

THE  
**Nymphsfield**  
NEWS & ADVERTISER

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## Editorial

Welcome to the spring edition of the Nymphy News. After some balmy and barmy weather – above average temperatures and buckets of rain - we are hoping for wonderful spring-like conditions but not putting away our umbrellas or our winter coats just yet. Inside your copy – provided free courtesy of Nympsfield Parish Council - we bring you the all latest plus contributions from our regulars.

The editors

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Cover picture: The new Caper café at the gliding club– see article inside

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## BUS TIMES

### The Cross, to Dursley

09:15 (65) Dursley and Gloucester  
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  
14:01 (165) from N'lsworth) to Dursley  
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

All services Mon-Sat unless stated  
otherwise. No buses on Sundays and Bank  
Holidays.

The online timetables can be found at:  
<https://tinyurl.com/65nympsfield> for the  
Stagecoach services and  
<https://tinyurl.com/65anympsfield> for the  
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**MON-FRI 09 :00 AM,**

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Nympsfield (and surrounding area) oil buying group. This not only benefits the smaller users but also the bigger users significantly. Typically we save around 5p per litre over the price for smaller quantities.

Next order dates 28 Nov, 6 Feb, 3 Apr  
[colinfairbrother@hotmail.com](mailto:colinfairbrother@hotmail.com) or  
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4 x 8m @£75 and 4 x 12m, we have 2 of these that can be joined together @£100 each. Self-erect and dismantle, min. 3 day hire. 3 x 3m pagoda available f.o.c.

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Join us in the “Everything Nympsfield!”

Facebook group for the very latest news

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Single room in two bedroom furnished flat in Nympsfield. £450pcm all bills included

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## **What’s On or Off**

## **NYMPFIELD WORKING MEN’S CLUB**

See our Facebook page for details.

BINGO: Alternate Mondays 7pm.

**THE ROSE AND CROWN INN** Appears to be shut

**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  
Email: tresham.bridge@gmail.com

**ST JOSEPH'S PRE-SCHOOL** Mon to Fri, term time only, 8:50am to 3pm, St Joseph's School. We accept 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' and article later in this edition.

### **100 CLUB WINNERS**

Week 1 No.55 Ken Farrer.  
Week 2 No.66 Barbara Wooldridge.  
Week 3 No. 89 Richard Gwyer.  
Week 4 No. 71 Caroline Miller.  
Week 5 No. 63 Carol Gilbert-Porter.  
Week 6 No. 31 Malcolm Jones.  
Week 7 No. 69 Gareth Miller.  
Week 8 No. 81 Amey Guerin.  
Week 9 No.36 Carol Jones.  
Week 10 No.79 Geoff Whitman.  
Week 11 No.82 Mark James.  
Week 12 No.11 Richard Mayes.  
Week 13 No.36 Carol Jones. (£25.)  
Pat and Malcolm 01453 860696.

## **For Sale**

**RUNNING MACHINE and ROWING MACHINE** Old but in good working order. £80 and £30 respectively, or both for £100? Martin 07725 141332

## **Wanted**

**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

**UNUSED GARAGE/SHED/WORKSHOP** space with electricity to rent for use as a small wood workshop. Contact me if you have any spaces available! : 01453 860968 or dan@dtm.co.uk".

## *Quotation Corner*

*Coccadilly, an outlying hamlet of Owlpen, notoriously neglected and wicked.*

Rev Alan Cornwall, Rector of Newington Bagpath and Owlpen 1828



## **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:**

15 March: The Paris Apartment by Lucy Foley (Carol's choice)

19 April: A Whole Life by Robert Seethaler (Verity's)

### **WORDLADDER**

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



## **CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES**

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Moyà Wallis T: 01453 861675

Parish Office T: 01453 549280

E: ewelmeeparishoffice@gmail.com

Service at St Bartholomew's usually the first Sunday of the month at 10am.

Details of all services on the Benefice website.

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Vigil Mass every Saturday 5:30pm in Nympsfield. Sunday Masses at St Dominic's Dursley

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**SEE WEB SITES FOR CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS**

# One out, one in

The Rose & Crown seems to have shut down (again). Let's hope that it might reopen before too much longer as a pub.

