

THE

Sept-Oct 2025

Nymphsfield

NEWS & ADVERTISER



Editorial

The season of mists and mellow fruitiness approaches although as I write it's been dry as the bottom of a parrot cage for months.

A depressing reminder: the clocks go back on Sunday 26th October, about the same time as our next issue will be hitting the doorsteps.

The deadline for the next issue is 20 October 2025.

Cover picture: breakfast at the village hall. See page 9

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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

NYMPFIELD 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

Also fortnightly **charity coffee mornings**,
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
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 (wShhether you have read the book or not, there's always one!) Enquiries to Carol 860610.

Sept. A Short History of Nearly Everything by Bill Bryson (Dan)

Oct. Raising Hare by Chloe Dalton (Carol)

Dates tba.

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

Week 40 No. 49 Julie Dyer.

Week 41 No. 40 Chrissy Roseblade.

Week 42 No. 27 Dan Stewart.

Week 43 No. 79 Judy Whitman.

Week 44 No. 7 Pete Woodman.

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Nympsfield Community Pub Group AGM

A reminder that the first AGM will be held on Friday 26th September at 7pm at Nympsfield village hall.

Members of the Society have received notice of the AGM and details on the Management Committee nominations and elections process by email.

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

Quotation Corner

Who discovered we could get milk from cows and what did he think he was doing at the time?

Billy Connolly

Dog Training

Five Valleys Dog Training School are extremely pleased to announce that they will be bringing Dog Training Classes to Nympsfield Village Hall every Wednesday evening, starting commencing Wednesday Sep 24th.

- Advanced class - 5.30pm
- Puppy/Beginners class - 6.30pm
- Advanced class - 7.30pm

Accredited Dog Trainer and Behaviourist with over 45yrs experience.

Our syllabus of training is The Kennel Club Good Citizens Awards Scheme which is the highest syllabus of basic obedience training in the UK.

Please contact Julie on 07719 306448.

[We hear a lot of issues with dogs fouling residents' gardens as well as the streets; perhaps their owners might like to attend – ed]

WORDLADDER

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



Nympsfield Club

Thank you to you all who attended our Open Day Event at the end of June. It was a great success. We had live music to finish the weekend from 'The Welcome Parrots' who were very entertaining. It was so great to see some new faces.

Don't forget we have Bingo every other Monday eve @ 7pm, Charity Coffee Mornings monthly & Quizzes throughout the year. Next Coffee Morning is Sat 30th August 10 - 12 for Woodchester Mansion Trust who have kindly donated a great Raffle Prize consisting of a Family Ticket (2 adults & 2 children on an open day).

Let us know if you want us to raise funds for a charity close to your heart with a coffee morning. We'll be happy to slot you in, it will be next year now though as we have lots to go through. We have got a few extra ones squeezed in this year. We have raised thousands for all different charities since we started doing them in Jan 2024. We couldn't have done that without all of you who support these events.

Next Bingo is Mon 1st September 7pm. We had a Summer Special one recently with delicious treats on the tables. Massive Thanks to Marie Knight for being our fabulous host.

A great Race Night was had by all with the amazing Bruce on Sat 9th August. Jenny (Bruce's wife) celebrated her 60th Birthday in the day with a wonderful afternoon tea with friends & family, with live music in the evening & the Race night to end the celebrations. Our opening times are as follows :

Fri 4 - 9.30pm

Sat 2.30 - 9.30

Sun 11.30am – 5

We do open for runners & cyclists groups now & we can open up on another night if you want meetings etc with prior notice. Contact Mary Gwyer 07815066174 if interested.

Our Summer Meat Raffle was drawn on the 10th August with lots of lucky winners! Special Thanks to Cam Family Butchers for giving us a discount, very kind of them. Watch out for our FB posts on our Facebook page & the Nympsfield FB pages for future events etc.

We're a friendly lot, so come in & have a cheap drink or two with us. Thanks again to all our loyal supporters of the Club. The Club would like to thank the Nympsfield Pub Group for their very kind donation to the Club. We hope to see you in there soon

The Nympsfield Club Committee

Village Hall

Thanks so much to everyone who supported our breakfast fundraiser in the Village Hall in July. It was great to see such a good cross-section of villagers there on a Sunday morning and people who couldn't make it have been very generous with their donations in lieu. We raised over £300 towards continuing improvements to the hall and the new kitchen was put to the test and passed with flying colours. See cover picture

Over 50 full cooked breakfasts were served and plates came back to the kitchen cleared and therefore easy to stack into our new dishwasher! It certainly made a huge difference when it came to clearing up. One of our lovely neighbours came down specifically to help clear away at the end only to find that we'd almost finished – such was our efficiency using the lovely new kitchen!



