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Nymphsfield

NEWS & ADVERTISER



Editorial

Welcome to the special Christmas and New Year edition of the Nymphy News – a little like the double issue of the Radio Times except it's not nearly so long and we don't list the TV or radio programmes. We hope you will find plenty to inform, educate and entertain – just like the BBC really, except we carry advertisements – so maybe more like ITV?

Anyhow, enough of this drivel as we come to the important point: the editors wish you and yours a joyful Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year

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The tower of St Bart's from the Bath Road on a misty winter morning. Photo by John Steinbach

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10:21 (65A) Dursley and Coaley (Sat only)
11:16 (65) Dursley and Gloucester
12:36 (65A) Dursley and Coaley (Sat only)
13:16 (65) Dursley and Gloucester
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then Coaley (Mon to Fri)
15:48 (65) Dursley and Gloucester
17:46 (65) Dursley to Cam & Dursley Stn
(18:20) terminating Westend, Stonehouse

The Cross, to Stroud:

08:10 (65) Stroud, leaving Cam & Dursley
Station at 07:51
10:25 (165) Stroud via Nailsworth (Mon-Fri
only)
11:07 (65) Stroud
11:17 (65A) Stroud (Sat only)
13:07 (65) Stroud
13:32 (65A) Stroud & Whiteway (Sat only)
15:07 (65) Stroud
17:07 (65) Stroud
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U3A BRIDGE GROUP U3A Bridge has resumed at the Methodist Meeting Room, Dursley starting at a prompt 2 pm, and continue each Tuesday until further notice. Call Richard Gwyer on 01453 860512, or see Cam U3A website for details.

MORE BRIDGE Want to learn a fascinating and time consuming pastime – then bridge is for you! Contact Bridget Lumb (07899 968220) or google Wotton-under-Edge Bridge Club for information about lessons starting this Autumn. Alternatively contact the teacher; Ian Cooke (fully qualified member of the EBU Teachers Association) Tel:01666 890261 or 07704 946846
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Contact Natalie Powers 860311 or email stjosephspresch@gmail.com. See

Facebook: 'St Joseph's Pre-school' and article later in this edition.

100 CLUB WINNERS

Week 49 No. 77 Julie Bleaken.

Week 50 No. 44 Liz Sturges.

Week 51 No. 94 Verity Giles.

Week 52 No. 4 Dave & Janet Acton.(£25)

100 club membership of £12 per number was due at the end of July. If anyone is passing Delahay Townsend please drop the money in clearly marked with their name. If not, we will call and collect sometime soon. We do have several spare numbers. Pat and Malcolm 01453 860696.

EXPERIENCED WORKSHOP JOINER: A Nympsfield based joinery workshop is looking for an experienced workshop joiner/carpenter to make sash windows. The post would be on a sub-contract basis and suit a semi-retired person or someone wanting to work part time as only a limited number of sashes are needed each month. Experience of manufacturing sashes and complete box sash windows from beginning to end is required and preferable experience of fitting new windows into openings would be helpful. For further information please phone Trevor on 861025

WiN Women in Nympsfield

19th December Christmas Party at Whackers

Our traditional gathering at Whackers for much festive fun and nibbles. Secret Santa and a Singalong and a chance to catch up on the year's events. If you are not a member please give us a try, we look forward to welcoming you.

Alternatively, if you are interested in any events we would welcome you as a guest for the evening at a charge of £2.00 per session as a non-member.

For further information please get in touch:
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THE BOOK CLUB is

normally held monthly. We are a very informal group whose aim is to discuss the book selected and have a social evening too.

Everyone is welcome (whether you have read the book or not). Enquiries to Carol 860610.

Next books:

21 December East of Croydon, Sue Perkins (at Martin & Kate's)

19 January Gentlemen and Players, Joanne Harris (Lin's choice)

Christmas Carol and Christingle Service

Tuesday 20th December at 18:00 at St Bartholomew's church

QUOTATION CORNER

Isn't it nice to think that tomorrow is a new day with no mistakes in it yet?

Anne Shirley

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Especial thanks to Pat and Moya for organising and Tony King for conducting the service

Emails to the Editors



From a Nympsfield horse lover.