Meanwhile, at the gliding club, the café has reopened under the management of the team that ran the one at Thistledown until last spring (when it closed,- see Woodchester Park Expands). For the moment it's fairly low-key but if the offering is as good as it was at Thistledown it should be a success. A quick visit the day after it reopened revealed lovely cakes and excellent coffee, and the lunch menu looked good. It's currently open 09:30 to 16:00 Fri, Sat and Sun but hours will be extended in due course.

Visit [caper.org.uk](http://caper.org.uk) for the latest.

## Notices

### Licensing Act 2003

#### Notice of application for a *Premises licence*

**Name of applicant:** Caper Foods Ltd

**Address of premises:**

Caper Cafe, Bristol and Gloucestershire Gliding Club, Nympsfield, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 3TX
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#### **It is proposed to licence these premises for**

Sale by retail of Alcohol (for consumption on and off the premises)
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Sunday to Thursday - 09:00 - 23:00
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Friday and Saturday - 09:00 - 23:30
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Films
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Every Day - 15:00 - 22:00
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Opening Hours
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Sunday to Thursday - 08:30 - 23:30
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Friday and Saturday - 08:30 - 00:00
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**The full application can be inspected by contacting the Licensing Section**

**(see below). An on-line summary of the application can be viewed on**

**[www.stroud.gov.uk](http://www.stroud.gov.uk),**

**Representations can be made IN WRITING between:**

***Date:* 13/02/23 *and Date:* 12/03/23 to The Licensing Officer at:**

**Licensing Section, Environmental Health, Stroud District Council, Ebley Mill Westward**

**Road Stroud, GL5 4UB. Phone 01453 754440, e-mail: [licensing@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@stroud.gov.uk)**

**It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for the offence is not exceeding £5,000.**

## OLD NEWS FROM NYMPSFIELD

### Winds of Change

Professor Lord Peter Hennessy (born 1947), journalist, historian of British politics, academic and prolific author was made a life peer in 2010 taking the title Baron Hennessy of Nympsfield. In 2019 he published a book on Britain in the Early Sixties (“Winds of Change”) which begins with “A Tale of Two Cotswolds”, a prelude set in the 1960s in which life in a back-of-beyond Nympsfield is contrasted with the secret establishment of a government Cold War bolthole in a disused underground stone mine not far from Bath. The book goes on to describe the final days of the series of Conservative governments that, starting with Churchill in 1951 successively passed to Eden, Macmillan and, finally, Douglas-Home before losing the 1964 General Election to Harold Wilson’s Labour Party. “Thirteen years of Tory misrule” was Labour’s mantra, a phrase I heard on Labour lips recently – I doubt it will catch on this time. The obsession of the day – for both parties – was Britain’s low industrial productivity and sub-par economic growth. Does it sound familiar? Wilson’s chosen solution to these quandaries was to fire “the white heat of the technological revolution”; it never happened. The Conservatives of the day, soon to be led by Edward Heath, had a different idea: membership of the

European Economic Community. That did happen - eventually - but we don’t want to open that can of worms, this is a family paper.



The Hennessys came to Nympsfield in 1959 from Finchley in north London when Peter was just twelve. The Hennessy are of Irish extraction and the existence of a Catholic community here was a major attraction to them. According to “Winds of Change”, Hennessy senior had thoughts of self-sufficiency – in vegetables at least - and they rented Bell Court. Going back to the war years, the house had been poorly maintained and divided vertically into two. In the front half (with the prized plastered ceiling) were Ted Poulton and his sister Lizzie; in the back Mr and Mrs Selby. In 1948 the house was bought from the Leigh estate by a family called Chapman - he was a librarian in Oxford. They converted it back from two cottages to



one and upgraded it sufficiently to live there until the cold and damp persuaded them to allow Mike and Tessa Watts to stay there as caretakers while they continued building their house at Sheepcotes. Peter Hennessy attests that, with its fierce draughts, Bell Court was cold even in summer. When his family left in 1965, Paul and Bettina Mack moved in.



*Part of the ceiling in Bell Court*

In 1959 the village was still a working community with four farms in the village itself (Court and Street farms plus the two smallholdings of Donald Mills and Michael Watts) not to mention two more in the wider parish (Tinkley and Field farms). In addition there was an outpost of Lister's factory on Back Street that had opened during World War II. Here sheep shears were assembled for sale in Australia. The employees there were required to be married ladies although an exception was made for Miss Herbert who looked after her mother. Later, the building became home to the Nympsfeilde

Press before being demolished to make way for the two Print House cottages. Finally, there was a bacon factory behind (what is now) The Old Post Office on Front Street.

