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# Nymphsfield

NEWS & ADVERTISER



## Early Summer edition

It looks as if things virus-wise are improving at last, with more than half of us vaccinated (at least for the first dose) and rates of infection dropping. It's not over yet, variants may appear to catch us out, but some sort of normality is slowly reappearing. Let's try to ensure that the good things – the care for others, the respect for people who do low paid or hidden work, the community spirit, are lasting tributes to what so many have endured.

In this edition: a new poet, more reading delight from our regulars, emails, a 20<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration from St. Joseph's pre-school and, a new innovation, a pull-out centrefold about the new village defibrillator. Hopefully, you won't need to use it but keep it handy - it's wise to copy the Boy Scouts and "Be Prepared".

The Editors

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Deadline for the Summer edition is 20 June.

Cover: Then and now. The quarry at the top of Frocester Hill, probably circa 1930 – 1950, and now, after felling of the ash trees.

## 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

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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@dtdm.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 July and 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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Like help with your ironing? Contact Julie Trinder 860078 or 07548 918659

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Locally sourced seasoned firewood  
Contact 861117 or 07860 572905

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## 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

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## 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.

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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

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## PLASTERING AND GENERAL BUILDING MAINTENANCE

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## 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

**GARDEN SHREDDER** electric, old but working. Free to good home! Contact Martin, 07725 141332

## Classified Ads

**FILING CABINET** – four drawer metal with keys, tidy. Free! Available soon. Contact Martin, 07725 141332

### **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

Grazing land to rent for my small flock of Southdowns, happy to pay of course and maintain fencing etc.

Please telephone Rita on 07485003883 or ritaodwyer68@googlemail.com

## What's On or Off

### **THE ROSE AND CROWN INN**

Reopening (subject to the government) 17<sup>th</sup> May. Bookings being taken! 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'

### **100 CLUB WINNERS**

Week 31 No. 27. Catherine Harrison  
Week 32 No. 68. Douglas Jackson  
Week 33 No. 32. Bob Stevenson  
Week 34 No. 64. Jean Smith  
Week 35 No. 30. Carol Pittaway  
Week 36 No. 32. Bob Stevenson  
Week 37 No. 39. Judy Whitman  
Week 38 No. 85. Christine Keith  
Spare numbers available £12/year.  
Pat and Malcolm 01453 860696.

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### 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



### 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!

Next books:

19 May: The Cleaner of Chartres by Salley Vickers (Carole's choice)

16 June: The Midnight Library by Matt Haig (Verity's choice)

### 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.



*Lovely floral decorations around the village from our own Knitty Noras, Julie T and friends.*

## NYMPSPFIELD PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE AGM

Wed 2nd June 7-30 pm (by Zoom)

Agenda

Apologies

Approval of minutes of 2019 AGM

Chair's Report

Treasurer's report

Trustees' statement

Election of officers

Appointment of accounts examiner

The AGM will be followed by an Ordinary Meeting of the Playing Field Committee

Contact [janet@springsnow.co.uk](mailto:janet@springsnow.co.uk) for details of Zoom connection

## The man with no name

Who is the man who lives all alone  
In the dingy old house, which once was a home

The windows are dirty and so is the door  
Nobody calls, or knocks anymore.

No family visit, or come there to stay  
For many a year he has sent them away  
Too ashamed to admit that his house is not clean

And maybe too proud of the man he'd once been.

When tall weeds enveloped his old garden gate

They broke in and found him – but it was too late.

So here lies the man who died all alone  
Now they know who he was, for it's carved here in stone.

A very young Captain fought at Gallipoli  
With citations and medals, for a brave man was he.

Here lies the man – he at last has a name  
But no-one bothered to save him – A TERRIBLE SHAME.

Jenny Nisbett.

## Nature Notes from Miss Daisy

### NE'ER CAST A CLOUT TILL MAY BE OUT

This is an old English proverb which was first documented in 1732 but it was passed down by word of mouth long before that.

