

THE

July-August 2020

Nymphsfield

NEWS & ADVERTISER



Keep on smiling!

Summer edition

Welcome to this latest edition of the Nymphy News. Thanks for all your contributions – keep them coming. Inside you will find an appreciation of Laura Freeman who sadly died age 104 in April, poetry, history, the latest news and much else.

It's good to see that Woodchester Park is now open adding to the repertoire of walks from the village! We are lucky to have such a lovely location in the countryside.

Cover picture: Happy Face flag at Tinkley Corner (thanks to flag-man Chris Jenkins!)

The Editors

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Stagecoach timetable with service updates: tinyurl.com/y66myhuj

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Dad Joke

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Nobody wants anything it seems. How content we all must be!

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What's Off

THE ROSE AND CROWN INN

Shut but doing take away every Friday and Saturday evening 6pm-8pm: fish, chips & peas, burgers & chips (beef, southern fried chicken or grilled chicken) and a choice to add on bacon, egg and/or chilli for an extra £1, beef and ale pies, chips & gravy all for £10 each plus pizzas, pulled pork dishes and more... Menu on Facebook. Also, we are doing Sunday roasts every Sunday 12pm-2pm which are beef, pork, chicken and veggie on pre-order by phone or roseandcrown55@gmail.com or Facebook message or 07880602678 .

NYMPSPFIELD WORKING MEN'S CLUB

CLOSED - see notice elsewhere. Contact Wayne – 07769 317559. Look out for announcements/updates on our Facebook Page and follow us on Instagram - @nymphsfieldclub

SOUP KITCHEN

Not this side of the summer...

EVERYTHING NYMPSPFIELD!

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

U3A BRIDGE GROUP *Tuesday 2 - 4.45 pm* Not for the moment... Call Richard Gwyer on 01453 860512, or see Cam U3A website for details.

WOODCHESTER MANSION has a new Facebook page: search FB for woodchestermansion

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'

YOGA IN THE VILLAGE HALL For more information please email Norma on Noz5252@hotmail.co.uk.

100 Club Winners

Week 37 No. 98 Richard Pearch.
Week 38 No. 4 Janet & Dave Acton.
Week 39 No. 19 Andrew Giles. (£25)
Week 40 No. 46 Ute Mc Farling.
Week 41 No. 81 Amy Guerin.
Week 42 No. 80 Lindy Egglestone.
Week 43 No. 8 Paul Harrison.
Week 44 No. 55 Ken Farrer.
Week 45 No. 44 Liz Sturgess.
Week 46 No. 54 Diane Davis.

100 club money is due at the end of July.

If possible, please could members put the £12 for each number through our letter box marked clearly with name. If not, don't worry we will call for it. Pat and Malcolm 01453 860696



Britain in Bloom:

Phone Sue on 01453 861010 for current plans

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THE BOOK CLUB is normally held monthly.

We are a very informal group whose aim is to discuss the book selected and have a social evening too. Everyone is welcome (whether you have read the book or not). Enquiries to Carole 860610. Meetings will be held via Zoom until further notice. Bring your own drink and a few nibbles.

16 July: Where the Crawdaddy Sings, Delia Owens

August: summer break (maybe, if permitted!)

SOUP KITCHEN

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

OIL ORDERS

Oil buying Schedule 2020. Mike will email members of the group for their requirements and then the joint order will be placed on

3 Aug 2 Nov

If you want to join the group (the last order was very low price!) email Mike Nicholls mike@leopardpress.com or Colin Fairbrother colinfairbrother@hotmail.com

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES

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

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

ST JOSEPH'S RC SERVICES

Vigil Mass every Saturday 5:30pm
Sunday Masses at St Dominic Dursley

Parish Priest Fr Philip Beisly 542039
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SEE WEB SITES FOR CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS

PROGRESSIVE SUPPER Advance notice from Jo Beeston that she'll be organising another progressive supper for 3rd October (virus permitting) - Watch this space!