I don't know who owns the horse that has been alone in the field at Stonehill for over a year but I am concerned for his welfare. He has no shelter although there are huts in the field but they are fenced off. The field has become very dirty and there is little for him to eat. With winter coming surely he should be looked after better?



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY was

rather sparsely attended this year but thanks to all who turned out for an unseasonably mild and sunny morning.

Christmas Poem

I racked my brains for a Christmas verse
My headache just got worse and worse
Lying sleepless in my bed
With rhyming words going through my head.

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There's Rudolph's NOSE
Which always GLOWS
The snowmen and the snowball FIGHTS
The Christmas trees with coloured LIGHTS
The enormous boxes – let me GUESS
They're presents via M & S

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And then at last it came to me
I had a great epiphany
Forget the tinsel and the snow
The only words we need to know...
A story that is very old
Sadly now, so rarely told
And tho' the words may sometimes vary
It's about a **BABY BORN TO MARY.**

Jenny Nisbett.

OLD NEWS FROM NYMPSFIELD

End of Year Wanderings

2022 had an ominous beginning when, after a series of mutations, Covid-19 variant Omicron came visiting. Nationally, the number of infections was three times higher than the previous record of January 2021 but, this time, deaths were eight times fewer – thanks to Astra Zeneca, Pfizer and the rest. And some people say that vaccines kill you! As Bart Simpson once said, “Au contraire mon frère”. St Joseph’s School had to go back to remote learning for a time but everything was back to normal by the summer.

February 20 saw Storm Franklin felling the large cypress tree in the churchyard but an even bigger rumble came four days later when V.V. Putin embarked upon his greatest gamble by invading Ukraine. The many unforeseen consequences – for him and for us - will run on into 2023 and beyond. The village hosted three refugees – two Tanyas with the Phillips at Chapel House and Yarik (and occasionally his mother Irena) staying with Carys Hellewell. How it will all end is difficult to see. What’s absolutely clear is that Ukraine will continue to need our support.

The newly elected Parish Council declared a Climate Emergency and established Nympsfield Climate Action

at a well-attended meeting in the Village Hall in April. This group will link with Stroud District’s Climate Action Network and will target biodiversity, resilience to emergencies and carbon emissions. As a village we can certainly make improvements in the first two areas as the annual village litter-pick demonstrated. The climate is a gathering crisis – last July, for example, was the driest since 1911. We should all do our bit but what’s really needed is international cooperation and that seems to be a dwindling commodity right now.

In the autumn there were three sad farewells. Hazel Timbrell, born Nympsfield 1929, had many tales to tell not least the one about her Grannie, Polly Freeman, pregnant with twins, being turfed out of her cottage at Stonehill because she wouldn’t send her children to the Catholic School. As the family sat on their belongings by the road waiting for a cart to arrive, the two Leigh sisters, responsible for both the eviction and many good deeds in the village, walked by without a word. The twins (boys - William James and James William) were born in 1912 so this was long before Hazel was born but stories like this must have a long half-life within families.

Ann Hardy (78) also passed on. She was the daughter of Miriam and Reg Kelly who ran, first a school and then a field centre, from “The Cottage”, in Woodchester Park, formerly the home of the Leigh family and the aforesaid sisters. Ann left the village for university in London. Work and marriage followed but she returned to Woodchester Park in the late eighties to farm. Her Galloway cattle and Jacob sheep can still be seen around the village, now tended by son Tim. Finally, Molly Peglar (23), who lived at Tinkley Farmhouse, died after a long illness. Molly’s mother Rachel is the author of the



Biscuit books, published to support Molly and previously featured here.

November was wet with temperatures well above average – as in 2021. It saw the passing of two ancient stalwarts: Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and one of the three churchyard yews that stand alongside the lane to Court

Farm. These three trees are the oldest in the village: from their girth they all appear to have been planted around 1650. If they were meant to commemorate some great occasion, possibilities include the overthrowing of monarchy in 1650 or, contrariwise, the restoration of monarchy in 1660. But which? Hoping to get a more accurate date by counting tree rings, I asked the tree surgeon to save me a section. He did but it came, not from the base which only reaches a foot above ground, but from one of the three stems that spring from it (see pic). Here there were no more than 170 annual rings - well short of expectation. It looks like this tree had been felled mid-nineteenth century and had then re-grown. Hopefully the new stump will do the same and pose a puzzle for some future historian.

