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Editorial

Cover picture: road planer getting started on Tinkley Lane. By the time you read this, the work should have been completed. As I write, the works are approaching Forest Green and the road surface is lovely. How long it lasts with tractors and HGVs destroying the edges we shall see...

The days are getting shorter but the evenings start drawing out (imperceptibly) from 12 December. The shortest day is 21 December.

The deadline for the next issue is 13 December 2025, a bit earlier than usual so we can get in late news of festive events.

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17:25)

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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, in the Leigh
building, St Joseph's Catholic Primary
School. We accept children from the age of
two. Registered provider for 9-23 months,
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 on 07851
592924 or email

sjpleadpractitioner@gmail.com. See

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

What's on

NYMPSFIELD CLUB

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

Also fortnightly **charity coffee mornings**,
Monday night **bingo** and **quizzes**
throughout the year!

See Facebook page and page 9 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
Email: tresham.bridge@gmail.com



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!)

New members welcome! Don't be shy, give it a try!

Enquiries to Carol 860610.

19 Nov: The Inseparables by Simone de Beauvoir (Martin & Kate)

17 Dec: Anxious People by Frederik Backman (Lin)

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.

We have a lot of spare numbers if anyone would like to join or have an extra number. £12 per year. Thank you.

Pat and Malcolm Jones 01453 860696

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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 .

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

As usual, at the war memorial at the Cross. 10:45 Sunday 9 November.

Wrap up warm!

We've just learnt that Tony King who took the service in recent years died on 25 March. Tony was a Licensed Lay Reader in the Ewelme Benefice. He was a Lay Reader for nearly 50 years. Tony was not only a gentle man, but was also a true gentleman. He'll be missed.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES

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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 Thomas
542039

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**SEE WEB SITES FOR CURRENT
ARRANGEMENTS**

LONGFIELD HOSPICE

is already talking about Christmas and
calling for volunteers to help with their
highly successful green 'Christmas
Treecycling Campaign'.

The project, which is run in partnership
with national organisation Just Helping,
last year saw more than 4100 real trees
recycled into chippings, raising £81,000
through donations from residents
booking for their tree to be picked up.
This year the collections will take place
between **10th and 13th January** and will
be run with the help of more than 180
volunteers; all committed to helping
Longfield raise much-needed funds and
support the environment through this
green campaign.

Households will be able to book their
tree collection via the JustHelping
website from November 14th:
www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree
but before then Longfield is encouraging
volunteers to sign up by emailing:
events@longfield.org.uk

The charity is also keen to hear from
companies willing to sponsor a van and
fuel or provide volunteers and vans.
All money raised helps to fund the
hospice's vital work supporting patients
and families.

The Club

Christmas events

Thank you to everyone who has supported our charity coffee mornings. To date Julie and Marie have raised 10,805.01 which is a phenomenon amount! We cannot thank you enough as we couldn't do it without your support.

We have a few more coffee mornings left this year so please do come along, it is a great way to start your weekend.

- **29th November** Sarcoma uk - Nympsfield club 10am-12pm
- **20th December**- Raising funds for Children's Christmas presents. 10am-12pm

6th December- focus coffee morning in Nympsfield village hall 11am-1pm raising funds for Cheltenham and Gloucester hospital cancer care. This will be a coffee morning with Christmas raffle, tombola and more.

We are pleased to let you know Father Christmas is going to take time out of his busy schedule to visit us all on **Christmas Eve**. He will depart the pub carpark at 4.30pm. His elf's will be following behind raising money for Nympsfield village hall. Everyone is welcome to join us in the Nympsfield club for mulled wine and mince pies. There is also an opportunity for all children to meet Father Christmas before in the Nympsfield club and receive a small gift from raised funds from our coffee morning on the 20th December. If your children will be attending on Christmas eve please do send us an email marieknight80@gmail.com including the child's name, allergies and age. The timings of this are tbc so please do check Everything Nympsfield on Facebook or contact me for more information on the email above.

The fabulous Finbarr will also be hosting a Christmas quiz night in the Nympsfield Club on the **13th December** 7pm lots of prizes to be won!

We have Christmas squares running in the Nympsfield club 25p a square and lots of wonderful prizes to be won. This will be drawn on **Boxing Day** after Finbarr's Boxing Day mini quiz.

New Year's Eve in the Nympsfield club there will be a music through the decades quiz starting at 7pm and then music/karaoke to see us into 2026!

Everyone is welcome to the Nympsfield club non-members just need to be signed in.

Nympsfield Community Pub Newsletter October 2025

Hi All,

September and October has been a busy time as we gear up for the purchase of the pub, held our first AGM and got our hands dirty (literally) at the Rose & Crown Inn! We are also making plans for our next pop-in-pub fundraiser. Read on for more details...