WiN Women in Nympsfield

BIG thank you to all who attended the AGM on Monday, 15th June
– we will keep you posted re: future events

Secretary wanted so please contact Rachel, Verity, Catherine or Pam if interested.
If you are not a member and would like to be, please give us a try, we look forward to seeing you once it is safe.

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

Many thanks and best wishes, Catherine

Nympsfield Working Men's Club

Please check our Facebook/Instagram/the Everything Nympsfield Fb page for details of re-opening times/arrangements following the potential easing of lockdown restrictions on July 4th.

We now accept CARD PAYMENTS.

Book your special event at the Club – no hire charge. The Club is currently closed due to Government measures to prevent the spread of Coronavirus and save lives.

However, we are offering a limited take-away service every day from 3-5pm of cans and snacks to be consumed OFF the premises, with strict adherence to the social distancing guidelines.

Nympsfield Working Men's Club are currently looking for a new Secretary to join the Committee in the post-Lockdown era. Please contact Wayne Herbert on 07769 317559 for further information.

Recipe – Martin's Tomato

Loosely based on the Spanish breakfast tomato spread...

- A few cherry tomatoes, or a couple of average tomatoes, the riper the better.
- A sprig of mint,
- One or two cloves of garlic.
- A small chilli.
- Two or three tbsp olive oil

Put it all in a blender and whizz until there aren't any big bits left. It keeps for a week or so in the fridge.

Uses:

Spread it on toast for breakfast (the Spanish way, tostada con tomate)

Spread it on toast, top with cheese and grill until cheese is melted (tostada con tomate y queso).

Use as a pasta sauce, or use to marinade meat or fish.

Use instead of butter (great in a bacon butty and with portions!)

Variation: pimenton picante and basil instead of mint and chilli.

OLD NEWS FROM NYMPSFIELD

Lost Lands

In the good (or bad) old days of the Middle Ages every village had at least two common fields. In Nympsfield there were three: the West, Latter (or Larder) and Lynch fields located roughly to the west, east and south of the village centre. Each common field was divided into individual “lands” or “pieces” that were allocated by lot to the various households of the village. Each land had one or more long, thin strips – traditionally, a furlong (220 yards) in length – terminated at each end by a headland where the plough could be turned around.

Before the invention of the reversible plough, ploughs could only turn the soil one way (invariably to the right)

which means that the most efficient way of working was to make the first furrow and then, working clockwise, plough parallel to it until the whole of the strip had been worked – a strip could be anything from 5 to 20 yards wide.

This practice has the effect of moving soil towards the first furrow, creating a ridge while at the edge of the strip a ditch would be created; confusingly, this is also called a furrow. Having ploughed one strip, the team could then move on to another. The height difference between the top of the ridge and the bottom of the adjoining furrow could be six feet or more. In those days of undrained fields, the drier ridge might be suitable for wheat while the furrow could be sown with thirstier crops such as beans or peas.

In the early Middle Ages ploughs might be pulled by a team of eight oxen. The whole train was so long that, even when all the animals had reached the headland, the plough was still in the ground. To make it easier for the plough to be pulled up onto the headland and rotated ready for the return furrow they would first veer to the left. The effect of this was to give the strip the shape of an elongated and inverted “S”. With the passage of time bigger, stronger



Mediaeval ridge and furrow near Berkeley (Google Earth)

