

THE

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# Nymphsfield

NEWS & ADVERTISER



# Easter edition

Welcome to the Easter edition of the Nympsfield News and Advertiser. Inside you will find pieces from all our regulars plus an interesting article from Ian Blair about the old highway that runs through the village.

Hopefully, there will be plenty to amuse you through the fag end of this second lockdown. Thanks to all our contributors and if there's something you would like to say, get in touch!

With more and more people vaccinated we can expect the number of infections to continue falling, giving us the prospect of a return, hopefully, to some semblance of normality. Much depends though on how the virus will change through the year – the normal course would be for it to become more infectious but less deadly. But who knows? The only certain thing is that it will be important to continue with masks, hand hygiene and social distancing for some time yet. Keep safe!

The Editors

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Deadline for the Spring edition is 20 April.

Cover: Snowdrops at St Barts.

## 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)

**Cotswold Green service 65A Saturdays only:**

To Coaley via Dursley (NOT via Cam & Dursley Station): 10:21, 12:36

To Whiteway Colony via Stroud: 11:17, 12:32

The detailed timetable can be found at: <http://tinyurl.com/ybghffac>

## BOOKING CONTACTS

### KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD

Bookings: [npfbookings@outlook.com](mailto:npfbookings@outlook.com)

### VILLAGE HALL

Bookings Marie Knight 860115 or [nympsfieldvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:nympsfieldvillagehall@gmail.com)

### WORKING MEN'S CLUB

Bookings: Wayne 07769 317559

**LAST POST COLLECTION: MON-FRI 4PM, SAT 09:00 AM**

# Classified Ads

## Services

### **ADAM REYNOLDS AGRICULTURAL FENCING & FORESTRY CONTRACTOR**

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Be the envy of your neighbours with a handmade custom-built birdhouse. All made from reclaimed, locally sourced materials and designed to suit you

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One off or weekly cleans.

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07792014537

Or email: liz.herbert90@gmail.com

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I make custom leather products and gifts to order, including wallets, bookmarks, knife sheaths and more! All products are made to order and can be customised to suit any need.

Get in contact soon for delivery before Christmas! -Email: dan@dtm.co.uk, Phone: 01453 860968, Web: www.dtdm.co.uk

### **HANDYMAN/ GARDENER**

Contact: Tommy Guerin 07432650321

### **DOMESTIC HEATING OIL**

Nympsfield (and surrounding area) oil buying group: next bulk oil orders on 5 April, 5 July, 4 October.

This not only benefits the smaller users but also the bigger users significantly. An example from February order (if everyone ordered individually) - Ford fuel 500 litre order - 45p/L, 2000L - 40p/L, boiler juice 40.2p/L. As a group we paid 35p/L, saving £50 on 500L order or £100 for a 2000L order., the bigger the average order the better the prices we can get.

colinfairbrother@hotmail.com or mike@leopardpress.com

### **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 or email:

janet@springsnow.co.uk

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Oxford graduate offers French, Italian, Spanish, German. All ages, all levels. Annabelle 861143 / 07811 464559

### **IRONING**

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

### **FIREWOOD**

Locally sourced seasoned firewood

# Classified Ads

Contact 861117 or 07860 572905

## TRAVEL AGENT

Nympsfield born independent travel agent. Helping you sort through the current minefield of holiday options. ABTA bonded ATOL protected holidays, staycations, city breaks, ski, fly-drive, groups, cruises and much more. Contact Peter Woodman 01453 229669.

[peterwoodman.notjusttravel.com](http://peterwoodman.notjusttravel.com)

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Contact: 860153 or email

[info@mandnmotorservices.co.uk](mailto:info@mandnmotorservices.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

## 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)

## 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.

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All manner of wet trades & stud partitioning.