Much like Prime Ministers, ash trees, continue to disappear from the landscape with many of them, it seems, finding their way to Adam Reynold’s wood yard at Stonehill which now appears to have enough timber to see him through to retirement.

Best wishes to you for Christmas and New Year. Make sure you have your Yule hole at the ready – that’s the extra notch that lets out your belt to make room for that big Christmas dinner – honest!

Ian Crossland

Monday 13th December 1982 - 40 Years Later

1982 was like most, an eventful year. The Argies had invaded the Falklands and Ozzy Osborne had bitten off the head of a bat on stage. 'Come on Eileen' was the biggest selling hit of the year and Margaret (not the Duchess and in later years my late night sledging partner) was Prime Minister. But for the Woodman family we were too preoccupied with other things.

Linda and I had been looking for a tenanted pub for a couple of years with Whitbread brewery (Whitbread Trophy and P.A. days for those who are my age and recall). We were considered young to become tenants in those days but we persevered at the idea. Finally we were offered the Salutation at Ham, Berkeley when my area manager phoned up and said he had this pub in the middle of a field at the top of a hill which he would like us to consider. We visited later that day. The previous tenant of a decade or so, Muriel Hanney, had lost her husband and was keen to move on as it was a big old rambling building to stay in alone. So that was our first visit to Nymphsfield and The Rose and Crown. We both loved it and its location and decided this was it. There was never a great plan, just a gut feeling we could make this work. In fact, I don't think there ever was a great business plan in all the years. It just evolved.

So we had to raise the incoming inventory deposit and first month's rent. Having conjured up the necessary about £6000, a

lot of money to us at the time we moved forward in becoming the new landlord and landlady. The rent was to be a staggering £60 per week. We would later go on to buy the freehold from the brewery in 1999.

Hand over day was Monday 13th December 1982. Linda and my eldest Russell who was 21 months old arrived at the pub with a van load of stuff. Linda was over 8 months pregnant at the time. I had to rush off to Dursley Magistrates to be granted my provisional licence at the 10 am sitting of the court. I arrived back with a bag full of cash as a float and we started trading. I have a residing memory that two of my first customers were a certain young 18 year old and the Chairman of the Club who I realised afterwards came to suss us out. (You know who you are and to the youngster great footballer/drinker and friend – it's your round!). The only employee we had was a Monday to Friday cleaning lady who arrived with her granddaughter. She now runs a little care home in the village. When we sold the pub we had at height 27 full and part time employees. Takings for the first week were about £400 so there was a hill to climb.

I was thinking of early memories and one that always comes to mind was a certain editor of a provincial daily newspaper, a plumber who inspired me at my present house to grow runner beans together with his late brother and somebody we shall name J.D. standing at one end of the bar

on the first Saturday at about closing time working out whether they could get a drink after time. Like little school boys they were egging each other on to approach me. Boys and their beer - that might be for another day.

occasions. These three rules were applied to one and all and I believe it worked in its day.

Another first memory springs to mind was being admonished for not doing a Christmas raffle the first year we were there. We always did a grand draw thereafter.

Just after Christmas Linda decided to polish the tiled kitchen floor and this was a good starter to put her into labour just before year end. Linda did not spend the first New Year Eve in Nympsfield but Berkeley Maternity where I asked her GP to keep her there for a week rather than come back to the initial chaos and coldness of The Rose and Crown. I think she stayed 10 days- how times change!



Linda and a very young-looking Bob at the village "Archers" day in June 1985. *[Are there any memories of that day to share? Ed.]*

That was to be the first of many memorable late sessions. The doors were never locked but there was always a golden rule. Never enter after time you'll ruin it for everyone else. Other golden rules were no dogs in the bar. I learnt that the hard way after a certain hound called Jacob from Cockadilly use to jump up on the window ledge. Oh and there were no kids allowed in the front bar as that was the law in those days and in fairness it could be a heavy drinking environment on

So not just 40 years of Nympsfield but 40 years of my youngest - Happy 40th birthday Pete.