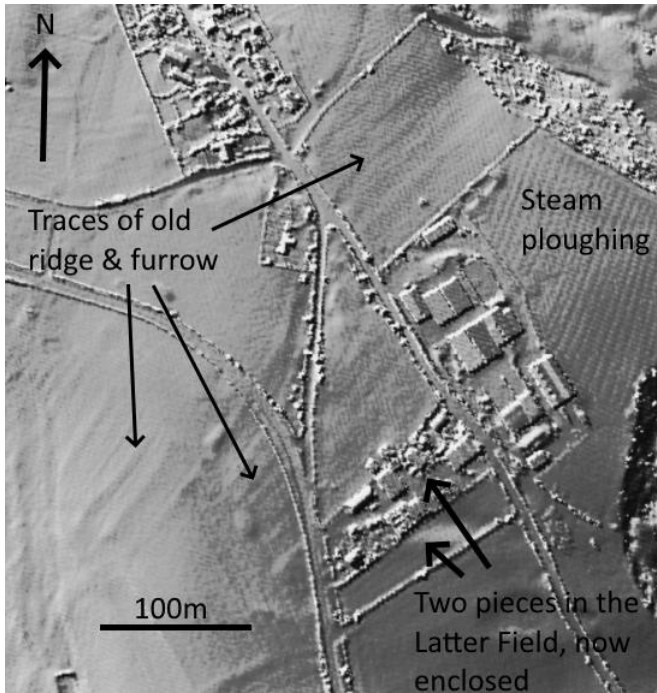
animals were introduced – eventually heavy horses were used – which reduced the length of the train and made turning easier. As a result, later ridge and furrow is much straighter. From the 1860s onwards steam ploughing was introduced. Using a steel cable, one or two steam traction engines dragged a steerable plough across the field. The same ridge and furrow were produced but they are straighter and about half the width of the more traditional ones.

Where ridge and furrow survives almost intact this is because fields that had previously been used for arable were converted to permanent pasture and some of the best

examples in the county are to be found around Berkeley. Here the ground is low lying and, even now, the furrows are quite deep so that in winter they are often water-filled. Many have the inverted S shape which shows them to be a relict from hundreds of years ago. In Nympsfield though, more recent ploughing with modern equipment has largely erased the old ridge and furrow so that it's largely invisible on the ground – many are the hours I've spent vainly looking for it. And yet we know that, two hundred years ago, the village would have been surrounded by it. The Lidar map of England and Wales – shown left – has now come to our aid. What

we see from this – sometimes with difficulty - is that ridge and furrow is widely present around the village as expected. But only in one place is it obvious enough to be seen on the ground with the naked eye. This is in the field behind the Court Farm milking parlour on David's Lane. Here the straightness and narrowness of the lines suggest that they result from nineteenth century steam ploughing.

Ian Crossland



Laura Freeman

14 Oct 1915- 23 Apr 2020

For many years Laura's numerous family lived on The Barrow next to what was then the Village Shop. She attended the Council School but missed a lot of time through ill-health. Afterwards she went to work for Tommy Mills delivering milk. When the war came she went to work alongside her Mum and Nellie at Park Farm and Longwood Farm – both part of the Woodchester Estate, then owned by Barnwood Mental Hospital which had plans to turn the Mansion into a mental hospital - but it never happened.

She stayed on as a cow hand after the war and always said that she was the only person who could handle the bull (David was his name). Whenever the farmer needed to have the bull brought in Laura would set off into the field and shortly after would return with David [the bull] doing exactly what she said – This paints a colourful picture of a very petite Laura leading an enormous bull back to the farmyard. She loved that bull and would talk about him for years afterwards and the great rapport they had.

After working on the farm she went to work at Chamberlain's board factory down in Nailsworth, often walking to work every day and latterly cycling on her bike [weather or snow permitting]. She was noted for her good timekeeping and was never known to miss a day. She made a lot of stiffeners for shoes. She finally retired in 1964.

Annette and I moved to Nympsfield in 1980 found it to be a lovely village with very friendly people and it was not long

before we met Laura [then a spritely 64ish]. Laura would deliver our newspapers daily but would also visit us every Friday afternoon – she knew that Michael Watts would be along delivering vegetables at about 2pm [as I recall] and Laura always wanted to “jump the queue” to ensure she got the pick of the veg. If she happened to run late, she would still rummage round the van whilst Mike was serving others bringing a certain charming chaos to the event. As Laura got older she would come earlier and earlier - it became a weekly social event and the banter between her and Mike grew to be more and more frantic. Afterwards she would often stay for a cup of tea to get her breath back.

Laura repeatedly recounted stories of her early life when she would help her father to deliver vegetables and kindling (and newspapers on Sundays) around the District with his horse and cart. He liked a drink and it would be her responsibility – with the help of the horse who knew the way- to get him home after his deliveries to the pub!

