

THE

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# Nymphsfield

NEWS & ADVERTISER



# Summer is here!

Yes, summer has arrived. Whether we shall be allowed enough freedom of movement to fully enjoy it is a different matter: the Delta Variant scuppered the Government's plan for a June 21<sup>st</sup> return to (almost) normal but, syringes crossed, we should make it on July 19<sup>th</sup>. We'll see.

In this edition our usual mix of news, reflection and ads. Enjoy!

The Cover shows young badgers feeding at Springlands. Picture is courtesy Ed Cook who, sadly, will be leaving the village later this year. We wish him and his sisters all the best but it's the end of an era! If you'd like to see more of the badgers, visit his "bdgr cam live stream" at You Tube

Even sadder news via Facebook: Mark Webber died recently. Many will fondly remember him and his family. They lived on Front Street in one of the cottages opposite Street Farm before moving down to the South Coast.

The Editors

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Deadline for the Autumn edition is 20 August.

## 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

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email: [enquiries@makeupbycindi.com](mailto:enquiries@makeupbycindi.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. Email: [dan@dtm.co.uk](mailto:dan@dtm.co.uk), Phone: 01453 860968, Web:

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

### **HANDYMAN/ GARDENER**

Contact: Tommy Guerin 07432650321

### **IRONING**

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

### **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, Boilerjuice 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](mailto:colinfairbrother@hotmail.com) or

[mike@leopardpress.com](mailto: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](mailto:janet@springsnow.co.uk)

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

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Locally sourced seasoned firewood

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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)

### **M AND N MOTOR SERVICES LTD**

Servicing and repairs to all makes and models of vehicle. Fully equipped garage facilities. MOTs. Free courtesy cars. Please visit our website for further details:  
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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.  
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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.  
Contact: Janet 861067 /  
[janet@springsnow.co.uk](mailto:janet@springsnow.co.uk)

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

All manner of wet trades & stud partitioning.  
Contact: Rich Bloodworth 860635 /07561 325060

### **SEAL CONSTRUCTION**

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

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## **For Sale / Free**

### **OIL-FIRED AGA**

Professionally converted from early coal-fired type to have a DON oil 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](mailto:poppyoliviarriddle@gmail.com) 07825 432262.

## What's On or Off

### THE ROSE AND CROWN INN

Open for business. Bookings being taken!  
B&B rooms coming soon!

[www.roseandcrownfarmhouse.com](http://www.roseandcrownfarmhouse.com)  
[roseandcrown55@gmail.com](mailto:roseandcrown55@gmail.com), Facebook  
message (link from web site) or 01453  
860612.

### NYMPFIELD WORKING MEN'S CLUB

Back up and running!

### EVERYTHING NYMPFIELD!

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

### U3A BRIDGE GROUP *Tues 2 - 4.45 pm*

But 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](http://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](mailto:stjosephspresch@gmail.com). See  
Facebook: 'St Joseph's Pre-school'

### 100 CLUB WINNERS

Week 39 No. 98 Richard Pearch. (£25)  
Week 40 No. 42 Roger Elmore.  
Week 41 No. 13 Alan Morgan.  
Week 42 No. 27 Catherine Harrison.  
Week 43 No.7 Pete Woodman.  
Week 44 No. 72 John Price.  
Week 45 No. 90 Pat Jones.  
Week 46 No. 51 Jean Beeston.

Thank you to everyone who has a  
number in the village hall 100 club.  
£600 per year is given out in a weekly  
draw and £600 much needed funds for  
our village hall.

£12 is due at the end of July for the  
next 12 months. If you are passing  
Delahay Townsend, please put your  
£12 per number in an envelope with  
your name on it. Or, I will call in and  
collect sometime.

We do have a few spare numbers.  
Please phone Pat or Malcolm on 01453  
860696

## 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.

## WiN Women in Nympsfield

Sorry to say no meetings for the  
immediate future but we will keep you  
updated of any changes. Meanwhile we  
hope all members are keeping safe.  
New members always welcome. Further  
information from Catherine at:  
[catherine860636@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:catherine860636@yahoo.co.uk) or call  
861610

## 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**



**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:

21 July: Engleby by Sebastien Faulks (Kate & Martin's choice)

18 August: t.b.a.

## WHY???

When this world was fresh and new  
There wasn't much for us to do  
So we started chopping down the trees  
And then we killed the birds and bees  
We made endless things we didn't need  
Fuelled by increasing greed  
Cars rushing faster – in a race  
We filled the land with piles of waste  
Pollution meant that people died  
And all the starving children cried  
We brought the world right to its knees