Prof Hennessy's book tells of the severe winter of 1962-63 when snow came on Boxing Day and stayed until March. Supplies of food ran low and the local council sent an army lorry with four-wheel drive through the snow to re-stock the village shop. He recalls going up into the attic of Bell Court and seeing his father in bed surrounded by a foot of snow! He also admits to being a "swot" who wanted to get back into school, to which end he trudged through the snow, clad in a duffel coat (and probably short trousers), along Tinkley Lane to Nailsworth so as to catch the bus to Marling School in Stroud.

Accompanying him was a fellow pupil - an unspecified Wooldridge - most likely, this was Frank.

Even in the early 20th century there were people who commuted to work from Nympsfield. What changed in the intervening years were the numbers doing this and the distances travelled. Push bike to Dursley morphed to motor car to Gloucester. But, post pandemic, with people logging in to work online or working from home for themselves, perhaps it's becoming a hive of industry once again. I'd like to think so, for all kinds of reasons.

Ian Crossland

**Village Hall Events: more to come, watch this space!**

## *Nympsfield Village Hall Italian Evening*

After a couple of long, unsociable years, Nympsfield Village Hall is delighted to be hosting an evening of Pizza, Prosecco and Puddings!

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm Tickets £15**

(includes a pizza, a glass of Prosecco and a choice of delicious homemade puddings)

### **Tickets available from:**

Winnie at St Judes or Barbara Thomas at 9 Tinkley Corner  
**until 4<sup>th</sup> March**

There will be a licenced bar, raffle and other fun and games!

Any proceeds will go towards the planned improvements to our village hall

### **WiN Women in Nympsfield**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March - 7.30pm at the Village Hall

This month we welcome back Chris O'Grady for an eagerly awaited follow-up to his visit last year.

This time Chris will be entertaining us with tales of his epic walk around the coast of

England and Wales - only one of his many adventures!

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April - 7.30pm at Whackers Cottage

Our postponed Christmas Party will take place at Whackers combined with an Easter themed celebration.

Bring along your Secret Santa presents and nibbles and don't forget your Easter goodies too.

Drinks will be provided. Please note this is a change to our usual Monday date.

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:  
dianebrimley@hotmail.co.uk or call 07939508398

## Emails to the Editors



**From Winnie Morgan**

### **The people I remember: Nympsfield's Marvellous Maggie**

When the Lister factory was established in Nympsfield to help the war effort, there was one special lady who worked remarkably hard to keep it all going: this was Maggie Billett.

Maggie lived down Coaley Peak Lane, and each morning from Monday to Friday she walked or pushed her bike up to the factory near the Barrow *[where the two new "Print Houses" are now - ed]* with her young son Bill.



She would light the furnace early for all the workers to come to a warm place of work.

Maggie met Queen Mary when the Queen came to Nympsfield to thank all the workers.

Later on, Maggie rented a house on Tinkley Corner and looked after Bill, who in later life looked after his mother.

For many years Maggie would take in a homeless person until they found their feet: a really good lady.

Maggie will always be remembered as a really kind soul and I think she should be remembered as one of Nympsfield's finest.



**From a wannabe bus user**

Why is it that most of the number 65 buses sail straight past Nympsfield on their journey to Dursley or Stroud? The saving on the journey time is five minutes for those using it; the inconvenience for those who'd like to use it but can't is considerable. Perhaps the Parish Council could improve the situation by making representations to Stagecoach?

### **A NOTE FROM THE EDITORS**

We do sometimes publish articles or letters anonymously or using pseudonyms (Miss Daisy, Grumpy Old Git, Horselover etc) but only on the condition that the editors know the identity of the author. If the writer of a recent letter about horses would let us know who they are, we'd be happy to publish their email.

## **INCEY WINCEY.....**

There's a spider in my bathroom - He's been there quite some while  
He hides behind the bath taps and wears a cheeky smile  
He's made himself a cosy web on the corner of the bath  
And sometimes when I clean my teeth, I can almost hear him laugh.