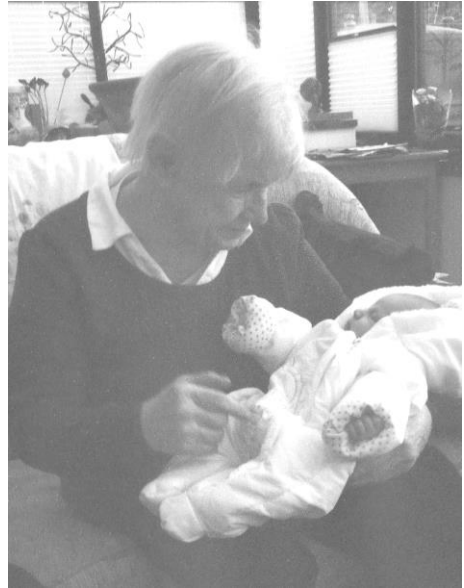
Listening to her one begun to appreciate that times were hard after the end of the First World War at which time Nympsfield was a farming village. She often told stories of how she'd do a day's work, walk or cycle home and then set about helping her mother with the chores in their very busy household. Later she was one of the first tenants in number 1 Benton Court.

Laura told us on more than one occasion how she had met the legendary John Daniel, Uley's tame gorilla.

In retirement she did a paper round right up until her early eighties, doing a good job usually arriving at our house early. On one occasion, just before she retired from her round, she was running a little later than usual and I was in the front garden as she toddled up the drive. I frowned at her, pointing my finger at my watch by way of mock reprimand and she then promptly chased me round the garden thumping me with my newspaper until it was pretty much in shreds – I never did get to do the crossword that day!

Laura was a quiet person, a keen gardener who kept to herself and never married. As she aged her hearing grew worse and she could also be very difficult to understand, nevertheless she was a cheerful soul and often had a cheeky smile on her face. A very forthright lady, she would tell it "as it is"! One Wednesday we were expecting a local Estate Agent to visit us at 11am for us to discuss us potentially selling our house. At 10:55 I spotted Laura coming up our drive for one of her impromptu visits and I tried as hard as I could to persuade her to return after lunch for some tea but she just marched into our kitchen and promptly made herself comfortable as usual. Just then I hear a car on the drive and realised I was not going to win. Before I could open our front door the Estate Agent entered through the kitchen door and as I rapidly showed lady her into the sitting room I heard Laura mutter, in a voice just loud for my other guest to hear, "Cor, don't think much of

her hair" Needless to say the house did not sell on that occasion!



Laura with one of Hazels great-grandchildren

Laura's family spreads extensively over Nympsfield and the Stroud district and she chuckled about the fact that she did not have enough fingers and toes to be able to count the number of members of her family. Her memory was very sharp and she would rattle off a list of all the inhabitants of Nympsfield, house by house. She loved all her baby relatives in particular and this was evidenced by the many, many photos she had displayed around the walls of her bungalow in Stonehouse where she spent the last few years of her life. She moved there just shortly before becoming a centenarian after, sadly, being burgled twice in her Nympsfield home. After the first burglary she was devastated and angry but seemed to bounce back, albeit nervously. [Continued overleaf]

Laura Freeman continued

I forget the details but I recall she moved in with Hazel & Brian Timbrell for a while until her independent spirit regained its confidence, largely thanks to the care and attention she received from Hazel. The second burglary really dented her confidence which led to her moving to a secure bungalow in Stonehouse where her niece Lynn [and Barry] Peacey took up the mantle and cared for her extensively until her passing. She always missed Nympsfield and longed to return.

The stories are endless and I am sure others will recount many others for years to come. I hope my recollections are factual and any errors are not intentional.

Our condolences go out to Laura's extensive family.

So, let us raise a glass of milk and drink a toast to Laura Freeman, a Nympsfield character through and through. Cheers Laura – missing you.

