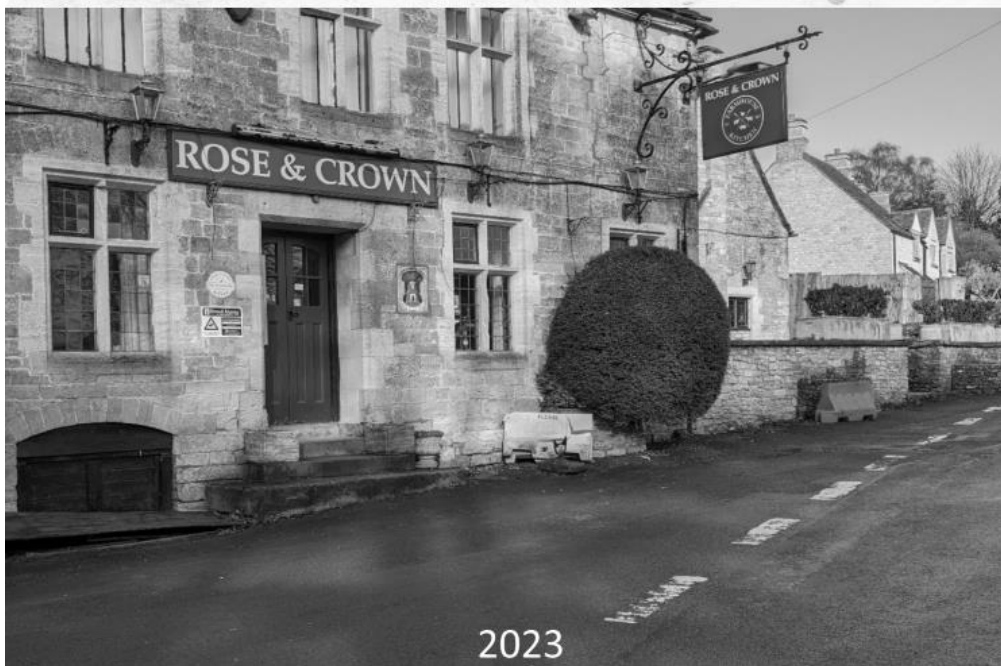


THE
Nymphsfield
NEWS & ADVERTISER

May-June 2023



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2023

Editorial

Welcome to the early summer edition of the Nymphy News. It may have come to your notice that a coronation is about to happen so we have a few items on that. You will also find a centrefold pull-out that is a community survey for the Village Hall. Add to that the usual small ads and contributions from our regulars and you should find plenty to amuse yourself.

The editors

Deadline for the next issue 20 June

Email: nymphynews@gmx.com

Cover picture: an old picture of the Rose and Crown (found by Daniel Knight and said to be 1923) compared with a recent photo. The identity of the man in the picture remains uncertain.

BOOKING CONTACTS

KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD

Bookings:

npfbookings@outlook.com

VILLAGE HALL

Bookings Marie Knight 860115 or
nympsfieldvillagehall@gmail.com

NYMPFIELD CLUB

nympsfieldclub@hotmail.com

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
Saturday Cotswold Green service.

POST COLLECTION
MON-FRI 09 :00 AM,
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Classified Ads

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IRONING

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

HANDYMAN/ GARDENER

Contact: Tommy Guerin 07432650321

DOMESTIC HEATING OIL

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:

Mon 3 July, Mon 2 Oct, Mon 4 Dec
colinfairbrother@hotmail.com or
mike@leopardpress.com

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GARDENING

Do you need some help in the garden? Honest, reliable, local gardeners. Regular garden upkeep, lawns mowed and edged, weeding, pruning, planting. Planting plans/design on request. Contact Janet or David on 861067 or email janet@springsnow.co.uk

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Annabelle 861143 / 07811 464559

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Contact Sue 861117 or 07815 568718

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FLAT SHARE available Jan 2023

Single room in two bedroom furnished flat in Nympsfield. £450pcm all bills included
Please email juliabrailsford@hotmail.com for further details.

What’s On or Off

NYMPSFIELD CLUB

See separate ad. and our Facebook page for details.

BINGO: Alternate Mondays 7pm.

THE ROSE AND CROWN INN Appears to be shut.