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Roofing, Landscaping, New builds,

Carpentry/ Joinery, Rendering/

Plastering, Painting/ Decorating, Loft

Conversions, Insurance work. Contact:

Wayne 07816 634755

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Maintenance and repairs / Extensions

and alterations / hard and soft

landscaping. Free estimates and

advice. Contact Rob 860112 /

[gazzards@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gazzards@hotmail.co.uk)

[www.robgazzard.co.uk](http://www.robgazzard.co.uk)

## For Sale / Free

### CONSERVATORY 3-PIECE SUITE –

perfect order. Kitchen table + 2 chairs

with cushions. 2 x single duvet covers,

2 x warm blankets. £80 the lot or will

split. Contact: Hazel, 860009

## Classified Ads

### OIL-FIRED AGA

Professional conversion from early coal-fired type – DON burner. Good working order when last used and they last for ever. Offers. Ian 860625.

## Wanted

Professional couple looking to rent or buy 2 bedroom property (or larger 1 bed) in Nympsfield or surrounding area from 2021  
poppyoliviarriddle@gmail.com 07825 432262

## What's On or Off

### THE ROSE AND CROWN INN

Open subject to restrictions and rule changes Friday to Sunday. Dine in or takeaway available. B&B rooms coming soon!

www.roseandcrownfarmhouse.com  
roseandcrown55@gmail.com,  
Facebook message (link from web site) or 01453 860612.

### NYMPSFIELD WORKING MEN'S CLUB

Closed for the moment...

### EVERYTHING NYMPSFIELD!

Join us in the "Everything Nympsfield!" 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  
www.woodchestermansion.org.uk

### ST JOSEPH'S PRE-SCHOOL

Mon to Fri, term time only, 8:50am to 3pm, St Joseph's School  
St Joseph's Pre-school accepts children from the age of two. Registered provider for 2, 3 and 4 year old nursery education funded children. We are also registered to offer 30 hours free childcare entitlement.  
Contact Natalie Powers 860311 or email stjosephspresch@gmail.com. See Facebook: 'St Joseph's Pre-school'

### YOGA IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Waiting for hall to re-open...

### BRITAIN IN BLOOM

For current plans ask Sue on 861010

### 100 CLUB WINNERS

Week 25 No. 78 Gerald Smith.  
Week 26 No. 54 Diane Davis. (£25)  
Week 27 No. 94 Verity Giles.  
Week 28 No. 99 Pete Krausa.  
Week 29 No. 94 Verity Giles.  
Week 30 No. 91 Ian Crossland  
Spare numbers available £12/year.  
Pat and Malcolm 01453 860696.

### LIMERICKS LOCAL

There was a young fellow from Bisley  
Who liked his drinks very fizzy  
He just couldn't stop  
And one day he went pop  
And to tell you the rest is too grizzly  
Gerry @ Tinkley Corner

## Classified Ads

### 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  
[dursleynympsfieldrcparish.co.uk](http://dursleynympsfieldrcparish.co.uk)

**SEE WEB SITES FOR CURRENT  
ARRANGEMENTS**

### Win Women in Nympsfield

Ladies

Yet another evening passes when we should be at WIN catching up on gossip! Sorry to say no meetings for the immediate future but we will keep you updated of any changes. In the meantime we hope all members are keeping safe- Rachel, Verity, Pam and Catherine

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

### SOUP KITCHEN

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



**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. Sort out your own drink and nibbles!  
17<sup>th</sup> March The Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead (Tina's choice)  
21<sup>st</sup> April The Corset by Laura Purcell (Lin & Graham's choice)

## OLD NEWS FROM NYMPSFIELD

### Dieback Diversion

You are probably not getting out a lot – Dean Martin had it nailed: “Don’t get around much anymore” – but you may have happened past the top of Frocester Hill and noticed the aftermath of another disease that can spread rapidly: ash dieback. The old quarry there, long since taken over by weed ash to create a sylvan glade, is now completely bare – nothing but stumps. The National Trust has been busy with chain saws and all the ash has been removed. A notice there says that they intend to replant the area with a mixture of small trees and shrubs. Meanwhile the footpath, part of the Cotswold Way, is diverted.