Bob Stevenson [with help from Hazel Timbrell]



Thanks to Malcolm Jones (left) and Richard Newman (right) for refurbishing the village fingerpost

Poetry

LESSONS LEARNED

by Jenny Nisbett

In this age of insecurity
When we suffered much adversity
So many needless lives were lost
This virus had a dreadful cost.

But we learned to queue quite
patiently to keep the family fed
And if the shelves were empty we
baked some home-made bread.
We learned to cook and use the food
we already had in store
No need to travel to the shops to go
and buy some more.

We learned to value those who
“care”
And sewed special clothes for them
to wear.
We feel blessed that we are living
And we learned the joy of giving.

We all learned to appreciate nature’s
sight and smell and sound
And took time to hear the birdsong
which echoed all around.
When this sad time is over and
lockdown finally ends
Please let us all remember the
kindness of good friends.

Poem by Julie Trinder

We’re all so confused, we are all so
scared.
It’s so weird that we can’t see family
& friends.
But we need to do this, each &
everyone of us,
We need to stay in & not make a fuss.
It’s made us appreciate our lives so
much more,
Can’t wait to see loved ones as they
walk through the door.
Good job we have our phones to ring,
text & message,
Going for long walks & doing a daily
quiz.
We don’t know what day of the week
it is, the calendar has never been so
bare.
Everyone is bored, playing games on
Facebook ‘What films/songs are
there?’
There’s Queues at the shops, we’re
all 2 metres apart,
Will it ever be the same again?
I hope with every beat of my heart.
But it’s with our Great British spirit
that we’ll all get through this.
We applaud all the key workers & the
NHS.
Helping one another in any way we
can,
Remember when this is over
appreciate everyone & everything
that you have.

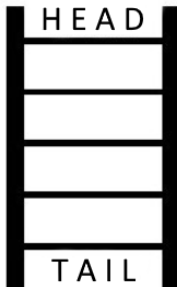
Poetry Continued

Poem from St Jude's

What a six months we have had
Could anything be quite as bad
Stay at home wherever you are
Stay near, don't go far

The hub appeared opposite the pub
Where you could get lots of things,
even grub
We enjoyed the puzzles and books
It was lovely to browse through
recipes for cooks

So thank you for this lovely treat
Nice to see friends who we could
meet
Now that normality may soon return
The children will once again start to
learn
It will be sad to have lots of noise and
traffic
We are missing the chiropodist and
our hairdresser
Hopefully we will all feel and look a
lot better.



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

Emails to the Editors



From Syd Gwyer

St. Joseph's School.

I am writing on behalf on the Governors to let you know what has been happening at St Joseph's School these past few months.

The School has remained open for key-worker children since the March lockdown, including during the Easter holidays. On 1st June, we welcomed back children in Reception, and Classes 1 and 6. These children attend from Monday to Thursday, with the School remaining open on Friday for key-worker children. Children are assigned to a group of not more than ten, with a designated teacher and teaching-assistant. Work has been set for children in those classes unable to return to school. Our Pastoral Support Worker has been in touch daily with families seeking advice. As yet, we do not know what will happen in September, but we will do our best to support all our children through this strange time, while following Government guidelines.

Governors realise how difficult it has been for Senior Staff to manage the changing guidelines for the children's education, and are very grateful to our teachers, our support staff both in the classrooms and in the office, and to our cleaners, for coping in very challenging circumstances. We also appreciate that parents are spending time to help their children learn, while having to manage working from home, and the usual household chores. Thank you to them also.

School will be a different place in September. You are probably aware that our current Head-teacher, Mrs. Wendy D'Arcy is leaving St Joseph's to join a school in the valley, after 9 years here in Nympsfield. In that time, the School has significantly increased pupil numbers and has achieved a reputation for excellent academic achievement and Pastoral Care. We wish her every success in her new post and would like to record our great appreciation for all she has done at St. Joseph's.

We can confirm that Mrs. Clare Howells will become Acting Head-teacher from the beginning of September. Our School Community will continue to work together to ensure that each child has the opportunity to be "The Best that they can be".