Purchase of the Rose & Crown Inn

After a challenging six months, a new buyer for the Stables has been found and we are excited to report that our purchase is moving forward again. We have been working closely with the buyer of the Stables to agree the boundary line and access rights for pub deliveries. In late August, we instructed our solicitor to recommence the transaction, and we hope to complete the purchase next month (November).

Renovation and Reopening

With the purchase back underway we are now focussing our attention on phase one renovation works to enable the bar area to reopen in the summer of 2026.

A planning and listed building consent application will shortly be submitted including reroofing the pub, the addition of a disabled washroom and improved accessibility. We recently applied for permission to remove the shrubs/trees at the front of the pub and at the side entrance, which will increase light into the bar and entrance areas.

The cellar has been subject to flooding for many years. Following recent flooding in September, we conducted a major clean-up operation and root cause analysis. During the clean-up we removed years of silt and debris from the cellar that was blocking gulleys which allow natural spring water to flow through the cellar and out to the external drains under the road. The external drains were also blocked and causing rainwater to backup into the cellar. A CCTV inspection of the external drains identified numerous tree roots growing through the joints and causing the drains to block. The roots have now been cut away using



specialist underground equipment and the drains are flowing freely for the first time in a long while. We will continue to monitor the cellar and lift the manholes for blockages as part of the cellar's maintenance schedule.

Several unsolicited enquiries have been received from people interested in managing the Rose & Crown Inn. Informal discussions have begun with prospective tenants, but we won't begin a formal process until the purchase has completed. We have also been in contact with Stroud District Council about reactivating the premises licence, which is currently suspended.

AGM

It was encouraging to see so many of our members at our inaugural AGM on 26th September. For those who could not make it, the AGM presentation is available for [download](#) from the documents section on our website. Following the AGM, our FY25 financial statements have been filed with the FCA and are available for [download](#) from the FCA's website.

Grants

Our application to [The Honourable Company of Gloucestershire Charitable Trust](#) was unsuccessful. However, our application to [The Langtree Trust](#) was successful and they have confirmed a pledge of **£800** subject to completion of the purchase of the pub.

We have started preparing an outline submission to the National Lottery Heritage Fund for a grant of £250,000. The funds will primarily be used for re-roofing and repairing the external fabric of the listed building.

We will shortly be launching a [Stroud Funding](#) project to raise funds for the ground floor renovation works. Eligible projects can receive a pledge from Stroud District Council of up to £10,000 (up to a maximum of 50% of the project's target). Once our Stroud Funding project is open, we will be writing to our members and followers seeking pledges to help us reach our funding target. If you are reading this digitally, click [here](#) for a sneak preview of our project – please click like to show your support!

Events

Our next fundraising event is a **Pop-in-Pub on Saturday 20th December 6pm – 11pm**. The event will be held in the front and rear bar of the Rose & Crown Inn with carol singing (hopefully a local male choir) and live music. The Cotswold Pizza Co. will be serving wood-fired, stone-baked pizzas again. As always, there will be a wide selection of drinks including different real ales. Watch out for more information nearer the time.

Keeping in touch

We will continue to share further 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

As always, 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 members in person!

Kind regards, **Nympsfield Community Pub Group**

OLD NEWS FROM NYMPFIELD

The Woodchester Connection



Before the building of St Joseph's church, Catholic services were held in Chapel House – most villagers will know this. Less well known is that, until 1932, the priest was supplied by the Dominican Priory at South

Woodchester in the Nailsworth Valley. This huge but splendid edifice had been completed in 1853 to designs by Charles Hansom, financial support coming from William Leigh. It served as the novitiate – the first destination for aspiring Dominicans - for more than 100 years, and became a powerful Catholic presence both locally and, through its scholars and preachers, nationally. Regular trips up and down Tinkley Lane (mostly on foot) meant that all those living at the Priory would have been familiar with Nympsfield. Rising costs and falling vocations caused the Dominicans to abandon the Priory in the 1960s and it was demolished in 1970. The Priory Church still stands. It is a wonderful building, well worth a visit.



Father Hugh Pope

In 1915 the Prior was Father Hugh Pope. Reacting to the mounting number of deaths on the Western Front and the grief of their families, he distributed a short pamphlet suggesting the creation of a permanent, local memorial to the dead. As to what this might look like there was no template - the Whitehall Cenotaph was still years into the future. But as a Catholic who had studied and worked in Belgium and Italy, a wayside crucifix would have been a natural choice for Fr Hugh and, to illustrate

this, his pamphlet included a photograph of one at Ypres that still stood amongst the rubble of the town. At first it was thought the memorial would simply be for members of the Woodchester congregation but, as news of the scheme spread, this was broadened to include the whole of Stroud district regardless of religion. Bereaved relatives from further afield also asked to be included.