But what does it mean?.....

Since at least the early 15<sup>th</sup> century “clout” meant warm winter clothing, so the message is basically “Don’t take your warm winter clothing off until May is out”

But here lies another puzzle.....(and the Jury is still out on this one)

Does it mean the month of May, or does it mean the may blossom (also known as hawthorn) which often comes into bloom around the middle of April.

Personally, I think the beginning of June is a long time to wait before taking off an itchy woollen vest, but you make up your own mind.

“HERE WE GO GATHERING NUTS IN MAY” is another ancient saying, but again another puzzle, as there are no nuts to gather in May. It refers instead to an ancient tradition of young people gathering “knots” (or bunches) of the maytree blossom. This usually took place on May eve and the bunches

would be given to the people in the village to commemorate the beginning of spring, and the start of new life. Young people also gave them to the young woman or the young man they were hoping to marry.

Dancing round the maypole on May Day was a long held village tradition but sadly, it is seldom practised today. It is believed that this was passed down from Roman times, some two thousand years ago, when Roman soldiers would dance around a decorated tree to give thanks to their goddess Flora and to celebrate the start of spring.

Finally, I am sure you will have heard of the tradition of young ladies bathing their face in dew early May-day morning. This is said to ensure a beautiful blemish free complexion for the rest of the year, but ME, I think I will stick with the Oil of Ulay!!!!

May is a lovely month, with the promise of better weather, and the start of spring – we have a lot to celebrate, particularly THIS year, with the gradual easing of lock-down restrictions and the joy of meeting up with friends and family once more.



# NEW DEFIBRILLATOR AT THE BARROW

With the help of the purchasing power of the parish council, we have a new Automated External Defibrillator, or AED, located at the Barrow just outside the Club. Thanks to all who helped get it installed, including (but not limited to) Tony Ind for sorting the electrics and for Ter Smith and colleagues at the club for the connection to their supply.

**The centre pages of this edition of Nympynews are intended as a “pull-out and keep” section so instructions can be kept at-hand.**

## ***WHAT HAVE WE GOT?***

It's a HeartSine SAM 500P Semi-Automatic Defibrillator from the British Red Cross.

## ***WHO CAN USE IT?***

Ideally it should be used by persons who have been trained but, because they will often not be available in an emergency, it is designed so that it can be used by the general public. It talks to you through the procedure, including where to apply the pads to the bare chest (below left breast and above right) so it should be useable by anyone.



## **WHEN TO USE IT (OR NOT)**

It is intended for use on persons suffering cardiac arrest: the patient must be:

### **UNCONSCIOUS**

### **NOT BREATHING**

### **WITHOUT CIRCULATION (no pulse)**

**Do not use it on a patient who is conscious or responsive.**

#### **Sudden Cardiac Arrest**

Sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) is a condition in which the heart suddenly stops pumping blood effectively due to a malfunction of the heart's electrical system. Often victims of SCA have no prior warning signs or symptoms. SCA also can occur in people with previously diagnosed heart conditions. Survival from SCA depends on immediate and effective cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). This includes "mouth to mouth" and chest compression if you've been trained or chest compression alone if not – see

**<https://tinyurl.com/cprknowhow> ).**

The use of an external defibrillator within the first few minutes of a SCA

can greatly improve a patient's chance of survival. Heart attack and SCA are not the same, though sometimes a heart attack can lead to an SCA. If you are experiencing symptoms of a heart attack (chest pain, pressure, shortness of breath, tight feeling in the chest or elsewhere in the body), immediately seek medical attention.

#### **Treatment by AED**

It is a common misconception that CPR alone and calling emergency services is enough. CPR is a temporary measure that maintains blood flow and oxygen to the brain. CPR alone will not return a heart to a normal rhythm. The key to survival is defibrillation – and the sooner the better. Defibrillation is a common treatment for life-threatening arrhythmias, mainly ventricular fibrillation.