Thanks to the UK Lottery Fund amongst others, this vital hub has been transformed into a welcoming, functional space that will serve the village for years to come.

Barbara Thomas

Roadworks and Buses

Tinkley Lane:

Temporary Traffic Order to close 3/265 Tinkley Lane & Nympsfield Road for carriageway resurfacing. This will be for approximately 17 Days (excl. weekends) between the hours of 07:00 to 19:00.

The PROPOSED start and end dates are currently Thursday 2nd October 2025 until Friday 24th October 2025, however, keep an eye on the web page one.network or the signs on site for any short notice changes.

The Cross to Bath Road

Temporary Traffic Order to close the road for Utility Repair and Maintenance Works currently scheduled for 27 – 29 October

Uley Road:

The current closure between Uley & Dursley is scheduled to finish on 27 October

[I've never seen so many buses in the village before as the ones which usually miss Nympsfield are stopping at the Cross to connect

with the shuttle to Uley and the Sunday buses to/from Dursley come though here – ed]

Buses - Berkeley Vale - Rural Mobility Survey

As part of the project, we have put together a short 2-3 minute survey to gather top-line data and statistics to supplement the recent focus group results. The survey is specifically designed to be short and accessible for all age groups.

You can access the survey using this link -

<https://forms.office.com/e/qZb2e6EhKK>

GCRP will be promoting the survey over the coming months, but we would be grateful if you could take a couple of minutes to answer the survey. Please also send it on to anyone else in the region - the more responses the better!

St. Joseph's PTA

Pub Quiz Night!

Join us at The Old Fox, Coaley on Sun 20th Oct – 7 PM start (arrive by 6:40 to get seated and order your drinks)

£3pp | Cheeseboards pre-order from pub in advance when booking table.

Get your thinking caps on – see you there!

All money raised will be donated to St Joseph's Catholic primary PTA

POETRY

SEPTEMBER

September already, where has the year gone?
But we had a good summer – the sun often shone
The flowers were lovely – the birds and the bees
And the scent of mown grass as we walked under the trees.

Of course we complained – it's a British refrain
"It's really too hot, and we need some more rain!"

But the seasons are changing
Everything's re-arranging
For soon we'll be walking in leaves crisp and deep
And some of our creatures preparing to sleep
Birds flock together till it's time to depart
Who gives them the signal to tell them to start?
And then inevitably winter – with snow – and..... "It's raining"!!!
And of course as we're British, we'll still be complaining!

Jenny Nisbett

NATURE WATCH by “Miss Daisy”

WASPS

Late summer picnics – the family gathered in the garden enjoying food and drink....

And here they come....those pesky yellow and black striped interlopers which miraculously appear as soon as we start to enjoy ourselves.

But wasps are not all bad news – for they form a large part of our ecology.

Not only are they pollinators as they gather nectar from flowers, but they also are great pest controllers, consuming large amounts of caterpillars from crops and gardens, together with flies bugs and aphids. Their remarkable jaws enable them to kill and chew up these pests and to take the food back to their larvae in the nest.

The queen wasp is the sole survivor of the winter and she starts the nest building in early Spring – using chewed up paper and wood pulp to form the beautiful hexagonal egg cells where she lays one egg in each cell. As wasps emerge from the growing nest, they become workers – adding to the structure – and so the colony grows – until by the end of the summer there could be anything up to six thousand wasps in the one nest.

Wasps will only sting if they feel threatened, but they should still be treated with great respect – for their stings are very painful and you do not know if you are allergic to wasp stings until you have experienced one! The biggest danger is opened cans of sugary drinks as wasps can crawl into the opening of the can – and you only discover it when you go to take a drink from the can!

Wasp nests are abandoned at the end of the summer, with the queen finding a sheltered spot to hibernate until the Spring. Wasps are actually older than dinosaurs so I guess we have to get used to them joining in our late summer picnics.

OLD NEWS FROM NYMPFIELD

Pubs-a-Plenty

You probably know that Nympsfield once had five (or is it six?) pubs. In those days the village was on the main stagecoach route between Gloucester and Bath. The notorious obstacle on this route was Frocester Hill which, up to the early 1780s was tackled head-on, Roman-style. Extra horses were needed and supplied by the George in Frocester. Leaving Frocester, the old track took a left turn at Hill Farm and then a right to emerge close to the Mansion gates. The old stone building that now stands on the picnic site was once a toll house for this route. When Nympsfield was reached the horses would have been unhitched and sent back down the hill. Work with horses and passengers probably provided a living for those Nympsfield's pubs.