From Julie Trinder

Rainbows

As we have all been going through such strange & worrying times, a lot of children all over have been colouring in rainbows ☺ & sticking them on their windows & have placed teddies too. It's a nice gesture of solidarity & a tribute to the NHS.

As we haven't been able to go about our normal daily lives, I have knitted some rainbows & have placed them around the village for children or adults to find on their walks. Now thankfully Rose Beach (My mum) has started to help me make them. We have made over 200, we have sent lots off to family & friends. It's lovely to hear back from people saying they've cheered them up. There will be rainbows in the hub on Tuesdays & Thursdays, a small donation

to the NHS would be greatly appreciated, Thanks. Also, if anyone would like a rainbow for your children/grandchildren etc let us know, we have plenty of wool & enjoy making them ☺ Julie & Rose 860078/860511

VE Day

Thanks to Mary Elmer who helped me decorate the War Memorial for VE Day, she informed me that there were 11 Nympsfield men who had sadly lost their lives in the Second World War so I thought it only appropriate to knit 11 poppies & 11 flags/bunting for each men.

It's a shame we couldn't celebrate VE Day (75 years) this year so Sue Cowle, Marie Knight & myself decorated the hub in red, white & blue bunting & generous people made cakes/scones & biscuits etc to go in the Hub for villagers to take & enjoy at home with a cuppa. We raised £35 for the Royal British Legion - Thanks everyone who baked & donated.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We normally hold the Macmillan Coffee Morning in the village hall but unfortunately because of Covid-19 we can't do that this year, so we are going to man the hub (bus shelter) on Friday 25th September 10 - 12

There will be cakes, scones, etc & a raffle. If you could bake some cakes &/or donate a raffle prize for this fantastic cause we would be so grateful. Thank you Julie, Sue & Marie



Emails continued

From Peter Tomiak-Baquero

Permissive footpath to Cockadilly

I'm happy to say that there is now a permissive path leading from the Public Right of Way (Nymphsfield Footpath no. 4) in 'Jimpsies field', to two points along the stretch of Bath Road that runs through Cockadilly. This means that when visiting the village, rather than having to walk within the road alongside the traffic to reach the Public Right of Way, residents can enter the field at either one of the two entrances and walk within the field... which is a lot safer!

Currently the two entrances are just gaps in the barbed wire fence marked by temporary posts, but when the new fence is erected in the field, the entrances will be marked by wooden gates on which signs, identifying the permissive footpaths, will be attached.

I would like to thank the Parish Council for their support, and particularly show my appreciation to the owners of the field (the Holloway family) as well as Ann and Tim Hardy (who lease the field), who have kindly given their consent to go ahead with this, and been extremely supportive; walking in such a busy road can certainly be daunting so this is going to make visiting the village and its amenities much easier! Please can anyone using the permissive footpath to travel to or from Cockadilly keeps to the line of the path, and please can dog owners act responsibly and clean up after their dogs; this is particularly important given that the field is used to

graze livestock and dog mess can spread disease to cattle that can cause abortions. Lastly, I would also like to thank everyone who signed the petition (requesting the introduction of road safety measures along this stretch of Bath Road) that I circulated last year. It's hard going, but having these signatures has helped move things in the right direction.



One of the two new entrances into Jimpsies from Cockadilly – this one opposite Cockadilly Cottage.

["Jimpsies" is probably a corruption of James's Ground which appears on the 1839 Tithe Reapportionment map - ed]

Still Roaring at Kinley



The north (below) and south (left) cascades at Kinley Roar aka Monastery Steps as they were in 2005. The steps of the much steeper south cascade have worn smooth over the years while the water has overflowed and then eroded the side of the north cascade so that most of the stream no longer flows all the way down to the bottom of the steps.

The origin and purpose of the Roar has long been a source of debate but it is similar to features found in Woodchester Park and was probably created by the Ducie family in the early 19th century. Practically, it may have served to prevent erosion of Kinley Mead which lies above it. Alternatively it could be a romantic folly. Or maybe both?