Defibrillation consists of delivering an electrical shock to the heart with a device called a defibrillator. This restores normal heart muscle contractions and allows normal rhythm to be restored by the body's natural pacemaker in the heart.

It is important to note that cardiac defibrillators, like this one, will only administer a shock if it detects that the patient's heart is not working.

## INSTRUCTIONS

Written by Peter Tomiak-Baquero

1. Accessing the defibrillator
2. Using the defibrillator in an emergency
3. Using the defibrillator on children (1-8yrs)
4. Defibrillator CPR advice
5. Maintenance

### Accessing the defibrillator:

- The defibrillator itself (including the pad-pak) is housed within a soft-carry case, which is, in turn, housed within the large external AED cabinet.
- Currently, the cabinet is not locked (***this may change – if it does the village will be circulated and instructions placed on or near the case***). To access the defibrillator twist the plastic green cover. A (relatively quiet) alarm will sound to indicate that the cover has been opened. The defibrillator can then be simply taken off the shelf.
- The defibrillator is portable and can be easily carried to the location required.

**THIS DESCRIPTION IS NOT INTENDED AS A DETAILED MANUAL ON HOW TO CARE FOR A PATIENT. MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND IN THE MANUAL (see link below).**

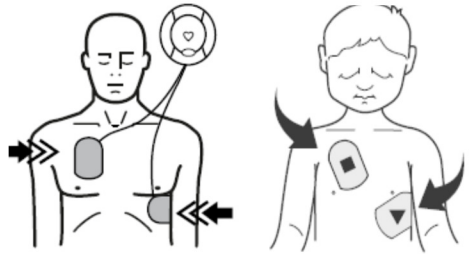
### Using the defibrillator in an emergency:

This defibrillator is used to monitor the heart rhythm and to quickly deliver a defibrillation shock if needed to a victim of sudden cardiac arrest (SCA). A short video demonstrating use of the defibrillator can be found using this link: <https://uk.heartsine.com/support/aed-training-videos/> or <https://tinyurl.com/nympyaedvideo> (the first four minutes of the first video are relevant). The user manual for our defibrillator (HeartSine SAM 500P Semi-Automatic Defibrillator) can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/nympyaed>

Pages 16-20 take the reader step by step through the process. This manual is detailed, and includes a labelled diagram of the defibrillator. Whilst I recommend reading it in full, the video summarises the process well.

## Using the defibrillator on Children (1-8yrs)

- This is also detailed in the user manual, see link above.:
- Note, the defibrillator comes with two types of pad-pak (the pad-pak is a single-use removable cartridge that includes the battery and the two electrode pads, in a single unit). The adult pad-pak is currently installed into the defibrillator and is grey in colour. If the patient is 1-8 yr old, the rescuer has the choice of placing the pink paediatric pad-pak into the defibrillator before turning it on (***this paediatric pad is stored within the blue back-section of the soft defibrillator carry-case***) or continuing with adult pack. The adult pad-pak *can* still be used on a patient who is 1-8yrs old, but you should ignore the voice prompts regarding rates of CPR.
- When using the pediatric pad-pak, the CPR advisor function is disabled, so that whilst the rescuer is prompted to begin CPR in time with the metronome, they won't receive CPR advisor feedback (e.g. on the amount of force to use).
- Note ***the positioning of the pads for children of 1-8yrs is different***. The user manual shows the two recommended placement options.



### Defibrillator CPR advice:

- This machine provides guidance for the rescuer, to ensure effective CPR is delivered.
- The defibrillator will provide a metronome to help you maintain a good rate. The machine will also monitor the victim (through the electrode pads attached) and provide feedback (e.g. force and rate) on the CPR being delivered. See the user manual for details and a labelled diagram of the defibrillator.
- **Maintenance:** The pads are single use, and must be replaced after use. Please let me or another member of the Parish Council know if the pads are used so we can order new ones.

If anyone notices that the “Status Indicator” (see labelled diagram in user manual) is no longer flashing green, please let me or another PC member know.