I haven't liked to turn him out, in rain and wind and snow  
But now the weather has improved, he really has to go.  
I find a nice clean jam-jar and a big thick piece of card  
I've seen many people do it – and it isn't very hard.

Very soon the task is over – I've released him out the door  
I'm standing in my bathroom – all alone once more.  
I should not have left the bath plug out –  
He's climbed back up the water spout.

He settles back behind the taps with a look that says....."I'M IN"  
I really cannot help but smile – so I return his cheeky grin!

Jenny Nisbett.

## **Woodchester Park Expands**

The National Trust has extended its holdings at Woodchester Park by purchasing the 56 acre 'Thistledown Farm' on Tinkley Lane. This area was part of the original park formed by Sir George Huntley of Frocester around 1619. The Trust's intention is to improve access and create some shorter, easier walks into the valley as well as linking up to with already existing paths. As reported in the Stroud News and Journal, the former owners, Richard and Kate, said

"We know, in time, the National Trust will continue to allow the general public to access the land, to enjoy and share the beauty of the farm, as we have.

"We also trust they will care for the land with a similar ethos and long term vision as we have had, and have the funds needed to continue to invest in it."

The Trust expressed its gratitude to Richard and Kate for all the conservation work carried out by them at Thistledown and said it would ensure their hard work can continue to be enjoyed by everyone.

The new site will open to visitors later in the year.

## Nature Notes from Miss Daisy

### LADYBIRDS (or LADYBUGS)

The Ladybird is one of our most loved insects with their attractive appearance – and of course because they are so effective in ridding our gardens of destructive aphids. During their lifetime a single Ladybird can eat as many as 5,000 aphids. There are many different species in the UK, but the one which is the most recognisable is the one with the red body with seven black spots. They are easily visible to their predators but their scarlet colour is a reminder that they taste bitter, so birds etc. tend to leave them alone.

An adult Ladybird can live for up to three years, and they overwinter from October to February in dry sheltered crevices, such as tree bark and they like to huddle together in groups. Unfortunately the Harlequin Ladybird which was introduced from Asia, and is now very common in the UK, eats the larvae of other Ladybirds, as well as aphids.

Did you know that Ladybirds have been in outer space? NASA sent a few in 1999,

along with some aphids, as an experiment to see if the aphids could escape their predators in zero gravity.

Many of you will have heard the children's nursery rhyme about Ladybirds:

*"Ladybird, Ladybird, fly away home  
Your house is on fire and your children  
are gone*

*All except Little Ann, and she hid under  
the baking pan."*

There are many different versions to this, but it is rather a macabre verse for young children.

It is understood to have been first published in a Children's Nursery Rhyme book, along with many other favourites, such as "Baa Baa Black Sheep" as far back as 1744.

The collective name for Ladybirds is a "Loveliness", which is just perfect for these beautiful little creatures, who hold such a special place in our affections and who do a grand job in keeping our gardens free of aphids.

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## School News

It is nearly February half term already, the Spring Term is flying by – thank goodness that we seem to be getting a break from the rain.

The year started with some great news for us and what a way to begin the year, being placed 7<sup>th</sup> out of 500 schools in the South West and 138<sup>th</sup> Nationally out of something like 37,000 primary schools.

This is a testament to how incredibly hard all of the staff and children work here at St Joseph's and the great support that our

parents give us. When the news came out, it was in the Stroud News and Journal, parents were sharing it all over face book and sharing comments too - I would like to thank all of our neighbours who, do not have children at our school, but posted kind and supportive comments in response. As you all know, we do not have a natural catchment area and rely on parents often driving past their local school to bring their children to us. Thank you for your support in sharing this great news.

The weather was against us when our choir sang for anyone who was able to make it before Christmas. I think it was a bit too icy for many to venture out. Some of our parents were able to come and enjoyed the children singing. Hopefully as the weather improves we will be able to find further opportunities to invite you into school to share some of the things that the children are getting up to!

Things are certainly back to normal and that includes all of the sports tournaments. St Joseph's have historically done well at Cross country. This year though, we were moved from the small school category to

compete against Big Schools. However, that did not deter our competitive runners. The club is supported by Miss Berry (our reception teacher) but planned and organised by 2 incredibly committed parents Mr Britton and Mrs Pinnock. Across the course of the season, the runners have improved their personal bests and worked really hard to be the best that they can be – and when all of the results were drawn together – they did brilliantly.