By the spreading of disease  
All our dreams were built on sand  
We should have listened to the land  
We should have stopped and made a difference  
Instead we suffered from indifference  
And then the end – through hate and war  
So tell me please, what was it for?  
Now an empty planet spins in space  
The ending of the human race!  
Jenny Nisbett

## MEET LINDON

This is Lindon. He is a 13 month guide dog puppy in training, currently residing in the village for his formative year. The first guide dogs in England started work 90 years ago up in Wallasey. Three years later in 1934, The Guide Dogs for The Blind charity was formed. The Charity has relied heavily on public support and volunteers, and in 1956, the Puppy Raising program was started. Puppy raisers are volunteers who look after the potential guide dogs from the age of around 7 weeks until they are ready to go to Big School, which could be anything from 14 months to 2 years.



The pups are brought up by volunteers at home, learning obedience, recall, walking in step, as you would train most dogs. We also try to expose them to as many sights, smells, noises as we can, as experience when young is key to their development and suitability for guiding. We also try to take them into situations they may encounter when working as an adult, like a journey on a train or a bus, being settled in a café, or doing the shopping in a supermarket. Like all puppies, they can be naughty and obstinate but there is a positive here, as one day they will need to be decisive and take charge, to avoid risk to their owners.

Through this process, they will be continually assessed, as some behavioral traits may not be suitable in a working guide dog. Unfortunately, a good percentage of pups do not continue to being Guide Dogs, but they could be diverted onto other programs, like buddy dogs for young blind children. Lindon is a full Golden Retriever and he is a candidate for the breeding program. If he looks promising, he will leave for the breeding centre up in Leamington Spa in the next month or so for continued assessment, which is sadly when we will have to say goodbye.

The first question people usually ask us is, “How can you possibly let them go?” In all honesty, it is extremely tough but it is also life changing for somebody. Our first dog Jasper qualified as a guide dog with his new owner and is now living near Bristol. He not only adds a huge amount of independence to that person’s life, who was limited in their mobility outside of the home, but also adds a tremendous amount of companionship, which in all of these lockdowns, has been invaluable. So fingers crossed that this little fella Lindon, makes the grade.

It costs £55,000 to support a Guide dog from birth to retirement, and we are always looking for new ideas for fundraising as well as volunteers in many roles. If you would like to learn more, you can look on Guide Dogs website: [guidedogs.org.uk](http://guidedogs.org.uk), or contact me directly by email: [tkrausa@me.com](mailto:tkrausa@me.com). Tracey & Pete Krausa



# Holiday Club

**Uley Village Hall**  
**10.00am - 2.30pm**  
**Monday 26 to Friday 30 July**

*A week of fun & activities for 5-11 year olds. Please bring a packed lunch (drinks/snacks provided)*

## Volunteers Wanted



- (1) To help mow St Bart's churchyard. We are currently down to three people and could do with another one or two.
- (2) For a working party to tidy up the churchyard. If you would like to help with either of these activities contact Ann Hardy on 860876
- (3) To help run the village playing field. Contact Ian on 860625

## **Nymphsfield Progressive Dinner Party is Back!!**

**9<sup>th</sup> Oct 2021 – Top of the Pops Theme (Dressing up optional)**

After the huge success of 2019 we would be delighted to see all those that have joined us before, and to welcome anyone that is new to Nymphsfield.

It is a great way to get to know each other and have plenty of fun at the same time. It is not about the food, it is about the company. It will be wonderful to see everyone again, relax and party!!

If you would like to join in or would like more information on how it all works please contact me Jo Beeston on either [jo@joandpaul.me.uk](mailto:jo@joandpaul.me.uk) / 07792 680534 or Michelle Holloway [holloway2006@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:holloway2006@hotmail.co.uk) / 07999 019615 with your name, email/telephone no. and first line of your address.



## OLD NEWS FROM NYMPSFIELD

### Keep those Cheeses Rolling

A lesser victim of the pandemic is the annual Cheese Rolling and Wake on Cooper's Hill in Brockworth parish which was cancelled this May for the second year running. The Master of Ceremonies turned up in the early morning of the appointed day to roll a cheese down the slope but there was no-one chasing it and only a handful of cameras watching.