ST JOSEPH'S PRE-SCHOOL Mon to Fri, term time only, 8:55am to 2:55pm, 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 14. Number 59. Ann Fisher.
Week 15. Number 58. Wendy Arnold.
Week 16. Number 34. Jane Newman.
Week 17. Number 98. Richard Peach.
Week 18. Number 74. Nell Lovegrove.
Week 19. Number 53. Martin Phillips.
Week 20. Number 23. Anne Gazzard.
Week 21. Number 54. Diane Davis.
Week 22. Number 75. Ann Robertson.
Week 23. Number 2. Jane Thatcher.
Week 24. Number 51. Jean Beeston.
Week 25. Number 37. Clare Peach.
Week 26. Number 56. Mary-Jo Elmer.
(£25)

Pat and Malcolm 01453 860696.

Quotation Corner

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

Anne Shirley

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

Wanted

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".

MOWING: VOLUNTEER NEEDED

St Bartholomew's Churchyard.
We are extremely lucky to have a lovely group of volunteers who have an area each to mow in the churchyard.
We are sad to say goodbye to Paul who has been mowing for many years. Plus a very big Thank You to him.
We are looking for someone who would be willing to take on Paul's patch.
Please either speak to a volunteer when you see them in the churchyard or contact me on 01453 860696.
Thank you.
Pat Jones.



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:

May 17: The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry by Rachel Joyce (Martin & Kate)

June 21 tba

WORDLADDER

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



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mgcozens86@btinternet.com

Churchwardens:

Pauline Thomas. T: 01453 860047.

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.

www.ewelmebenefice.co.uk

ST JOSEPH'S RC SERVICES

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

Parish Priest Fr Philip Beisly 542039

dursleynympsfieldrcparish.co.uk

SEE WEB SITES FOR CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS

Nymphsfield Village Hall 2023



Welcome back to your village hall and welcome especially to those of you who have moved into the village over the last few years and haven't yet had the chance to party with us!

After a couple of long and unsociable years, we have been working on some events to have some fun, reconnecting with friends and neighbours within our village at sites across the village.

Here are some dates for your diary

- 7th May – Coronation Celebration and street party
- 17th June – Village walk and Picnic
- 23rd June – Mike Watts commemorative cricket match
- 14th October progressive dinner party
- A children's Halloween party – (last weekend in Oct date TBC)
- 2nd December – Christmas stalls, lantern walk and light switch on with mulled wine and mince pies

Jo Beeston

Village Hall Bookings

Some people have experienced difficulties getting onto the Village Hall web site and by extension onto the Village Hall booking system. Firstly, we apologise for any problems this may have caused. Some time ago we experienced problems with our service provider and we were unable to access the web site. At the time this was a software issue and the problem was resolved. We have been monitoring the web site since then and noticed we are again getting problems which do not last long. If you experience the message "Error establishing a database connection" please try again. We appreciate this is not a satisfactory situation and we will consider moving the web site if it does not improve.

In the short term either try the web site again and if not available go to <https://v2.hallmaster.co.uk/Scheduler/View/7507?startRoom=0> for Hall availability, then contact Marie Knight on 860115 who can provide the booking form.

There have also been comments about hirers' inability to book on line. This feature is currently turned off and will be reintroduced as soon as a permanent bookings co-ordinator is in place.

WiN Women in Nympsfield

Monday 15th May - 7.30pm at Whackers Cottage

This month we have a talk from the **National Trust** about the **Stroud Landscape Project** including their partnership with local organisations in nature recovery work such as:

Creating wetland habitats on farmland with the **Wildlife & Wetland Trust**;
Management of conservation grazing via the herd of **Belted Galloway Cattle**;
Creating and restoring 48 hectares of conifer plantation to native woodland for the benefit of wildlife with the **Woodchester Mansion Trust**

Monday 19th June - 7.30pm at Whackers Cottage

AGM - all members are invited to attend

If you are interested in any of our 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

Village Hall Survey

With no shop or post-office and, now, no pub, village life is more than ever centred on the Village Hall. But it has seen better days – its last refurbishment was decades ago and now it's looking decidedly tired. On top of that, facilities for less-abled customers fall well short of what they should be – not fit for the 20th Century, let alone the 21st. What needs to be done is pretty clear but, as ever, there's not enough money to do it. That means applying for grants and, these days, grant-awarding bodies such as the National Lottery require evidence that their money will be put to good use and that the grant application has community support beyond the Village Hall Committee and the parish council!