Like the National Trust at Frocester Hill, the National Arboretum at Westonbirt has also been busy: they recently clear-felled six hectares of Silk Wood, an ancient woodland, bringing in a massive tree harvester to do the work. This beast of a machine can delimit and fell a tree and then cut it into sections in minutes. The work was done, they say, for safety sake and also to preserve the arboretum for the future. At first hearing that sounds odd – chopping down trees to keep the

arboretum going – but they say that, if they’d left the trees standing, there would have been six hectares of dead, leafless trees and the extra light would have allowed the brambles to take over. But wouldn’t the trees have got the better of the brambles eventually? Sounds like they found the right answer with the wrong argument. Surely the main reason is that this is an arboretum: a tree collection made for people’s enjoyment. A re-wilding experiment would have been interesting but it’s not what an arboretum is for.

Sadly there is no cure for ash dieback which is caused by a fungus that reproduces through the summer on last year’s fallen leaves and spreads on the wind to infect and grow on new trees, cutting off their water supply; when the affected leaves fall off, the cycle begins again. It came to this country from the continent about six years ago and it’s reckoned that 90% of our ash trees could fall victim.

With the trees gone at the old Frocester Hill quarry, its structure is more obvious than before. One can see that the quarrymen dug a deep hole

right beside (conveniently close to) the road as it approaches the top of the hill. And the many spoil heaps are also more clearly seen. All in all it's probable that the quarry now looks more like it did when it was being worked. Incidentally, the presence of spoil heaps all the way from the crossroads to the Coaley Peak viewpoint indicates that the whole of this length of the Cotswold Edge must have been quarried at some time.

Close to the viewpoint the quarry face is small while the heaps are tiny and grassed over – there are lots of wild flowers in the spring and summer. That suggests that quarrying here happened long ago. Further towards the crossroads, though, the quarry face is higher, there is less vegetation and the spoil heaps are bigger, indicating more recent activity. Comparing different editions of the large scale OS map shows that the quarry expanded in size between 1881 and 1901 but not after. On the other hand the 1924 edition shows it as “quarry”, not “old quarry” meaning (probably) that it was still working. On site, I found the stumps of four largish trees that had been growing close to the face. Reasoning that these postdate quarrying – otherwise they would have got in the way of the work – the number of annual rings on them should give an estimate of when the quarry was abandoned. None of the trees was more than ninety years old which suggests that the quarry was still in operation to about 1930. That roughly ties in with the 1924 map but, if you know any better, please let me know.



View of the old Frocester Hill quarry after the recent tree felling

Ian Crossland



## **The Highway through Nympsfield**

In 1777, a surveyor called Isaac Taylor produced the first large scale map of Gloucestershire of about one inch to a mile. This he sold to the public at large for £1-4 shilling a copy. On that map he depicted a road through the centre of Nympsfield in the same way as he depicted other roads known to have been important routes (vis the turnpike road from Gloucester to Bristol, now the A38). Heading north, the Nympsfield ran down what is now Blackberry Lane and then straight through the middle of the village out past Stonehill to Buckholt. It then made a steep and twisting descent of the escarpment through woodland before emerging near the bottom of what is now Frocester Hill. From there it went on to join the Gloucester turnpike at Claypits. As will be seen, it formed the chief line of communication between Bath and Gloucester. There was no shorter or better means of travelling between the two cities in 1777, even though the section down the escarpment, which is now a bridlepath, was narrow and with a poor surface.

Luckily there is a wealth of contemporary evidence to confirm the

existence of this “main road” through Nympsfield.

In 1698, an intrepid lady called Celia Fiennes made a tour of England on horseback during which she travelled from Gloucester to Bath. She wrote in her diary that, having left Gloucester, she “came to Nymphsfield after having ascended a very steep, narrow and stony hill; 10 mile to Nympsfield and all bad way”. She then passed through Cold Harbour (Kingscote) before getting to Bath via Lansdown.