And to the rest of you if you see me about around in December get me to buy you a beer for all the kindness and support you have given me and my late wife Linda over the years. But it will be your round next!!

Bob Woodman
Licensee Rose and Crown Inn
December 1982 to March 1999

Linda Woodman's Christmas Pudding Recipe

Ingredients Order:

BOOKERS

2kg plain flour
1 tub ground cinnamon
1 tub ground nutmeg
2kg Atora shredded suet
4kg soft dark brown sugar
36kg mixed dried fruit
4kg glacé cherries
4kg chopped mixed nuts

ARCADIA

4kg Coxes apples
2kg carrots
40 lemons

AVONMORE

7 dozen eggs

DONALD MILLS (BREAD)

6 loaves bread

SUPERMARKET

2 x 500g tins black treacle

BAR

10 pints Guinness/Murphys/Mackeson

Instructions:

1kg plain flour
2kg breadcrumbs
7 tbsps cinnamon
4 tbsps nutmeg
1kg shredded suet
2kg soft dark brown sugar
2kg grated apples
1kg grated carrot
18kg mixed dried fruit
2kg glacé cherries
2kg chopped mixed nuts
Rind and juice of 20 lemons
1 x 500g tin black treacle
40 eggs

5 pints Guinness/Murphys/Mackeson

Mix together all dry ingredients, add beaten eggs, treacle, lemon rind and juice and whichever stout is used. Stir well and leave for approximately 24 hours. Pot up and steam for about 4 to 5 hours. Makes approximately 170 puddings. Make this quantity twice to cover one Christmas season.

CHRISTMAS DAD JOKES

What do you call Santa's little helpers? Subordinate Clauses

A man sends his wife a text that says, "Window's frozen." She texts back, "Pour some warm water over them." 10 minutes later he writes back, "Computer's completely ruined now."

I went to the post office to buy stamps for my Christmas cards. The clerk asked "What domination?" I said "I don't see that it matters, but I'm a Catholic".

SANTA'S CHRISTMAS EVE VISIT TO NYMPSFIELD

We have been told that Santa will be giving a quick tour of the village on Christmas Eve to wish us all a Merry Christmas and to help get the children excited! Unfortunately he will not be giving out presents then, (blame elf and safety) but will visit the children as usual when they are asleep providing they have been good.

We have been very lucky that Santa has found the time to visit us for more than 30 years and he is very grateful to the Village Hall Committee - some of whom have been with him every year - for giving their time on Christmas Eve in providing and driving his sleigh so that his reindeers can be fully rested for the long night ahead.

The VH Committee, and others, love helping Santa in all weathers and the collection made during the walk round the village is a vital part of the fund raising to maintain the hall. We know times are hard but please show your appreciation by making a donation. Your Village Hall needs your support. Thank you.

Santa will start his visit from outside the pub at 5.00 p.m. and will give a warm welcome to any elf who wishes to help. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy 2023, from the Village Hall Committee.

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WORDLADDER

(Dedicated to Adam Reynolds)

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



Nature Notes from Miss Daisy

THE CHRISTMAS TREE

One of my greatest childhood memories at this time of the year, is helping to drag home the Christmas Tree – usually a couple of days before The Big Day! Dad would find a bucket filled with soil or sand to put the tree in, and we would wrap some red crepe paper round it to cover up the fact that it was an old galvanised bucket from the shed. Then came the joy of getting out the box of decorations from the loft – unpacking each precious old ornament from its careful wrappings and attaching them to the tree. There was usually a packet of shiny tinsel and this was placed over all the branches with great precision....the final act being the placing of a rather battered silver star at the very top of the tree, and if it was a particularly tall tree that year, then Mum would pick one of us up so that we could proudly complete the “topping out” ceremony.