In case you've never seen or heard of it, cheese rolling takes its place alongside shin kicking as one of Gloucestershire's wackier traditional "sports". Competitors hurl themselves down a 1 in 2 slope in pursuit of a 7lb Double Gloucester cheese with a crowd of thousands looking on. Falls are inevitable and sometimes spectacular - bodies fly through the air and injuries are frequent, though rarely life-threatening. It's said that, some years, the races have to

be delayed to give the ambulances time to return to pick up the next batch of injured.

The venue is visible from miles around – there is a particularly good view from the M5 motorway from where it appears as a stripe of clear ground running down from the edge the otherwise wooded escarpment. There is a maypole at the top and the land itself forms part of Cooper's Hill common which now includes a nature reserve. The event, always held on Whit Monday (now the late May Bank Holiday) has a long history and has weathered a number of attempts to close it down. Firstly in the 70s when there were worries that erosion was making the course more hazardous. Then, in the late 90s after a particularly injury-strewn year, the organizing committee was obliged to cancel on grounds of health and safety.



The concern then was not so much for the competitors as for the crowd which ran the danger of being hit by flying cheeses. After a year-long break, the event continued with new safety improvements including a high “catcher” fence to stop cheeses from hitting the house at the bottom, fences to keep back the crowd so as to form a wider “course” and a mountain rescue team to recover casualties from the slope. It became so popular that 15,000 people turned up with their cars in 2009; chaos ensued so that the event was officially cancelled the following year; but the locals went ahead anyhow – who was to stop them from doing what they’d always done on common land? And that’s how things continued – a semi-official event - until Covid intervened.

Jean Jefferies, a member of the organizing committee, has written the definitive book on the subject: “Cheese Rolling in Gloucestershire” (2007). When interviewed by the BBC in 2014, she reckoned that, whereas it was once a rite-of-passage for locals lads who trained all year and learned to navigate the course, now there is a stronger element of just “throw-yourself-off-the-top” with many competitors never having seen the hill before – some even flying in specially from abroad. The view of one previous Master of Ceremonies is that “It’s a good old English tradition and it gives something for the hooligans to do”. Happily, the all-time master of the art, Christopher Anderson, is a Brockworth local and still hoping to add

more cheeses to the twenty-odd he’s already won.

No-one knows how or when the event started – it definitely existed in the first half of nineteenth century and is probably much older. In those days it also included grinning (gurning through a horse collar), sack racing, dancing and wrestling. The beer flowed freely and, when the games were over, petty arguments and inter-village rivalries frequently turned into punch-ups. All of which is familiar territory: William Dover’s “Olimpics” in Chipping Campden had similar contests and was also beset with rowdiness; and in 1710, the annual revels at Frocester, Coaley and Nymphsfield in 1710 were suppressed on account of “rioting, drunkenness, loudness, debauchery and other immoralities”.

The wonder of the Brockworth Wake is that it has managed to survive – probably because of the uniqueness of cheese rolling. These days, things may appear more seemly but a total lack of concern for one’s own health and well-being often comes from a combination of alcohol and youth. As if to confirm this, the new safety measures introduced in 1999 also brought forward the start time for the cheese rolling from 6pm to noon, the stated aim being to limit the number of pre-race hours that the competitors – and the crowd - could spend in the pub. Thankfully, it wasn’t quite enough to entirely dampen the proceedings.

Ian Crossland

### **MICHAEL WATTS MEMORIAL CRICKET MATCH**

Nymphsfield all “Stars” versus The Commoners, Saturday 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...

## NATURE COLUMN by MISS DAISY

### HOLEY MOLEY

Of course most of us will have seen mole hills – the most hated thing for keen gardeners is to wake up and discover that overnight their beautiful lawn is now covered in piles of freshly turned soil!

But how many of you have seen a real live mole? I was actually lucky enough to hold one in my hand several years ago, after one of my dogs chased one into a corner – mole having chosen just the wrong moment to come up to the surface!

The most discerning feature of this little mammal is its large and powerful front paws, which, to me, looked almost human, and they are of course developed so that the mole can dig his tunnels in his search of earthworms, slugs etc. In a day an adult mole can dig a tunnel 100 metres long. He has a round cylindrical body covered in velvety fur, with small eyes and ears. In fact he reminded me of an elderly myopic gentleman wearing a velvet smoking jacket, but maybe I have just seen too many Beatrix Potter films!!!!