According to Samuel Rudder in his book “A New History of Gloucestershire” written in 1799, the section down the escarpment, called Nympsfield Hill, had been the scene, one dark night, of a little drama in the English civil war. In 1649, a royalist officer called Edward Massey, having been captured at Symondshall, was being escorted to Gloucester down the steep incline, when he “tumbled himself” from his horse, together with the trooper riding behind him on the same horse, and managed to escape into the wood.

Smyth of Nibley, the historian of the Berkeley family, writing in 1639 about

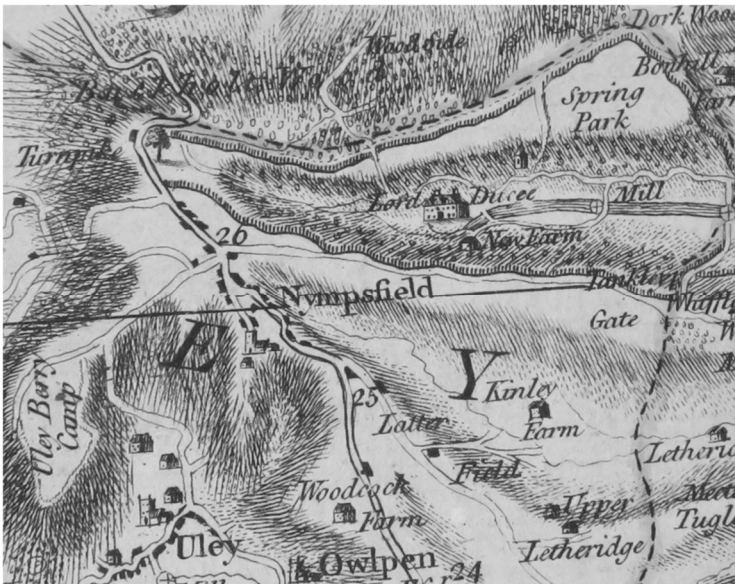
“Nimesfeild” in the Hundred of Berkeley related how “every Thursday in the year, at fower of the clock in the afternoon, for one hour only, Ryppiers, bring south sea fish in their passage to the cities of Glouc and Worcester” stopped at a common inne in this village” to refresh themselves and their horses, which “added fame thereto”.  
*[Ed: A rypplier was a fishmonger]*

It was only in the 1780s that the road now known as Frocester Hill was constructed. At the same time a new road was built through what is now Cockadilly to link up the top of Frocester Hill with the top of Blackberry Lane. Hence its name today of Bath Road.

The whole undertaking was described in a notice which appeared in the Gloucester Journal of 16<sup>th</sup> February 1784 as “a new and judicious cut which avoids the village of Nympsfield” and which rendered the climb up the escarpment which had “occasioned inconveniences and Delays to travellers on account of its steepness, quite easy and pleasant”.

So Nympsfield eventually got its bypass and the steep way through the woods, so disliked by travellers like Celia Fiennes, was abandoned. History does not relate whether all the villagers at the time were pleased or whether some lamented the loss of trade which would have resulted.

Ian Blair



Isaac Taylor's 1777 map of Gloucestershire showing the main Gloucester to Bath highway running through Nympsfield

## Nature Notes from Miss Daisy

### “AS MAD AS A MARCH HARE”

We have all heard the phrase “as mad as a March hare” but do you know why hares go “mad” in March?

This is the main month of their breeding season and if you are lucky you will see brown hares standing on their hind legs, engaged in a furious boxing match. It is not normally (as you might expect) that two males are fighting over a female, but it is usually a female hare (fed up with a persistent male’s advances) who starts the fight.