But what about the lights?? Well this was usually Dad’s job – which he nearly always left to the last minute – and then he would find that they did not work despite the fact that they were working perfectly when they were packed away almost twelve months before. The long process of removing and testing each little coloured bulb took ages, but eventually the lights would be working again, and these would be carefully placed amongst the decorations. At last.....we could all stand back and say...”AHHHHH”

Of course the tree would eventually start to drop its needles, and it would become more and more sad looking, until at last on the 6th of January, it would be put outside in the garden until it could be cut up and burned on the bonfire. *[In many Christmas traditions, and in parts of Nympsfield, the decorations and lights stay up until Candlemas on 2 Feb – ed]*

But how did this tradition begin?

The use of evergreens in seasonal celebrations goes back to pre-Christian Societies...for example the Egyptians decorated their homes with palm leaves to mark the winter solstice, while early Romans put up trees for the December festival of Saturnalia.

The practice of decorating trees in homes became more widespread following the Protestant Reformation of the 16th century and Martin Luther has been accredited for inventing the idea of decorating Christmas trees with candles to simulate a starry night. (Thank goodness we now have electric or battery powered lights!)



Queen Charlotte, the German wife of George III first brought the Christmas tree to the Royal household in December 1800, but the true milestone of their popularity was in 1848 when the Illustrated London News published a drawing of Queen Victoria, Prince Albert and their family standing around a lavishly decorated tree. This really spurred public interest in Christmas trees.

Nowadays many households have an artificial tree, and some of the more expensive ones are hardly discernible from the “real” thing. Of course there are no needles for Mum to sweep up, but for me nothing evokes the memory of my childhood Christmases more than the gorgeous smell of a real Christmas tree planted in an old galvanised bucket in the corner of the sitting room.

St Joseph's Pre-School

What a busy start to the year for all at St Joseph's Pre-school! Our numbers continue to go from strength to strength and we have welcomed another staff member to our team. At the beginning of December the children performed their Nativity to parents in St Joseph's Catholic Church. This has been the first one since Covid and was enjoyed by all! The team are so proud of all the children. The Christmas celebrations continue into the final week of term where we will have a fantastic party day with Magic Marie and finally 'Breakfast with Santa' on the last day!



We are starting to take enrolments for September 2023. We have minimal spaces on a Monday and Tuesday from the beginning of 2023 but welcome people to join our waiting list. Please email natalie.preschool22@gmail.com for further registration information and to arrange a visit to the setting. You can also visit the Pre-school section on the website www.st-josephs-nymphsfield.com/website/preschool/36 for further details and to view our virtual tour on 'exploring the preschool'.

Anna Hitchings
Chair, St Joseph's Pre-school

Progressive dinner party

The progressive dinner party was a great success again with 53 people joining in, it was lovely to catch up with so many people. Many thanks to THE CLUB who hosted us again and were huge support. *[thanks for a great evening – ed]*

More Events next year

I am hoping to organise more social events next year and have joined forces with the Village Hall Committee. Check the next newsletter for events in 2023.

Have a special Christmas and fabulous 2023, Jo Beeston

GARDENING FOR WILDLIFE

Did you know that the UK's gardens cover a greater land area than all our National Nature Reserves combined? This makes our gardens a very important {and much needed} habitat for our dwindling wildlife. However it doesn't mean just letting our gardens go wild, leaving us with nothing to look at, nowhere to sit and relax and no space for children to play. They are our gardens to enjoy. But if we add a few features we can provide habitat for a greater variety of creatures who will then have more chance of breeding successfully and moving from one area to another safely.

So how to start? Wildlife experts say that if you only do one thing for wildlife then create a pond, and if you already have one, then perhaps add a micropond or two. What is a micropond? It might be a bucket sunk into or sitting on the ground, planted up and equipped with some means to help creatures climb in and out.

So, the winter's coming and winter is the best time to make a pond or a micropond!

For more information on making a pond for wildlife go to www.wildlifetrusts.org/actions/how-build-pond and www.wildstroud.org, who also run excellent workshops on how to provide food, shelter and water for wildlife (next ones are in February). Festive greetings to all.

