Anything you feel is suspicious, do not hesitate to call us on the Non-Emergency Number 101.

There have been several incidences of vandalism at the school. Those responsible are known. Please keep an eye open.

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

### Spams & Scams

A lot of unsolicited phone calls are being received about energy saving enhancements via the government's Green Deal. Some of them may be genuine, but best to ignore them. Information on the Green Deal can be had from [www.gov.uk/green-deal-energy-saving-measures](http://www.gov.uk/green-deal-energy-saving-measures).

Don't trust cold-callers

## Rose's Recipes from the Hetty Peglar Cookbook of the last century

### Old School House Chicken Topping serves 4-6

- ¾ lb cooked chicken
- 1 onion
- ¼ lb mushrooms
- ½ pint Bisto
- Pinch of herbs
- Leftover stuffing and vegetables

Dice the chicken into an ovenproof dish. Fry the mushrooms for a few minutes and add to the chicken with the herbs and leftover stuffing and vegetables, pour over the Bisto. Make the topping by mixing the flour and suet with enough water to make a soft dough. Drop in the middle of the chicken and spread out with a fork until it reaches the edges of the dish. Cook for 30-40 minutes until brown and crispy on top, at 425F.

### Topping

- 8oz flour
- a good 4 oz shredded suet



# Emails to the Editors



## **From Frank Wooldridge, Chair of the Nympsfield Playing Field Committee:**

There has been some confusion recently about charges imposed for use of the village playing field; I am writing to set the record straight.

While the playing field is a community facility provided for the benefit of all, it does not look after itself. Mowing is the main expense but this, thankfully, is mostly paid for by the Parish Council. This aside, the main outgoings are for pavilion and field maintenance, insurance, utilities, additional mowing etc. These are met from fundraising activities and from fees collected from hirers and event organizers. The normal charge for a half day's use of the whole of the field is £65. When St Joseph's School wanted to use the field for a whole-school picnic recently, the committee proposed a charge of £26, a substantial discount on the normal fee, in recognition of it being for a school event. The school balked at this, however, and the committee subsequently came in for some criticism and abuse. The committee takes the view, nevertheless, that the proposed charge was very reasonable given that others pay the full amount.



## **From The Revd Jane Wood, Assistant Curate, and David Smith, Mission and Outreach, of the Ewelme Benefice, (Dursley, Uley, Owlpen and Nympsfield)**

### **The 5 Churches Walk**

We live in one of the most scenic parts of the country. It looks good from a car. It looks even better on foot. A few of us from St James church in Dursley met recently to risk assess and to walk out the

Ewelme Benefice walk, which we have entered in the festival.

We left St James and visited St Mark's in Woodmancote. The next stage to St Giles included a section of the Cotswold Way, and a short climb to just below Uley Bury, with fine views of Downham Hill and looking back, of Dursley. After visiting St Giles, we took the path across the fields, just after The Old Crown Inn, crossing the river Ewelme, to just below Holy Cross church where a wedding was in progress. A few yards up the road we followed the bridleway up the magnificent valley then quite steeply up through the woods. After crossing a few stiles, we were in Nympsfield. After calling in St Bartholomew's church we finished our walk at the Rose and Crown.

The walk was about 6 miles long, and we had taken nearly four hours without hurrying. We had enjoyed the walk and each-others company.

Please do join us on Saturday 5 October. You can either take part in the walk or alternatively, perhaps you might like to welcome walkers at one of the churches along the route? The finish will be at Nympsfield Village Hall, where hot drinks and cake will be on offer.

Free transport will be provided to take everyone back to Dursley, or as a shuttle between churches if you are a non-walker but would still like to be involved in a short walk or provide refreshments and a welcome.

Please speak to a churchwarden, Canon Michael or one of the clergy if you would like more information.

# Christopher Marshall

Chris died unexpectedly at home on the 4<sup>th</sup> July; he would have been 78 in December. He is deeply missed by his wife Pat and his family. His memorial service was held at St Bart's on August 10<sup>th</sup>. This poem, written by his son in law, was read out at the service.



## There's only one Chris Marshall by Chris Young

1. Little more than a month ago,  
we received the worst kind of shock.  
Out of the blue, without any signs,  
the time ran out on your clock.
2. As for those of us left behind,  
grandchildren, kids and wife.  
We gather together, reflect on the joy  
and celebrate your life.
3. "Morning Dad, you all right today?"  
"Magic thanks" is what you'd say.
4. The Boss of Billiards, A King with a Cue.  
Stroud District's finest were no match for you.
5. Your love for watching sport was plain for  
all to see.  
Whether it be football, athletics or  
Formula 1 grand prix.
6. If anyone dare say something cruel about  
Beckham  
You'd rise from your chair and threaten to  
deck'em.
7. If you wanted a tip to bet on a horse.  
Steer away from Chris Marshall as a matter  
of course.
8. Persistently betting on a double or three.  
All for the prize of winning 50p.
9. We all knew your weakness for lardy's and  
cake.  
Not a bit concerned for the trouble you'd  
make.
10. As you tucked in to something spicy and  
hot.  
You'd cough and you'd splutter and tell us "it's  
not".
11. A night at the pictures was always a  
treat.  
Especially when you managed to stay on  
your feet.
12. Forever on the lookout for the next sci-fi  
flick.  
Star Wars or Avatar would be your top pick.
13. It's fair to say your driving wasn't the  
best.  
"Blend in" you would claim, as hearts pump  
in our chests.
14. A more generous man you'd struggle to  
find.  
Without a doubt a one of a kind.
15. After this day life without you starts.  
We'll move forward each day with you in our  
hearts.
16. We'll always remember special moments  
we had.  
With our brother, our Grampy, our friend and  
our Dad.

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