Sadly, like so many of our native wildlife species, brown hares have decreased by 80% in the last century, due to loss of habitat through changes in agriculture and by hunting. Hare coursing was once considered a sport, using greyhounds and lurchers, not simply to kill the hare, but to prove the racing prowess of the dog. Whilst both hunter and hunted can run extremely fast, bets were placed on how many times the dog would “turn” the hare, as the hare has a unique ability to change its course of direction, whilst still running at 45 mph. Even with this ability to escape capture, many hares were of course killed or injured and hare coursing is now illegal in England, Scotland and Wales, although it is still

a legal sport in other parts of the world.

Hares are of course related to rabbits, but with much larger ears and longer and more powerful hind feet. Unlike rabbits who are gregarious, they live a solitary existence, or just in pairs. Their young are able to fend for themselves shortly after birth, whereas baby rabbits are born blind and helpless.

If you would like to see hares engaged in a boxing match, then this is the month to try and spot them. The best time is either at dawn, or at dusk, in open fields, and edges of woodland.

“As mad as a March hare” has been part of our vocabulary since the 16<sup>th</sup> century, but it was Lewis Carroll who popularised it in more recent times. His famous book ‘The Adventures of Alice in Wonderland’ (published in 1865) featured the March hare as a very memorable character.

When you got out “hare spotting” do please take a camera with you – I, for one, would love to see a picture of a “boxing match”.

## Poem of the Issue

As I rush from task to task  
Sometimes I should stop and ask?  
Where are the people that I knew  
The ones beside me as I grew.  
The teachers at my various schools  
Who taught me to obey their rules  
The ones who taught me right from wrong  
Who shared my sorrow and my song  
The friends who often rang quite late  
Just to say, "How are you mate?"  
All the people in my life  
The young girl who became my wife

Some no longer live on earth  
But I hope they realised their worth  
Some are here close by my side  
But others scattered far and wide  
But where'ere they are, where'ere they be  
They are the people who shaped ME.  
So sometimes in my busy day  
I should make time to stop and say....  
THANK YOU

Jenny Nisbet

## WASTELINES

TEA – after water, the most consumed beverage in the world! 75% of tea is grown in China, India, Kenya and Sri Lanka, the rest coming from many smaller producers all around the world, including England, at Tregothnan, Cornwall, where tea was first planted in 1999.

But what has tea got to do with waste?

First there is the waste created in the tea production industry. But the good news here is that there is increasing interest in not wasting the waste, for example tea can be used to make fertiliser/compost, for dyeing fabrics and paints, and more recently, for 'adsorbing', or removing, heavy metals which have been spilled into rivers and lakes.

And second is the issue of teabags... nearly all teabags are made of paper, but most still also contain a strip of plastic which, when heated, seals the bag. Most of these

plastics do not degrade fully but break down into nano-sized pieces which will be around forever. Also, tiny fragments of plastic are known to be released into our cup of tea when we pour boiling water over the bag...the worst teabags for this being the polyester pyramid bags, for obvious reasons. Gradually more brands are promising to change to other, plant-based materials to seal the teabags. However, most 'bioplastics' can only be broken down in industrial composters, and it's likely that in practice teabags will end up in landfill or maybe on our home compost heaps where the plastic will never fully break down.

So what to do? We can check on whether our favourite brand of teabags contain plastic, and if we find they do we can email the company to put on the pressure for change. And/or we can buy only brands which don't contain plastic. Or we can

switch to loose tea brewed in teapots or with a tea-infuser. By the way, the main difference between loose leaf tea and bagged tea is the grade of the tea: teabags use 'fannings', aka 'dust', whereas loose leaf teas use the whole tea leaf and can be used at least twice without impairing or weakening the flavour.

So, the biggest plastic-free brands around at the moment are: PG Tips, Clipper, and Pukka Herbs.

Which means that the other major brands almost certainly still use plastic and so need a kick up the oompah to mend their ways!