This is where the survey comes into play. You will find it as a four page pull-out centrefold in this edition of the Nymphy News. Please detach it, fill it in and then return it via the letterboxes at either Chapel House or Whackers. If you prefer you can obtain a digital copy – see the survey for details. Thank you very much.

Nymphsfield Village Hall CIO – Survey 2023

Nymphsfield Village Hall CIO are asking for your thoughts and ideas for the future of the Village Hall and Allotments. The Hall, a grade 2 listed building has been in use as a Village Hall since 1966.

We'd like to know how we can make these facilities better for you so please take the time to answer our survey. The results will be used to back up and support any requests we make to potential grant funders for funding for projects we take up to make improvements for the facilities of users. We will run this consultation between 1st May and 15th May. The results of the survey will be made public on 22nd May and posted on the Village notice Board on the Barrow

Are you completing this questionnaire on behalf of your family – please tick

Yes	No	If yes please indicate numbers in your family					
17 or under		18-35		36-55		56 and above	

If you would like additional forms for other members of the household, please contact Nymphsfieldvillagehall@gmail.com

As we emerge from the pandemic and life returns to near normal, do you think it is important that communities have spaces that they can come together to participate in activities - Please tick

Strongly agree	slightly agree	neither agree or disagree	Slightly disagree	strongly disagree
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Thinking about Nymphsfield Village Hall – Church St GL10 3UB

1 How often do you use the Village Hall?

At least once a week	Monthly	3-4 times a year
Less often	Never – please tell us why	

2 Have you ever considered using the hall but did not use it?

No	Yes-please explain why not	
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3 If you do use the Hall for what purpose(s)? Please tick

Private Parties	Meetings	Exercise groups/ dance
Community events Italian evening, Panto etc	Church use	Dog training
Others, please specify		

4 Disabled facilities are a right and not something the community should get a vote on. Facilities should be offering them as standard.

Strongly agree	slightly agree	neither agree or disagree	Slightly disagree	strongly disagree
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5 Would storage for tables, chairs etc making all area of the Hall accessible to users be beneficial. Please tick

Strongly agree	slightly agree	neither agree or disagree	Slightly disagree	strongly disagree
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6 Do you agree the kitchen should be brought up to modern standards?

Strongly agree	slightly agree	neither agree or disagree	Slightly disagree	strongly disagree
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7 A terrace at the rear of the Hall would be beneficial for summer events?

Strongly agree	slightly agree	neither agree or disagree	Slightly disagree	strongly disagree
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8 To be more environmentally sustainable the Village Hall should consider a greener heat source and move away from oil. Do you agree?

Strongly agree	slightly agree	neither agree or disagree	Slightly disagree	strongly disagree
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9 Hall users should be able to connect to free wifi whilst using the hall

Strongly agree	slightly agree	neither agree or disagree	Slightly disagree	strongly disagree
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10 Do you support the current development of the hall shown on the Village Hall website www.nympsfeldvillagehall.org.uk?

Yes	No	If no please explain why not	
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11 If Village Hall were to close this would have a negative impact on the community?

Strongly agree	slightly agree	neither agree or disagree	Slightly disagree	strongly disagree
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12 Do you think that events (e.g. Italian evening, Soup Kitchen, Panto etc) put on in the Village Hall benefit the wellbeing of the community?

Strongly agree	slightly agree	neither agree or disagree	Slightly disagree	strongly disagree
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13 In addition to the activities listed above what other facilities would you like to see. Please tick

Mobile Post Office in car park	Table Tennis Club	Children's play group
Coffee mornings	Soup kitchen	Panto
More themed evenings	Film Club	Repair cafe
Gardening club		

14 If you have any other activities/facilities you would like to see please list

Thinking about the allotments

15 The Village Hall manages 12 allotments - and these are an important community asset.

Strongly agree	slightly agree	neither agree or disagree	Slightly disagree	strongly disagree
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16 The National Allotment Society believe that allotments provide the following benefits, do you agree?