## RAFFLES FOREST SCHOOL.... IF YOU GO DOWN TO THE WOODS TODAY...

Some of you may have seen gaggles of children over the school holidays hanging out at the woodland alongside Elcombe Woodyard on Bath Road and wondered what was happening. Well.... since Christmas 2016 I have been slowly but surely creating a fantastic space for children to explore the great outdoors, make connections with nature, learn how to use traditional hand tools and making the most splendid and imaginative things out of wood.

Having taught at secondary schools and worked with young people for over 20 years now, I started Raffles Forest School back in October 2016, when I moved to the area. The woodland site has developed over the years and is now a safe haven for children and pheasants alike!

I know that St Joseph's Catholic Primary School offers fantastic forest school opportunities in their curriculum time so I know that some of you are aware of the forest school ethos. It's not just playing outdoors with sticks... well it is... but is also a way of learning about the natural world. Children learn to use tools to make toys and shelters... using natural materials they can find. Children gain experience of new skills, such as knots and knife skills, making campfires and

basic cooking skills. Children explore the natural environment and habitats, investigate animal life, insects, plants and trees. They are allowed to get mucky and have fun... all in a safe and friendly woodland!

I can honestly say I love my job! I think young people are amazing and can achieve great things when given an opportunity to thrive. I feel very lucky to work with some lovely people and live in such a beautiful place.

I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself and now that things are opening up a bit more, if you are driving passed and see the campfire is lit, come in and say hello!

Emma Levan

If you are interested in what we offer please visit my website or Facebook page.

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

Tel. 07739 189772

### QUOTATION CORNER

Marriages would in general be as happy, and often more so, if they were all made by the Lord Chancellor, upon a due consideration of characters and circumstances, without the parties having any choice in the matter.

Dr Johnson

## OLD NEWS FROM NYMPFIELD

### Fit for a King

As we have seen recently, a royal death can stir deep emotions. The death of George V in 1936 – only a year after his silver jubilee – was no different. The King had, after all, been a source of continuity and good sense through a period that included the most fearful war that the world had seen and, with it, the rapid changes in society that continue to this day. As described in “Memorial to a King” by Sir Campbell Stuart (1954), a committee was set up by the Lord Mayor of London to raise funds to build a statue and to establish a “philanthropic scheme” to benefit the whole country. Ideas considered were Youth Hostels, Medical Research, Cottage Homes for the Aged, National Parks and Playing Fields.

The committee consulted the Royal Family which was already closely associated with the National Playing Fields Association (now Fields in Trust). The King’s younger son, the Duke of York (soon to become George VI), was then its founding president and the promotion of youthful physical fitness was said to have been close to the King’s heart – notwithstanding that his chief pastimes had been shooting game birds and philately. Incidentally, the Royal connection to Fields in Trust continues to this day with Prince William taking over from the Duke of Edinburgh in 2013. No great surprise, then, that the committee opted for the playing fields scheme.

Using the formal language of the day, it decided:

*(1) That the funds available for a philanthropic object should be devoted to the establishment throughout the United Kingdom of open spaces for the playing of games and physical recreation.*

*(2) That these open spaces be directly associated with the memory of the late King by being named ‘King George’s Fields’, and that a memorial gateway of uniform pattern designed by an eminent architect be erected as the chief entrance to each of them.*

King George’s Fields Foundation was established to bring the scheme to reality while a National Memorial Fund appealed to the public for money. It was hoped that the public response would be generous but it was too much to expect that the sum raised would stretch to purchasing hundreds of suitable plots of land up and down the country. Instead, the Foundation decided to use the money as grant-in-aid, calling on local authorities and private individuals to purchase or donate suitable land and offering grants for any work needed to adapt the land for its new purpose. Land donated was to be dedicated in perpetuity for recreation and to be called King George’s Fields. Gate posts were to be erected at the main entrance using suitable local materials and each

one was to have a specially-designed heraldic shield, supplied by the Foundation, fixed to it.