***Marian Community: Postulants of the Marian Missionary Sisters of the Poor at their Clothing Ceremony in the convent chapel***

**Below: Invasion of Scarecrows in Nympsfield**



# Neighbourhood Watch

## Plague Watch



- ★ daily updates for Stroud area
- ★ community response
- ★ factchecked by our volunteers

There is lots of info and support via:

**neighbournetworks.uk**

helping you - helping each other

At the time of writing, vaccination invites are being sent out for the 60+ age group. Two methods are in use: a letter (usually to one of the larger centres) and text message to the local centres (Beeches Green, the Vale and Rowcroft). Many people will receive both! The text will include a link to a web site beginning [accurx.thirdparty.nhs.uk](http://accurx.thirdparty.nhs.uk) Only links ending “.nhs.uk” are genuine. There are

a lot of scam emails circulating, you'll never be asked for bank details by the NHS.

**Forward phishing emails re: COVID19 to GCHQ: [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk)**

## Emails to the Editors



From the Village Hall Committee



We were very lucky, after such a difficult year, that Santa was able to travel to Nympsfield and drive around the village as usual on Christmas Eve to say hello to all the children. Thank you for coming, Santa, it was lovely to see you again this year.

Santa's Little Helpers turned out, as usual, and we'd like to say a huge Thank You to everyone who came and collected for us, both Committee members and non-Committee members, and to everyone who kindly donated (from a safe distance). You were all very generous this year and we collected a whopping £400.30 (and a few American cents) for the benefit of the Village Hall.



From Winnie Morgan (19 Dec 2020)

What a privilege to be invited to the Convent to witness the reception of eight postulants to come into the novitiate. The singing and music transported you to Africa, it was amazing. The voices singing were absolutely wonderful. When we are again allowed to sing in church with the nuns' voices it will be excellent. To witness eight lovely young women singing and dancing down the aisle of the chapel was unbelievable. Thank goodness I went. See picture on previous page.

## **NYMPFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

Parish Council meetings continue to be held electronically via Zoom.

Points of discussion included the installation of village green gates and the installation of “white gates” at Cockadilly. Progress continues to be hampered by lockdown.

Recent planning developments have included a proposal to replace the mobile phone mast on Tinkley Lane with a considerably larger one. This is proposed by the Vodafone/O2 joint initiative to roll out 5G coverage. A meeting was held with our MP Siobhan Baillie, wherein concerns were expressed about the physical impact, location and questionable benefit to Nympsfield residents, many of whom may not be Vodafone or O2 customers. A decision whether or not to oppose the application has not yet been taken.

Stroud Planning are investigating the recently appeared field access, next door to Bell Court and opposite Springland.

The general state of roads and drains within Nympsfield has been raised with Gloucestershire Highways department.

Covid Testing - Stratford Park car park is to be the site of a new, 7 days a week testing facility, with a scheduled opening of the 27<sup>th</sup> February. It will be in situ for a minimum period of three months. The mobile unit will continue but will be re-sited to a location in Stonehouse, to be specified. These above are intended for people showing symptoms. Testing for people with no symptoms continues to be available at the walk-in rapid testing site in Gloucester.

Meetings are usually held the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.nympsfieldparishcouncil.org) to view the Agenda and Minutes of all meetings.

### **Your Parish Councillors:**

Cllr Elizabeth Sturgess (Chair) 861076

Cllr Susan Cowle (Vice Chair) 861010

Cllr Ann Hardy 860876

Cllr Gemma Warden

Cllr Peter Tomiak-Baquero 07768  
669747

Clerk

[clerk@nympsfieldparishcouncil.org](mailto:clerk@nympsfieldparishcouncil.org)

### **Your District Councillor**

Cllr Jim Dewy

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### **Your County Councillor**

Cllr. Loraine Patrick

[loraine.patrick@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:loraine.patrick@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

### **Your Member of Parliament**

Siobhan Baillie (con)

[siobhan.baillie.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:siobhan.baillie.mp@parliament.uk)

## ***USEFUL NUMBERS***

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
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