Location: MR ST 823995



Neighbourhood Watch

Scams & Spams

Although I've not seen much yet, there will doubtless be plenty of attempts to scam us under the cover of COVID19. The government contact tracing shambles is slowly lurching into action. Here's some advice from Action Fraud:

Contact tracers will only call you from the number **0300 013 5000** [*this is easy to spoof, so be cautious! Ed.*]. Anyone who does not wish to talk over the phone can request the NHS Test and Trace service to send an email or text instead, inviting them to log into the web-based service.

All text or emails sent by NHS Test and Trace will ask people to sign into the contact tracing website and will provide you with a unique reference number. We would advise people to type the web address

<https://contact-tracing.phe.gov.uk> directly into their browser, followed by the unique reference number given to you, rather than clicking on any link provided in the message.

The NHS Test and Trace service will never:

- ask you to dial a premium rate number to speak to them (for example, those starting 09 or 087)

- ask you to make any form of payment or purchase a product or any kind

- ask for any details about your bank account

- ask for your social media identities or login details, or those of your contacts

- ask you for any passwords or PINs, or ask you to set up any passwords or PINs over the phone

- ask you to download any software to your PC or ask you to hand over control of your PC, smartphone or tablet to anyone else

- ask you to access any website that does not belong to the government or NHS [*ending .gov.uk or .nhs.uk – ed*].

Forward phishing emails re: COVID19 to GCHQ: report@phishing.gov.uk

Neighbourhood Watch

Nothing much to report. Any suspicious incidents etc. please report to the police (101 or 999 according to urgency) and let Martin know (860133).

NYMPFIELD PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Due to lockdown, both the May and June parish council meetings were again undertaken virtually via Zoom.

The grass cutting at the playing field was discussed and it was decided that when nearing the agreed number of 12 cuts, the Playing Field Committee would liaise with the Council regarding any further cuts.

It was agreed to carry out repair works to the village bus shelter roof and a contractor has been appointed.

Both the installation of the village green gates and white village gates at Cockadilly is ongoing.

Cllr Tomiak-Baquero and Cllr Hardy both met on site to confirm the position of the entrances to the proposed permissive footpaths at Cockadilly which is to incorporate 2 gates and signage. Signage text will be displayed on site as well as on the Nympsfield Parish Council website (www.nympsfieldparishcouncil.org).

Cllr Dewey submitted his in-depth May 2020 report. Please visit our website (www.nympsfieldparishcouncil.org) for full details.

A drive-through Coronavirus testing unit is at Stratford Park, Stroud and will be there until Tuesday, 23 June although it is possible this will be extended. It is on Stroud District Council's social media accounts: Facebook: @strouddistrictcouncil and Twitter: @StroudDC. It is also be on the Nympsfield Parish Council website.

Meetings are usually held the 2nd Monday in the month at 19.30 in the Village Hall. However, in the current circumstances, all meetings are now held "remotely". Please visit our website www.nympsfieldparishcouncil.org to view the Agenda and Minutes of all meetings.

<p>Your Parish Councillors:</p> <p>Cllr Elizabeth Sturgess (Chair) 861076</p> <p>Cllr Susan Cowle (Vice Chair) 861010</p> <p>Cllr Ann Hardy 860876</p> <p>Cllr Carol Pittaway 860610</p> <p>Cllr Peter Tomiak-Baquero 07768 669747</p> <p>Clerk: clerk@nympsfieldparishcouncil.org</p>	<p>Your District Councillor</p> <p>Cllr Jim Dewey cclr.jim.dewey@stroud.gov.uk</p> <p>Your County Councillor</p> <p>Cllr. Loraine Patrick loraine.patrick@gloucestershire.gov.uk</p> <p>Your Member of Parliament</p> <p>Siobhan Baillie siobhan.baillie.mp@parliament.uk</p>
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Emergencies		Police (non-emergency) 101
Electricity	0800 6783 105	Police: Neigh'hood 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 01453 754871
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111	Dog Warden 01453 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 01453 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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