*Plaque with heraldic device on one of the two entrance pillars at the playing field. The other plaque has a unicorn*

The appeal seems to have resonated with the public: according to Sir Campbell Stuart, when the fund closed in 1948, it had reached £584 thousand (around £21 million in today's money). Most of it (95%) went to the playing fields and some five hundred schemes were approved amounting to 4507 acres. The grant-in-aid policy seems, in particular, to have been a great success generating seven times its own value.

In Gloucestershire we find King George's Fields at 20 different locations – Gloucester is a notable absentee but the local council may have judged that the 27 acres of Gloucester Park was enough. Nympsfield has its own field courtesy of the Misses Leigh who, ever patriotic and mindful of their public duty, donated six acres on Tinkley Lane in March 1939 at a cost to them of £439. By means of a conveyance, the field was handed over to three trustees: Rowland Daniels, Bernard Stribbling and Jack Wooldridge. They were followed by a string of successors of whom the longest serving was probably Bernie Freeman. The trustees were – and still are - assisted by a Playing Field Committee that organizes and charges for the bookings, keeps the field in good order and raises funds for maintenance, insurance and so on. It aims, in the not too distant future, to extend and refurbish the pavilion which was probably built in the 1960s using 'free' village labour – much like our wonderful ex-bus shelter.

You will see elsewhere in the Nymphy News that there is to be an AGM on Wednesday May 2nd. If you fancy a spell on the committee, call me on 860625 or use the email on the ad. We are few in number but a friendly bunch – you will be very welcome.

Ian Crossland

## St Joseph's Pre-School

Happy 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday to St Joseph's Pre-School!

It's always nice to hear a good news story and even more so in these recent times. Since the last edition, on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021 St Joseph's Pre-school, which has continued to remain open during the pandemic, celebrated their 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday in Nympsfield. Like any milestone, they didn't want to pass this one by without celebrating, so despite not being able to celebrate quite as planned, the practitioners nevertheless held a 20<sup>th</sup> birthday party for the children with homemade cupcakes from Marie Knight and a 'mini disco' to mark the occasion.

Lead Practitioner, Natalie Powers, who has been at the Pre-school since 2013 said "I have been privileged to lead the Pre-school and have seen it go from strength to strength. We have received two Good Ofsted Inspections and over the years have built good relationships with the primary school, local settings, parents and stakeholders. We continue to have high numbers of children attending and all this would not have been possible without our wonderful team and I would like to give a big thank you to Claire, Kayleigh, Hope and Marie for being supportive and caring Early Years Practitioners. We would also like to say Thank You to all of our committee and Pre-school parents who have helped shape and run the Pre-school and we could not continue without all of your wonderful support." So Happy 20<sup>th</sup>

Birthday St-Joseph's Pre-school and here is to many more years to come!

As the Pre-school progresses and moves with the times, it has launched a new virtual tour of the Pre-school, allowing parents the opportunity to see for themselves the wonderful facilities this setting has to offer. St Joseph's Pre-school welcomes children from the age of 2 and is open Monday to Friday 8.55am to 2.55pm during term time. For more information and to see the tour, please visit [www.st-josephs-nympsfield.com/website/exploring\\_the\\_preschool/528677](http://www.st-josephs-nympsfield.com/website/exploring_the_preschool/528677) or contact Natalie Powers on 01453 860311 or [natalie.preschool22@gmail.com](mailto:natalie.preschool22@gmail.com).

### **Kalopsia\***

The encompassing deception,  
Seems beguiling,  
A bewitching delusion.  
Nothing but elegance, in your false  
impression.  
For I know;  
You and your self-conceit has intoxicated  
all.  
I thrive in no such delusions.  
The mistaken impression,  
Of what seemed so stunning,  
Is trickery.  
The hallucination,  
That what lies before me, is perfection.  
I'm not fooled.