PANTO – OH NO IT ISN'T (AGAIN)

NYMPFIELD PANTO, FORMERLY THE GRANARY BARN THEATRE

A long and rich heritage

The Nympsfield Panto has been in existence for a very long time going back at least to the 1890's. The first group was formed by the Leigh Sisters, Beatrice and Blanche who ran evening classes for the local boys. In addition to teaching them skills such as woodworking, embroidery, they were taught how to sing and play musical instruments. They put on plays in the large barn at Bay Tree Farm (formerly Street Farm).

The plays were performed in May or June each year and advertised in the Nympsfield Gazette which had been started by the Leigh Sisters. The rest of the year the barn was not available as it was full of grain and potatoes. Many of the boys played women's parts and involved not only singing but acting. In 1895 they put on "The World We Live In" and in 1896 "Mama's Darling"

This was undoubtedly the start of the Nympsfield Panto which has been held in various locations in the village but now settled in the village hall. Over the years the Panto has contributed significantly to the village raising about £1,000 per year.

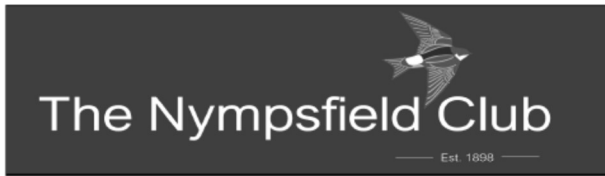
Just as the first lock down hit us, in March 2020 we were ready to put on Jack and the Beanstalk. The cast were primed and the set built. Unfortunately, COVID put a stop to this production and although I have tried to resurrect it for next March this has not been possible.

Looking ahead we hope to put on a performance next November but we need a new group of people, including actors, lighting, directors, script writers, singers, stage management etc to fill in some gaps. We have great fun in rehearsals and during the performances.

It would be shame to lose this fantastic tradition so if you are interested in taking part in any of the roles contact Brian Pittaway on bp4vobr@gmail.com Previous experience is not necessary *[and acting ability is discouraged – ed]*. If we get sufficient interest I will arrange a get together early next year.

Thanks to Ann Gazzard for the background on The Granary Barn Theatre.

[The people who bought tickets for the 2020 performances and didn't ask for refunds have not been forgotten! – ed]



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Part of the facilities at VoBR is a woodworking facility which I manage. We have undertaken a number of projects for Nymphsfield villagers including: a purpose built wood store with kindling shelf and a large oak garden table.

If you have a carpentry requirement large or small, we can offer a cost-effective solution. Please contact Brian Pittaway on 860610.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Spams and Scams

A lot of the stuff in my junk email bin seems to relate to “surveys” on behalf of well-known companies, and I’ve had a few for funeral plans (am I being targeted?!) There are also a lot of Facebook scams – e.g. “Have you got your free £200 Aldi for Kids voucher”. If it sounds too good to be true, it is.

No news specific to Nympsfield, but any reports of suspicious activities to Martin please – 860133.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

It’s lovely to see all of the Christmas lights around the village again, both the gaudy and the tasteful ones! People may be worried about the cost of running them with the outrageous price of electricity, but modern LED lights are really very cheap to run. I reckon that the display on Chapel House and round the bend at the Cross costs about 6p a day to run for the eight hours that they’re on. Check the power rating of the power supply plug – most light sets are less than 10 W (which would cost about 2 ½ p to run for eight hours).

NYMPSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL -

Nothing to report in this issue.

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Emergencies

Electricity	0800 6783 105	Police (non-emergency)	101
24h Floodline	0845 9881188	Police: Neighb'd Policing, Dursley & Cam Team (non-emergency)	01453 753500
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Police	999	St Joseph's School	01453 860311
Childline	0800 1111	Stroud District Council	01453 766321
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111	Building Control	01453 754871
Doctors' Surgery Nailsw'th	01453 832424	Dog Warden	01453 754491
Doctors' Surgery Uley	01453 860459	Pollution, noise, bonfires etc	754478
Glo'ster Royal Hospital	0300 422 2222	Neighbourhood Warden - Andy Beamish	07834 419332
NHS Direct	111	Rubbish collection	01453 754424
Nuisance callers (Information Commissioner Office if you are registered with telephone preference service)	0345 070 0707	Village Agent – we no longer have one!	
		Vet (Bowbridge)	01453 762350

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