Help to ameliorate loneliness	Yes	No
Give opportunity for people to contribute to society beyond retirement	Yes	No
Tackle poor mental health	Yes	No
Keep people fit providing physical benefits	Yes	No
Provides added vitamin D by being outside for 15mins a day	Yes	No
Produces fresh food thus saving air miles	Yes	No
Provides a sense of achievement	Yes	No

17 In 2018 the UK Government produced a 25 Year Environment Plan, which acknowledges that connecting people to their environment will also improve their health and well-being. Do you agree with this statement?

Strongly agree	slightly agree	neither agree or disagree	Slightly disagree	strongly disagree
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About You

Do you or any member of your household have any mobility problems or are any members of your family disabled. Please circle Yes/no

Would you consider supporting Nympsfield Village Hall in any of the following ways: Please circle Yes/no

- An occasional working party. Yes/No
- Help with events. Yes/No
- Charitable donations. Yes/No
- Project steering group to help with carrying out grant applications, fund raising activities and promotional activities like creating and/or delivering flyers/posters. Yes/No

Please leave a contact phone number or email address:

Name.....

Tel..... Email.....

The following questions are optional and will help us make sure we are fully understanding of the needs of our whole community.

Your Gender..... Your Ethnicity.....

Thank you for your help with this important survey on our community facilities. Please post your completed questionnaire to Whackers, Townsend or Chapel House, Tinkley Corner. Or email to nympsfieldvillagehall@gmail.com to ask for a digital copy then email it back

All data collected will be held in accordance with the Village Hall Privacy Statement at www.nympsfieldvillagehall.org.uk/privacy_statementV

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CORONATION CELEBRATIONS



Sunday May 7th from 12noon – 7pm

Royal Competitions

- Enter the **Royal** Cake competition – *adults and children*
(cakes to village hall by 12 noon)
- Make a **Royal** themed Scarecrow (however tenuous the link)
(Stand by the road so walkers can admire and judges can see)
- Children's Royal Fancy Dress

Games at the Playing Field

- 12 noon – Capture the flag – *(all of the family can play)*
- 1.30 – Football match
- 3.00- Children's **Royal** fancy dress parade and competition
(from the playing field to the village hall)

A Street Party 3-7pm (at Church Street by the Village Hall)

(Bring your own food, drink ,chairs and table as needed)

- Make a crown
- Treasure Hunt
- Prize giving



For more details check Everything Nympsfield or Jo Beeston
joannebeeston74@gmail.com

Nature Notes from Miss Daisy

CAT TAILS

Our cat had me up early this morning as she wanted some food – and as I was opening one of her “little pouches” of food to put in her dish, it got me thinking; how times have changed.....

When I was a child – which I admit was more than half a century ago now – we had a dog and a cat.

Mother used to get their food from the local grocer – a tin of “Doggomeat” for the dog, and a tin of “Kattomeat” for the cat – tho apart from the name and the appropriate picture on the tin, there appeared to be little difference as both dog and cat would have their food side by side in relative harmony. Halfway through, at some sort of invisible signal, they would swap over and demolish the remains of their neighbour’s food with gusto.

Rumour has it that one of our neighbours at the time used a tin of “Doggomeat” to make her husband a meat pie, which (unknowingly) he deemed “delicious” but then times were hard in the fifties.

As a change, mother would sometimes get some fish heads and boil these up on the gas stove – the resultant aroma was awful – we could smell it coming down the garden path on our way home from school. Another alternative was “Kit-e-Kat” a pink

glutinous mess which came in a tin, and the smell was almost as bad, but at least you did not have to look at the fish eyes in the saucepan.

Nowadays pet food is big industry – supermarket aisles dedicated to rows and rows of “gourmet dishes” with names like Whiskas, Felix, or if you want to be more “upmarket” – Sheba.

They boast of mouth-watering salmon in a delicious sauce, steamed trout, tender beef and vegetables in gravy, and I even saw something labelled “cat milk” the other day – now what on earth is that about? There are cat treats with such names as “Sensations” and “Dreamies” and I wonder how long it took a board-room of top executives to dream up those.

Of course we love our pets – but half of all cats are now obese, and no wonder, as they lay in their fur lined baskets waiting for one of their “servants” to tear open another pouch of their favourite recipe. It is big business for vets to prescribe special diet food for cats and you can even buy a cat treadmill - the image of a cat on an exercise bike came into my mind but I quickly dismissed it – for therein lies madness!!

The other day I was in the cat food aisle looking at all the different varieties now available – I turned to a

lady next to me and said “This is ridiculous – maybe we should bring the cat in to make their own choice....and do you know what, I expect most of them would prefer “mouse” flavour”

She went away smiling – I hope you are doing the same.

Have a lovely day.

St Joseph’s Pre-School News

St Joseph's Pre-school are pleased to announce their GOOD OFSTED report following their inspection on 13th February 2023. The inspector noted many positives about the pre-school such as 'children eagerly meet staff at the school gate' and that the setting has 'high expectations for children's educational outcomes'. The pre-school team has been in place since September 2013 and has been through three OFSTED inspections together. As well as highlighting the pre-school's positives for the children in our care, the inspector also noted that 'parents feel well supported by the setting' and that 'all staff have a good understanding of how to safeguard the needs of children within the setting'.

Our 2022-2023 academic year has been eventful with a busy register! We have some availability for next academic year, 2023-2024, therefore if you would like to arrange a visit to register your child please let us know.

We are open Monday-Friday 8.55am-2.55pm. Contact details 01453 860311 or email stjosephspresch@gmail.com

LET’S CELEBRATE

by

Jenny Nisbett

I was only five in fifty three
We hired a black and white TV
To watch the most spectacular scene
The crowning of our lovely Queen
The family came in from next door
And some of us sat on the floor
Mum served sandwiches and tea
As we all sat round and watched TV.

Now another celebration
King Charles the 3rd – his coronation
Whether Harry or Meghan come or not
I really do not give a jot.
What a saga this has been
But Charles at last has found his Queen
So let’s get together on this day
And all of us sincerely pray,
GOD SAVE THE KING!!!!

GARDENING for WILDLIFE

Peat-free compost

In 2024 it will no longer be possible to buy bagged compost containing peat. Over the past few years compost producers have been active in improving and refining the quality of peat-free. It is still quite variable, though, and it can be difficult to know which brand to buy. Some are more favoured than others by such bodies as RHS and Gardener's World. For more information see

<https://www.gardenersworld.com/product-guides/growing/best-peat-free-composts/#CHOOSEPEATFREE> and

www.rhs.org.uk/soil-composts-mulches/peat-free

If you're still unsure, it might be worth buying one bag to start with to see if it does the job. The general consensus is that spending a bit more pays off in the end. Some people get together to buy an expensive brand by the pallet, to share, and some make their own mixes.

Open Gardens 20th & 21st May

These gardens have been assessed for their wildlife-friendliness by WildStroud, one of whom is an ecologist, and some have been awarded bronze, silver or gold status. They're all different and many are works in progress. They're in Stroud and in the district, including Nailsworth, Stonehouse and Woodchester. There will be a downloadable brochure out soon from www.wildstroud.org/open-gardens

No Mow May

...is Plantlife's annual campaign calling all garden owners and green space managers not to mow during May. Lock up your mower over the month of May to provide a much-needed boost for wildlife throughout the summer. You can choose not to mow all or some of your green space. Just sit back and watch the flowers grow. See www.plantlife.org.uk

Happy Gardening to all!

Nell Lovegrove

Goodbye from Paul and Catherine Harrison

We moved to Nympsfield from Suffolk for work sixteen years ago. We did not know the area at all but a house came up for sale in Nympsfield which very conveniently was between Tetbury and Frampton on Severn, location of two mills owned by Shipton Mill flour millers.

I lived alone for a year whilst Catherine looked after the children in Suffolk. I told people I was married but no-one really believed me causing all sorts of speculation. Eventually Catherine joined me leaving the children behind - bad parenting! Nympsfield was to be our temporary home, we did look elsewhere, but the Nympsfield magic worked on us and we could not leave, it's such a friendly village. Jack, our collie dog, took us for walks far around the beautiful countryside. Coaley Peak view always amazes us, we could never tire of it.

After moving in, a chap I did not know, knocked on the front door - marched through the house into the garden and pointed to a spot I must never dig because Molly's three legged dog is buried there - my introduction to Mike Watts. It was a pleasure to inherit Mike's grass cutting plot behind the church after he sadly passed away.

We have made good friends through church bell ringing and of course the

village panto. Why the worst actor to be on stage with a bad memory to boot was ever allowed to perform! I probably peaked as a character called Ramsey with a giant cucumber then it deteriorated after that. Pantomime is extremely enjoyable and I recommend anyone to be involved. As women rehearsing dancing routines in Jon Gazzard's kitchen was a hoot and a strange experience. Probably mentally scarred his children though.




Paul in Rumpelstiltskin 2018


Now after sixteen years we are moving back to Suffolk to be with our children, already we are booked in to help with grandchildren perhaps we are not such bad parents after all.

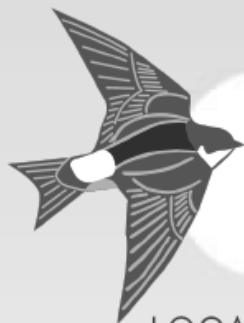
We will miss you all but are looking forward to the next phase of our lives (and yes this time we will be moving together).

Goodbye Nympsfield, Paul and Catherine xx

Emails to the Editors

 From a source in the know: I am reliably informed that a senior member of the Royal Family will be visiting Nympsfield over the weekend of the Coronation – getting away from it all it's said. Keep your ears open and your eyes peeled – there may be an opportunity to have your photograph taken with Royalty!

 From the editors: anyone who reads this newsletter very, very carefully (who doesn't!) will notice on the back page that we now have an ISSN number – well, two: one for the printed copy and one for the electronic / online one. The online copy is uploaded very infrequently by whoever does the Nympsfield Parish Council website, back issues can be found at <https://www.nympsfieldparishcouncil.org/News.html>



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- **Clairvoyant Night:** Wed May 10th 7pm
- **Live DJ/Disco:** Sat May 20th 7:30pm

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Two further **POLICE INFORMATION POINTS** will be held at Nailsworth Library on the dates shown below. Come along and meet your local PCSOs and get crime prevention advice or discuss any community concerns you may wish to raise.

Thurs 25 May 10:00- 12:00

Fri 30 Jun 15:00 – 17:00

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

NYMPSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

The long-awaited safety measures have been implemented at the Frocester Hill crossroads and we hope they result in fewer 'incidents'. If going forward, the situation remains unacceptable, NPC will continue to push for further improvements and a more enlightened public consultation process from Gloucestershire Highways.

Planning

S.22/2697/FUL An application for change of use of the disused bus shelter for the installation of milk vending machines.

<https://www.stroud.gov.uk/apps/planning?AppRef=S.22/2697/FULC>

S.23/0299/TCA Highland House, Church Street. A conifer to be felled to near ground level. <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/apps/planning?AppRef=S.23/0299/TCA>

NPC made no objection to either planning application.

NPC have received applications for grants from the Village Hall and the Playing Field Committee and were pleased to agree to 2023 funding for cleaning and grass cutting respectively. They also expect to contribute to costs associated with the Coronation celebrations, details not finalised at time of printing.

<p>Your Parish Councillors:</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: clerk@nympsfieldparishcouncil.org</p>	<p>Your District Councillor</p> <p>Cllr Martin Percy cclr.martin.pearcy@stroud.gov.uk</p> <p>Your County Councillor</p> <p>Cllr. Wendy Thomas wendy.thomas@gloucestershire.gov.uk</p> <p>Your Member of Parliament</p> <p>Siobhan Baillie (Con) siobhan.baillie.mp@parliament.uk</p>
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USEFUL NUMBERS

Emergencies

Electricity	0800 6783 105
24h Floodline	0845 9881188
Severn Trent	0800 783 4444
Police	999
Childline	0800 1111
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111
Doctors' Surgery Nailsw'ith	01453 832424
Doctors' Surgery Uley	01453 860459
Glo'ster Royal Hospital	0300 422 2222
NHS Direct	111
Nuisance callers (Information Commissioner Office if you are registered with telephone preference service)	0345 070 0707

Police (non-emergency)	101
Police: Neighb'd Policing, Dursley & Cam Team (non-emergency)	01453 753500
Rose and Crown Inn	01453 860612
St Joseph's School	01453 860311
Stroud District Council	01453 766321
Building Control	01453 754871
Dog Warden	01453 754491
Pollution, noise, bonfires etc	754478
Neighbourhood Warden - Andy Beamish	07834 419332
Rubbish collection	01453 754424
Village Agent – we no longer have one!	
Vet (Bowbridge)	01453 762350

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