The mole can tolerate higher levels of carbon dioxide which enables him to spend most of his life underground, where he can paralyse worms and beetles and store them in a larder until he is ready to eat them. A male mole is called a boar, the female is a sow, and a group of moles is called “a labour”, although they are solitary animals and only come together for breeding, when they have three to five young, who are called pups, and these leave their underground nest and go off on their own after thirty to forty five days.

Farmers hate the mole because the soil he deposits on the surface can contain large stones, which then cause serious damage to farm machinery, and there are gaps in the crops where the mole hills have formed. There are many ways of persuading mole to go somewhere else – one method being putting one of those “mechanical” birthday cards down one of the holes – the constant rendition of “Happy Birthday to YOU” (until the battery chip runs out!) would persuade anyone to leave home – but there are designated mole catchers who will either smoke them out or trap them.

Finally, Queen Alexandra (wife of Edward VII) started a fashion for mole fur as she had a coat made out of their pelts – lots of little squares all sewn together! It caused quite a demand for these little velvety creatures at the time, but it did not last long.

## Wastelines, on CLOTHES

Since the 1990s it's been possible to dress ourselves incredibly cheaply – t-shirts can cost less than a cup of coffee - and we buy many more clothes than we can possibly wear. Then we go off them and get rid of them. We don't expect or perhaps even want them to last long. It's now known that most clothes end up in landfill, often hardly worn, and while they are there taking decades to decompose, they are polluting the soil with plastic and chemicals and emitting greenhouse gases. And what happens to the clothes that don't get sold at all? well, apparently some companies, like Burberry and H&M, burn them!

Here are some more sorry facts:

- Chemical dyes poison the rivers and streams in the countries where many textiles are made.
- Polyester, which is used in 60% of garments, releases microplastics into the oceans every time it's washed. About 1,900 individual synthetic fibres are rinsed off one synthetic garment on every wash.
- Cotton is a highly water-intensive plant to grow. The production of a pair of jeans uses 2,000 gallons of water. To illustrate the seriousness of this, cotton farming in Uzbekistan used up so much water from the Aral Sea that it dried up 50 years after cotton farming began. The Aral Sea

was once one of the world's four largest lakes, but it is now little more than a desert with a few small ponds dotted about.

- Many laundry detergents and softeners contain sodium laurel sulphate and optical brighteners (both skin irritants) and artificial fragrances derived from petrochemicals, all of which are toxic in our waterways.
- The fashion industry produces 10% of world carbon emissions, is the second largest consumer of the world's water supply, and is the world's third major polluter after oil and animal agriculture.

So what can we consumers do to reduce the waste and environmental damage caused by simply getting dressed? We can buy fewer clothes, buy them second hand, adapt them, mend them, give them away, sell them, recycle them, upcycle them, use them as rags or cloths when they wear out, and finally, do the stink test and wash them less often!

Sources: [businessinsider.com](http://businessinsider.com), United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, World Resources Institute, United Nations Environment Programme, International Union for the Conservation of Nature, Ellen MacArthur Foundation, [theprettyplaneteeer.com](http://theprettyplaneteeer.com)

# Neighbourhood Watch

## Plague Watch

The NHS vaccination programme continues apace. Everyone aged 18 or over can now book a vaccination – either by waiting for a text from their GP, or by the national booking system <https://tinyurl.com/nhsc19booking>. At the time of writing 93% of people aged over 50 in Gloucestershire have now received two doses of a Covid-19 vaccine and so have good protection.

It seems likely that younger age groups (under 18) will be cleared for vaccination before much longer. As schools and colleges form a distinct sub-population the virus can circulate within them freely and leak into the wider population.

**Please**, if you are able to, get a vaccination. It's only by getting an overwhelming fraction of the population immune that we can get the infection rate down to the point where the current restrictions can be eased and see a return to normal life. With the more infectious "delta" variant now being dominant, the number of people immunised needs to be higher to prevent another wave. Two doses of vaccine are needed to give substantial immunity and even then, protection isn't 100%. The more virus that is circulating in the population, the more likely it is that a new and potentially more infectious or lethal variant might emerge.

You can 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)

## Neighbourhood Watch

Not much to report. There continue to be a large number of scams, the most recent involving emails or phone calls purporting to be from HMRC threatening prosecution for non-payment of tax, from Amazon regarding "prime" subscriptions, and now from the Post Office or from delivery companies saying that a payment must be made to deliver a parcel.