The junior boys team came 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Junior Girls team came 2<sup>nd</sup>, so did the Senior Girls, The Senior Boys team won!

There were top 10 placings in every race. Edward Artz came 5<sup>th</sup> in the Junior Boys, Megan Wright came 4<sup>th</sup> in the Junior Girls, Raffy Britton came 3<sup>rd</sup>, Lawrence McKeever 4<sup>th</sup>, Alex Almeida 7<sup>th</sup> and Arthur Jordan 9<sup>th</sup> in the Senior Boys and Emily Beeston was the winner of the Senior Girls race having won all three of the races of the season!

All of these children running the best that they could resulted in St Josephs Winning the shield for the Big School! What an amazing achievement. We are all so proud of all of the children and the support that they show to one another – truly great sportsmanship. Saturday mornings are a big ask and I know that some children put running before other Saturday morning clubs- what a great commitment to the



**Please join St Josephs School for our**

# EASTER TRAIL

**Sunday 2nd April 2023**

**11.00 - 2.00pm**

- PURCHASE MAP FROM PTA £3.00
- SHORT ROUTE OR LONG AROUND NYMPFIELD
- WIN AN EASTER EGG AT FINISH

- HOT AND COLD DRINKS • CRISPS AND CAKES
- PRELOVED UNIFORM STALL
- ARTS AND CRAFTS STALL
- COOKIE DECORATING

**RAFFLE: 7 HUGE HAMPERS UP FOR GRABS!**

school they show. What a great end to the first half of the spring term – all deserve a well-earned rest. More clubs and

competitions have already been entered and teams being selected for next term!

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## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Your local PCSOs who cover Nailsworth, Woodchester, Horsley and Nympsfield will be holding a **POLICE INFORMATION POINT** at Nailsworth Library on the dates opposite. Local residents are welcome to come along and get crime prevention advice or discuss any

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

**Spams and Scams** An interesting one that I'd not heard of before: we should always check the link that we're clicking on to make sure that we're going to where we expected. However, look at these two links: [www.whatsapp.com](http://www.whatsapp.com) and [www.whatsapp.com](http://www.whatsapp.com) They're very different. The "a", "t", "o" and "c" in the second one are written in Cyrillic script. They look the same (OK, the "t" is a bit funny) but the second one could take you to a very dark space... The **surest way to stay safe is never to click a link online**. Instead, bookmark your favourite sites, or type the URL into your browser bar. Also be sceptical of adverts that claim to change how popular sites and services work. They are usually scams.

community concerns they wish to raise.

We look forward to seeing you.

Sat 25 March 10:00 – 12:00

Tues 25 April 10:00 – 12:00

Thurs 25 May 10:00- 12:00

Fri 30 Jun 15:00 – 17:00

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**NYMPSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL** - Nothing received from the clerk for this issue.

<p><b>Your Parish Councillors:</b></p> <p>Cllr Sophia Price (Chair)</p> <p>Cllr Peter Tomiak-Baquero (vice-chair)</p> <p>Cllr Trevor Gaunt</p> <p>Cllr Rosie Clements</p> <p>Cllr Anne Robertson</p> <p>All can be reached via the Clerk: <a href="mailto:clerk@nympsfieldparishcouncil.org">clerk@nympsfieldparishcouncil.org</a></p>	<p><b>Your District Councillor</b></p> <p>Cllr Martin Percy <a href="mailto:cclr.martin.pearcy@stroud.gov.uk">cclr.martin.pearcy@stroud.gov.uk</a></p> <p><b>Your County Councillor</b></p> <p>Cllr. Wendy Thomas <a href="mailto:wendy.thomas@gloucestershire.gov.uk">wendy.thomas@gloucestershire.gov.uk</a></p> <p><b>Your Member of Parliament</b></p> <p>Siobhan Baillie (Con) <a href="mailto:siobhan.baillie.mp@parliament.uk">siobhan.baillie.mp@parliament.uk</a></p>
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## ***USEFUL NUMBERS***

### **Emergencies**

Electricity	0800 6783 105	Police (non-emergency)	101
24h Floodline	0845 9881188	Police: Neighb'd Policing, Dursley & Cam Team (non-emergency)	01453 753500
Severn Trent	0800 783 4444	Rose and Crown Inn	01453 860612
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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