But when a much easier highway was constructed through Dudbridge and Nailsworth around 1783, the traffic began to move away from the old route. Its major beneficiaries - the George at Frocester and Hunter's Hall at Kingscote - tried to reclaim their former customers by re-aligning the Frocester Hill road on a gentler gradient while also pointing out the picturesque views over to the Welsh

mountains. But it was no use – the less exciting slopes of the new road proved irresistible. The Frocester George, Hunter's Hall and the Rose and Crown all survived but the other four (maybe five) Nympsfield inns died – collateral damage perhaps.

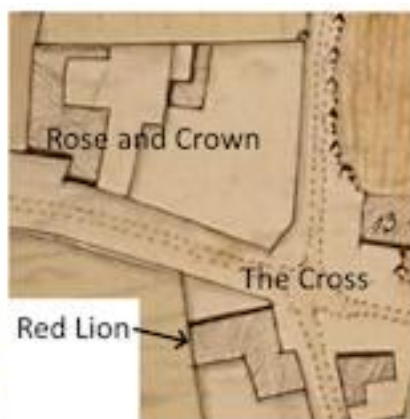
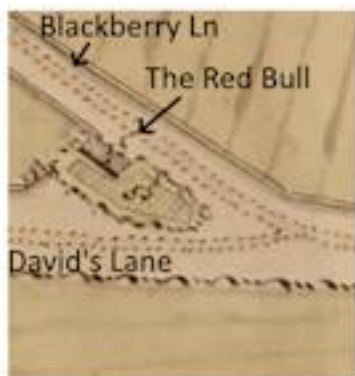
Chris Dove's book (1977) lists Nympsfield's 18th century inns

The Rose and Crown
The Bell (now Bell Court),
The White Hart (White Hart Court),
The Red Lion (Chapel House) and
The Red Bull said to be located at
the junction of Blackberry Lane
and David's Lane.

Nearly 50 years later (2024), Bob Woodman discovered another pub on a 1687 lease. This was the King's Head - Robert Waite tenant, James Bridgman owner- situated "next the King's high way on the south". Given that this description also fits the Red Bull (a name derived from hearsay), I wondered whether the King's Head and the Red Bull could be one and the same. With very little information to go on, I thought a 1790 map held by Gloucestershire Archives might tell us more.

This old map was drawn at large scale— it's more than six feet long. The figure on the right shows four small areas of it to illustrate the five properties in detail. Each one has a thicker line drawn along one or more sides, seeming to distinguish each building's front, public-facing part. The map-maker has given a number to each house owned by Lord Ducie along with a table listing his tenants' names with further columns for other details including the rent paid. The Rose and Crown and The Bell weren't owned by Ducie so don't fall into this category.

With a date around 1790 the map is, unfortunately, ten years too late if most of our lost pubs folded before 1785 but it does, at least, give an indication of what they looked like. The table only provides rents for the White Hart and The Bell but both are



unexceptional. What might be significant is that The Bell, The Red Lion, The White Hart and the Rose and Crown all seem to have had areas off the road where horses could have been handled. That's not the case at the Red Bull although a possible clue here is that the 'front' of the building faces away from the road to overlook a passageway. Could that have been wider at an earlier time? It's speculative of course - there's never a shortage of theories – what's needed are FACTS.

Ian Crossland

SCAMS & SPAMS

My inbox is filled daily with spam. The latest ones (aside from the usual girls wanting to do rude things with me – well, some of us have got it!) include some fairly convincing ones pretending to be from big companies like Tesco, Amazon etc telling me that I've been selected for a prize, or to participate in a survey with a cash reward. I've also deluged by people offering to improve my (non-existent) web site and inviting me to apply for credit cards. There will be lots coming soon offering to help claim for car loan mis-selling, and for the imminent visa system for entry to the Schengen countries.

As always, never open links unless you are sure that it points to a valid site. Disable auto-download of images (many spammers include one-pixel images which can be used to track if you have opened an email). Forward phishing emails (ones which imitate real companies) to report@phishing.gov.uk and forward texts to 7726 (SPAM in old fashioned phone keypads).

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6 September 3 to 7pm

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The walk starts from the Hospice grounds in Minchinhampton and is suitable for all ages and abilities, with a choice of 5 or 10k routes. Afterwards, return for live music, food, drink and garden games.

The registration costs £7.50 for adults and £5 for children (food excluded). Sign up at: longfield.org.uk/walk or call our friendly fundraising team on 01453 886868.

NYMPFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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 (Green) Cllr.martin.pearcy@stroud.gov.uk Your County Councillor Cllr. Richard Dean (Green) richard.dean@gloucestershire.gov.uk Your Member of Parliament Dr Simon Opher (Lab) simon.opher.mp@parliament.uk
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