Woodchester Priory and Priory Church with the wayside cross as it was before WW2

There was opposition of course: through the pages of the Stroud News some local clergy voiced their disagreement to the scheme, calling it 'distasteful' and 'alien'. The incumbent of Woodchester parish ended his letter with '*Romanism is not the religion*

of this country and as Rector of the Parish, legally responsible for its spiritual oversight, I sincerely hope that he [Fr Hugh] will modify his plan'.

Local sympathies (and Fr Hugh) tended to the opposite view but finding the money was difficult and progress slower than hoped because of a shortage of labour. Finally though, the completed memorial was unveiled on Sunday August 4th 1918 with thousands in attendance – so many, in fact, the road (now the A46) was widened to accommodate them. Children from local Catholic schools (including St Joseph's) walked in procession and the then-leader of the English Catholic Church (Cardinal Bourne) preached. This was the very first Remembrance Sunday. Other memorials existed but this one, uniquely, was meant to publically commemorate the sacrifices made by ordinary people - local people - in the Great War. It was, of course, the forerunner of thousands more that would be built throughout the world in the years to come – including our own.

Ian Crossland

Nympsfield Village Hall Fundraising

Saturday December 6th Christmas light-up!

It's always lovely to walk through the village, see the lights sparkling and admire the effort everyone makes to enhance our village at this time of year. Call in to the Village Hall for a warming mulled wine and a go on our Christmas Raffle! We'll also have our Community Baubles on sale in the hall.

Community Baubles

As last year, we will be offering baubles to be placed on our community Christmas tree. In exchange for a minimum £3 donation to our village hall, anyone can have a greeting or memorial message attached to a bauble and placed on the tree over the Christmas period.

Why send Christmas cards to neighbours when your donation could help the Village Hall?

Contact Barbara Thomas if you would like your greeting to feature on our tree this year!



Date for your diary!

Burns Supper in the Village Hall Saturday **24th January 2026**

St Joseph's Pre-school

We have had a busy start back to the Autumn term! We began our year with our Teddy Bears Picnic for our new starters before our returning children came back to pre-school. This occasion is always enjoyed by children and parents. We only have a couple of weeks now until half term and the children are settling in really well, getting used to the routines and enjoying the 'All is Welcome' topic this term. We have also been enjoying learning about the changes in the season to Autumn and trying to spot some of the nature and wildlife in our local area. When we return after half term we will be practising our nativity and making lots of lovely Christmas crafts!

We have already started our 2026-2027 academic year register and places are filling fast. If you would like to arrange a visit or get an enrolment pack, please call 07851 592924 or email sjpleadpractitioner@gmail.com



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DRAWN AT 2:15 PM

NATURE WATCH by “Miss Daisy”

AUTUMN

Autumn to some is a sad and depressing time of the year – the summer is over – winter approaches – and we have to turn the heating back on!

But for every season there is joy to be had in its blessings – for every season there is a brighter side if we know where to look for it. Yes, we put away the barbecues and the swimming costumes, but we can also put the lawnmower away for the winter months and relax in front of a warming log fire whilst we plan next year’s holiday!

We gather in the fruits of our harvest – the apples wrapped in newspaper, which we hope will keep overwinter, whilst some of them have been combined with delicious blackberries and made into crumbles and apple pies for the freezer, together with tomatoes made into soup which will be enjoyed with fresh buttered bread on a cold winter’s day.

We can get out the knitting needles again, or relax with that book that you

have always planned to read – or take up a new hobby – the possibilities are endless...

Some of our animals snooze away the colder months in hibernation, but whilst this does have a certain appeal, just think of what you would be missing.

....the joy of the changing leaves on the trees (the variety of the autumn colours never fails to amaze me), cobwebs bejewelled by the morning dew, rich brown conkers fresh from their bright green cases, and watching the squirrels bury acorns right in the middle of your lawn!

Christmas is on the horizon – we were reminded of this sometimes back in August with the shops already stocking mince pies and stollen cake even before the children went back to school in September!

So embrace the autumn/winter months, for soon it will be Spring again – and time just goes by so quickly!

Quotation Corner

Always keep some pocket meat or cheese about your person.

Bob Mortimer’s Rules for Life

WORDLADDER

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



POETRY

Family

Dragged from his bed – the sleepy-head, he
cycles off to school
Leaving you behind – try not to mind – this
is the general rule
Where has time gone, the years have flown
Your baby son – now fully grown.

Those teenage years – the rows, the tears
The hormones rising, not surprising
He slams the door, he's off to sleep
Does he know you often weep
He's left you behind – try not to mind -
this is the general rule.

Now he's a man – has his own life
He's found himself a lovely wife
But he'll come back – they're at the door
With a babe in arms, a boy of four
For even tho he's fully grown – this will always be his family home

You can relax – a job well done
He is a man, but he's still your son.

Jenny Nisbett

NYMPSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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