

THE September-October 2024

Nymphsfield

NEWS & ADVERTISER



Editorial

Welcome to the autumn edition of the Nymphy News. Here (hopefully) to inform and amuse you are pieces from all our regulars, news from here and there and, as ever, ads.

Cover picture: customers waiting to be served at the pub ☺ - actually, scarecrows produced for the Open Gardens Event of the 'Save the Pub' group.

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MON-FRI 09 :00 AM,
SAT 07:00 AM

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BUS TIMES

The Cross, to Dursley

09:28 (65) Dursley and Gloucester
10:21 (65A) Dursley and Coaley (Sat only)
11:28 (65) Dursley and Gloucester
12:36 (65A) Dursley and Coaley (Sat only)
13:28 (65) Dursley and Gloucester
14:17 (165) from N'lsworth) to Dursley
then Coaley (Mon to Fri)
15:58 (65) Dursley and Gloucester
18:04 (65) Dursley to Cam & Dursley Stn
(18:35) terminating Horsemarling Lane,
Stonehouse

The Cross, to Stroud:

08:05 (08:00 Saturdays) (65) Stroud,
leaving Cam & Dursley Station at 07:30
10:25 (165) Stroud via Nailsworth (Mon-Fri
only)
11:21 (65) Stroud
11:17 (65A) Stroud (Sat only)
13:21 (65) Stroud
13:32 (65A) Stroud & Whiteway (Sat only)
15:21 (65) Stroud
17:56 (65) Stroud (leaves Cam & Dursley
17:25)

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otherwise. No buses on Sundays and Bank
Holidays.

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30 Sept

2 Dec

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ST JOSEPH'S PRE-SCHOOL Mon to Fri, term time only, 8:55am to 2:55pm, 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' 2 year old funding available from 1/4/2024. 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 or off

NYMPFIELD CLUB

See Facebook page for details.

BINGO: Alternate Mondays 7pm.

THE ROSE AND CROWN INN 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

100 CLUB

Week 39 No. 65. Trevor Gaunt (£25)
Week 40 No. 71 Jo Shepherd
Week 41 No. 28 Emma James
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Week 43 No. 64 Jean Smith.
Week 44 No. 99 Gemma Butt.
Week 45 No. 53 Martin Douglas Phillips
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Week 50 No. 77 Julie Bleaken
Week 51 No. 18 Paul Fisher
Week 52 No. 76 Martin Wooldridge (£25).
100 clubs subscriptions are now due. £12 per number. If you are passing Delahay please put money in an envelope with your name on it. If not, we can call and collect it. Thank you. Or, you can do a bank transfer. Please phone Pat or Malcolm 01453 860696. Thank you.

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 .

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES

Parish of Uley with Owlpen and
Nympsfield

(Part of The Ewelme Benefice.)

Vacancy.

Churchwardens:

Pauline Thomas. T: 01453 860047.

Moya 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 Thomas
542039

dursleynympsfieldrcparish.co.uk

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ARRANGEMENTS**

Quotation Corner

MI5 is a job creation scheme for
muscular underachievers from the
ancient universities.

Lord Hennessy of Nympsfield



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.

Next books:

19 September: Shuggie Bain, Dan

17 October: The Taxidmist's
Daughter, Carol

Horsley Fete Sat 14th Sep 2-5pm, Playing Field (next to Community Shop)

As our special neighbours, all
Nympsfieldonians (and their
wallets) will be welcome at Horsley
village fete. Entry by donation
(suggested £2). Parking available,
fun dog show (enter on the day),
live music, tug-of-war, glass
blowing, