

THE

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Nymphsfield

NEWS & ADVERTISER



Editorial

Summer has arrived and, with it, the July-August edition of the Nymphy News with stories and updates from all our regular correspondents. Give yourself a boost of vitamin D - take it out to read in the garden!

Hopefully you will find plenty to pique your interest. If you think you can do better (and you probably can), send us something for the next issue - the deadline is 20 August 2025.

Cover picture: Graham O'Hare of Stroud and Dan Evans of Miserden - at work renovating a 265 year old tomb in St Bart's churchyard - see page 12.

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EVERYTHING NYMPSFIELD!

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Facebook group for the very latest news

ST JOSEPH’S PRE-SCHOOL Mon to Fri, term time only, 9am to 3pm, St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School. We accept children from the age of two. Registered provider for 2, 3 and 4 year old nursery education funded children. Including the new working parents’ 9 to 23 months old funding available from 1/9/2024. We are also registered to offer 30 hours free childcare entitlement.

Contact Natalie Finn-Powers 860311 or email sjpleadpractitioner@gmail.com. See

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

What’s on

NYMPSFIELD CLUB

26 October - Children's Halloween party and trick or treating

27 October - Halloween bingo special

21 December - Children's Christmas party and reindeer hunt

22 December - Christmas bingo special

31 December - Music through the decades quiz then karaoke to take us into 2026

We also have our **charity coffee mornings**, fortnightly Monday night **bingo** and **quizzes** throughout the year!

See Facebook page for more details.

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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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, there's always one!) Enquiries to Carol 860610.
16 July Norwegian Wood by Haruki Murakami (Tina)
20 August A Short History of Nearly Everything by Bill Bryson (Dan)

100 CLUB WINNERS

100 club subs are due at the beginning of August.

Anyone passing Delahay please put in an envelope with your name on it, or we will call and collect it. Or, you can pay by bank transfer, please phone for details.

(It is still only £12 per number for the year.)

Thank you Pat and Malcolm Jones
01453 860696

PS you have won £10, shall I put it through your letter box.

Week. 27. Number 97. Winnie Morgan

Week. 28. Number 15. Barbara Thomas

Week. 29. Number 51. Jean Beeston.

Week 30. Number 52. Ben Gwyer

Week 31. Number 1. Brian Egglestone

Week 32. Number 56 Mary-Jo Elmore

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Week 39. Number 54 Diane Davis.

(£25)

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Parish Priest Fr Philip Thomas

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ARRANGEMENTS**



The newly refurbished village hall
kitchen – see page 9

Update from the Nympsfield Community Pub Group

We've got a few updates for you this month, including the details of our first AGM!

Purchase of the Rose & Crown Inn

We're exploring different options to unlock the purchase of the pub, and we'll keep you posted as soon as we have more details. In the meantime, we're in regular contact with the pub's owner, who's keen to sell it to the community once a buyer for the stables is secured. They've got a prospective agent lined up to help them market the pub and stables, and we're expecting to meet the agent soon.

Annual General Meeting

Our first AGM as Nympsfield Community Pub Limited will be held on Friday 26 September, from 7-8pm at the Nympsfield Village Hall. We'll send out a formal notice to all our members in due course, including the details of the nominations and elections process for the management committee but please save the date!

After the formal meeting, there'll be a Q&A with the interim management committee. There'll also be a bar serving a variety of drinks, including real ale, after the AGM ends.

Grant Funding

We've applied for the SPAR community cashback grant to help us with the first phase of renovations. They're offering up to £10,000, and the total pool of grants is worth £100,000.

Our grants team are actively researching other grant opportunities that could help us buy and restore the pub.

Fundraising Events

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Pop Up Pub on Saturday 17 May - we hope you had as much fun as we did!

The event was a huge success! We raised over £2,500! In keeping with our community spirit, we're happy to have donated some of the profit from the event to other institutions in the village



It's amazing to see how the Rose & Crown Inn, which has been closed for over two years, still attracts so much support from people in the surrounding

villages and towns. You can see more pictures from the day on our website.

A huge thank you to our incredible fundraising team for organising another fantastic event!



Keeping in touch

We share updates about all these topics through our various communications channels as they progress. If you haven't already done so, please:

- Join our Facebook page: Nympsfield Community Pub
- Follow us on Instagram: @the_nympsfield_community_pub_
- Visit our website: nympsfieldcommunitypub.co.uk

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch via email, social media or by speaking to one of the team in person.

Sunday 13th July 9.30-11.30am

Nympsfeld Village Hall

Making use of our much improved kitchen, for one morning only, we will be serving you a full English Breakfast and hot drink.



Come along to meet your friends and neighbours, support our V.H. fundraising and enjoy a delicious plate of food. (Vegetarian option available)



Improvements to the Nympsfeld Village Hall kitchen have been partly funded by a grant of £20,000 from the National Lottery Community Fund.

Village Hall News!

If you've not been in the Village Hall recently you may be surprised to see the fantastic changes to the kitchen These improvements (see more pictures on page 6) will hopefully benefit all of our community and have been made possible by hours of grant applications, time and DIY skills generously donated by a very few people. There will be **many** thanks to come...



For now, it is important to acknowledge the £20K funding received from the National Lottery Community Fund which has enabled a large part of the project. So thank you to everyone who plays the [The National Lottery](#)! Other grants came from Gloucester CC Build Back Better Fund, Renishaw's and Nympsfield Parish Council. Thank you

We look forward to seeing you in the hall soon!

BANK HOLIDAY

I'm lying on a sunlit beach
An ice-cold drink within my reach
A bright blue sky, the sand, the sea
No-one around – there's only me.
Gentle waves lap to the shore
Could I really ask for more?

OF COURSE YOU'VE GUESSED –

I'm merely dreaming
For inside the car, the kids are screaming



We've been on the road for half a day
And still the beach is miles away
The dog is whining – he wants out
Dad is angry – starts to shout
"You're in the way, you stupid fools –
Don't you know the Highway Rules?"
We planned to picnic on the dunes
Instead we're stuck with traffic fumes.

Bank Holidays are not for me
I'll stay at home and watch TV!

Jenny Nisbett.

NATURE WATCH by “Miss Daisy”

ROSES

I cannot believe that it is midsummer already and although the weather at times has been rather unsettled – the roses have been particularly beautiful this year. It got me thinking about roses and their history which is very interesting.

There were rose-like plants in the northern hemisphere about thirty million years ago where they thrived in the temperate climate and with plenty of insect life. But it is thought that the process of turning the wild rose into a garden plant began in China probably around 500 years BC.

In Greek mythology, Aphrodite, the goddess of beauty and pleasure, gave the rose its name by re-arranging the name of her son Eros.

The rose became a symbol of England due to its association with the War of the Roses in the 15th century – between the House of York (its symbol being the white rose) and the House of Lancaster (a red rose). Henry VII later united the two houses through marriage, creating the Tudor Rose (as a symbol of peace and unity).

The oldest living rose (a wild dog rose) is documented at around 1,000 years old – and it grows on the wall of the Cathedral of Hildesheim in Germany – it is over thirty feet high and thirty feet wide and despite the Cathedral being virtually destroyed during the Second World War, the rose survived.

Today we have over 150 species of roses with thousands of varieties, and they are still used in the making of some perfumes and for medicinal purposes.

So I hope you will “ try to take some time out each day to smell the roses” and to “ look at life through rose-tinted spectacles” whilst we enjoy and celebrate these lovely summer flowers.

OLD NEWS FROM NYMPFIELD

Lifting the Lid

A forest of orange 'keep out of here' netting appeared in St Bart's churchyard in May. Inquisitive (i.e. nosey) as ever, I spoke to the two chaps who'd put it up. It turned out that they'd been employed by the church to renovate several of the graves that are 'listed' as historic monuments. All are set at Grade II which, surprisingly, is the same as the church itself – and the village phone box and war memorial. See the full list for yourself at <https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/>.