Any reports of issues to Martin 860133 please.

The image shows a logo for 'stroud coronavirus community response' with the tagline 'helping you helping everyone'. To the right are three grey boxes with white stars: 'daily updates for Stroud area', 'community response', and 'factchecked by our volunteers'. Below these is a dark grey banner with the text 'There is lots of info and support via: neighbournetworks.uk' and a white banner at the bottom with the text 'helping you - helping each other'.

# Emails to the Editors



## From Claire Ellis at Longfield Hospice

Longfield Hospice has launched its first ever **Superhero Challenge**. Join us on **Sunday 22 August** in the beautiful **Westonbirt Arboretum**. Walk, jog or run through the pathways and tree-lined avenues of the arboretum. You choose the pace! The event is open to all ages and you are encouraged to wear a cape or costume as you soar around the course. All superheroes to complete 5k will receive a medal.

Early bird prices are: Adults: £20, Children: £15. A £5 per car fee is also payable when you book your place and will go The Forestry Commission. This will allow you (and up to four spectators) entry to the arboretum – a saving of up to £35!

Money raised will help Longfield Hospice provide care and support for our patients and their families at a time when they need it most. With our NHS still dealing with the impact of the pandemic, end-of-life care has never been more vital. Thank you. More details at <https://www.longfield.org.uk/event/superhero-challenge/>



## From Leah Farrer PTA Treasurer re St Joseph's School Log Trail Fundraiser

As life starts to return to normal after the pandemic, the children of St Joseph's are delighted to be back at school with their friends, but it's not all smiles. They aren't able to use their wooden log trail as it is no longer safe.

The PTA are currently raising funds towards a new wooden trail for the playground. The cost of this could be between £10,000 and £20,000. This is a much needed replacement which would be enjoyed by all pupils at the school as well as being used by the St Joseph's preschool and Out of school club. As there is a public footpath through the school field the wooden trail is also available for members of the community to use outside of school hours.

During 2020 and now into 2021 with the COVID-19 pandemic, all the events and activities the PTA would usually organise, have unfortunately been unable to go ahead, and with continued restrictions we are not sure when we will be able to plan these again.

With this in mind, the PTA are having to branch out to new means of fundraising. We have created an online platform to showcase our fundraising objectives. We are hoping that with this new fundraising tool we will be able to reach out not just to our pupils, families and friends, but also to the wider community, highlighting the projects which need our help the most to support our children in their learning and school environment.

We have raised £2,500 so far but we still have a long way to go. For more information contact the PTA on [pta@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:pta@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk) or visit our Rocketfund page at <https://www.rocketfund.org/school-fundraising-pta>. Help us to turn the children's frowns upside down!

## **NYMPSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

Brief highlights of the last few meetings:

The ongoing saga of the mobile phone mast on Tinkley Lane – Maxema, who represent Vodafone and O2, wish to replace the existing mast with a considerably larger one to implement a 5G mobile signal. NPC have questioned the need and the impact and await a full response.

Potholes in and around the village road system remain problematic but some recent work has been done to improve matters.

There have not been too many Planning issues to deal with, although as an example, NPC have objected to a proposal for a large agricultural building along Tinkley Lane near the Cross.

The possibility has arisen for NPC to acquire the ownership of the Glebe – our village green. NPC are in preliminary negotiations with the Church's agent. This is an exciting opportunity to secure the future of an important green space within the village – although there will be a cost! To be continued...

Do visit the website at <https://www.nympsfieldparishcouncil.org/> for the Agendas and Minutes of all our meetings.

Parish meetings have resumed normal service at the village hall after more than a year of remote meeting via Zoom. We have welcomed public participation and plain human interaction! Meetings take place on the second Monday of every month and are held in the Village Hall, unless otherwise announced. They begin at 7:30pm and rarely last longer than two hours.

The Parish Council has seen change over the May election period. Long serving councillors Ann Hardy and Susan Cowle have earned their retirement and our thanks for their efforts on behalf of our community go out to them. We have been fortunate that two excellent candidates have offered themselves for election, so once more we have our full complement of five.

### **Your Parish Councillors:**

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Cllr Elizabeth Sturgess (Vice Chair)  
Cllr Peter Tomiak-Baquero  
Cllr Gemma Warden  
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