Lillie Morgan

*\*[From ancient Greek: The delusion of things being more beautiful than they are. Ed.]*



# Neighbourhood Watch

## Plague Watch

Not much to report, our NHS vaccination programme is going well with a lot of people getting their second doses and (at the time of writing) first doses going to over-45s. If you're over 45 and/or clinically vulnerable and haven't had an invite, either contact your GP or try the national booking system

<https://tinyurl.com/nhsc19booking>

(worth looking soon if you're in a younger age band).

You can now pick up the less-accurate lateral flow test kits locally to test yourself. They should be available at Lloyds chemist in Old Market, Nailsworth or in the pharmacy in Sainsburys at Dudbridge, plus Boots and May Lane surgery in Dursley. Although false positive results are rare (around one in a thousand) with the current low level of infection in the area it is quite possible that a positive result is false, and must be checked by the more accurate PCR test (call 119 to make a booking).

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

## Social Media

Many of us follow the village Facebook page Everything Nympsfield, a few fewer the "other" page Anything Nympsfield. There's not much other than this newsletter for those who "don't do" Facebook. An alternative *might* be Next Door. I became aware of this a year or so ago and signed up, it was getting good reviews in the newspapers at the time (when we were in a state of panic and neighbourliness had become a priority). I signed up, and a few others did around the village. All was quiet until recently when a few reminders of its existence came into mailboxes. I don't know how it will work in practice, it seems to be web and email based, but there are currently nine of us in the village signed up. If we get ten then Nympsfield becomes recognised in its own right (at the moment we are part of Nailsworth). Maybe worth a try if anyone fancies signing up? [Nextdoor.co.uk](http://Nextdoor.co.uk) Feedback next issue...

The image shows a logo for 'stroud coronavirus community response' with the tagline 'helping you helping everyone'. To the right, there are three service items, each with a star icon: 'daily updates for Stroud area', 'community response', and 'factchecked by our volunteers'. Below these is a dark grey box with the text 'There is lots of info and support via:' followed by the website 'neighbournetworks.uk' in large white letters. At the bottom, it says 'helping you - helping each other'.

### MICHAEL WATTS MEMORIAL CRICKET MATCH

Nympsfield all "Stars" versus The Commoners.... 25<sup>th</sup> June, 5pm, complete with socially distanced BBQ and bar. Something for the whole village to get behind and look forward to!! Ask Dave Wallace for more info...

## Emails to the Editors



### **From Rose Beach**

My memories of Prince Philip.

Visiting London in 1947, after the Second World War, we saw sawdust on the road & my Aunt Julia said there is going to be a Royal procession & sure enough it was the State opening of Parliament.

The first landau came along with King George VI & Queen Elizabeth. The Princesses Elizabeth & Margaret in the second. After about five more landau, in the last one sat Philip who had just got engaged to Princess Elizabeth looking like a Greek God. Wonderful memories!



### **From him indoors**

There was a Nympsfield connection on BBC TV's local news (Points West) last month. A piece about the Bristol Blenheim bomber that came down near Quedgeley in 1940 told how, after both engines failed, the pilot, Flt Lt Robert Coventry, a Canadian, bravely stayed at the controls, crash-landing the plane in a field to avoid hitting a school (photo of the wreckage below). Flt Lt Coventry was killed and is buried at Down Hatherley. Quedgeley Town Council has commissioned a memorial with the hope of unveiling it later this year. The two other members of the crew survived, one of whom was our own George Wilcox, radio operator and gunner, who was rescued from the plane – via a hole in the fuselage – by local people. George (inset photo in his RAF uniform) died aged 102 in November 2018.



## **NYMPFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

Nothing received for this issue, we hope to have something next time.

However, the “gates” have appeared on the roadside at Cockadilly. They make it look to approaching traffic like a village and seem to have been fairly successful elsewhere in slowing traffic. Thanks to Peter TB and the parish council for getting them installed, and to Cllr Patrick and her Highways Local Fund for paying for them.



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.

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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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