Graham O'Hare, an architectural conservator, and Dan Evans, a stone carver were very knowledgeable and generous in explaining the whys and hows of what they were doing. The first job was to repair the Howell monument which was becoming dangerously unstable. This is a fine lyre-ended altar tomb – one of two below the east window. It was interesting to learn that this type of monument is peculiar to this part of the Cotswolds.

Graham and Dan began by securing the sides with a strop and then removing the stone lid with a beam and chain pulley (see cover picture).

With the lid put to one side, the structure of the tomb became clear – it was simply a set of stone panels sitting on a stone plinth. The panels were held in place with iron staples that are embedded in the stone and it was these that were at the root of the instability. Over the 265 years since the tomb was erected, the staples have corroded so that today very little iron is left. This

has weakened the structure but, just as important, because rust has a higher volume than the metal from which it forms, expansion causes the stone to crack (picture right) [*Largely the cause of Berkeley Power Station closing – other ed*]. It's a surprisingly common problem known as oxide jacking – it even has a Wikipedia page. The solution is simple - remove the iron and replace it with stainless steel fixed with epoxy.

Howell descendants looking for their ancestors in a hundred years' time should find the old tomb still in place. But with 80% of people now opting for cremation how many 21st century memorials will they find?



Ian Crossland

MESSAGE FROM ACTION FRAUD

QR codes are becoming increasingly common in everyday life, whether it's scanning one to pay for parking, or receiving an email asking to verify an online account. However, reporting shows cyber criminals are increasingly using quishing as a way to trick the public out of their personal and financial information.

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Congratulations to Adam and Rebecca Reynolds

Adam and Rebecca wed at St Bart's on Saturday 14th June
Shown below is the carriage that conveyed them on their first journey of married life – drawn by their two working horses - immaculately groomed for the occasion.



Late Friday opening at Tinkley Gate

13 June – 25 July

Wind down until late each Friday – Woodchester Park is open until 8pm (last entry and café open until 7:30pm). Hot pizzas on offer all evening.

St Joseph' Preschool

We have had a busy academic year! We started the year, as has become tradition, with our Teddy Bears Picnic for New Starters. This is a great opportunity for parents and children to meet the team and have a small play session; we will soon be getting ready to meet our September 2025 intake! Throughout the year we have covered many topics including; Elmer, Winter, Barnaby Bear: Around the World, Dinosaurs, People Who Help Us and The Very Hungry Caterpillar! We have participated in fundraising events including Cauliflower Cards, the School PTA run Easter Egg Hunt and The Nympsfield Club coffee morning in aid of the pre-school.

We will soon be finishing the end of term in our usual customary fashion, with our end of year trip. This year we will be doing a Very Hungry Caterpillar themed forest school activity at Westonbirt. We will also be saying goodbye and good luck to the primary school starters at our Graduation at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School. It is always a lovely occasion enjoyed by all.

We have very limited availability for 2025-2026 and our register is already filling up for September 2026, so if you would like to enquire about a space for your child, please get in contact with Natalie via sjpleadpractitioner@gmail.com to book a visit.

NYMPSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

A quiet part of the year news-wise for the parish council. The pop-up pub in May at the Rose and Crown was another great success. If the community bid to purchase the pub doesn't eventually succeed, it will not be for the want of trying.

The annual village tidy up in May generated an impressive pile of rubbish bags outside the village hall for the binmen to collect. Many thanks to all and to Ann Robertson and helpers for organizing the event and providing refreshments.

Your Parish Councillors: Cllr Anne Robertson (Chair) Cllr Sophia Price (vice-Chair) Cllr Peter Tomiak-Baquero Cllr Trevor Gaunt Cllr Nicola Crabb All can be reached via the Clerk: clerk@nympsfieldparishcouncil.org	Your District Councillor Cllr Martin Pearcy Cllr.martin.pearcy@stroud.gov.uk Your County Councillor Cllr. Richard Dean richard.dean@gloucestershire.gov.uk Your Member of Parliament Dr Simon Opher (Lab) simon.opher.mp@parliament.uk
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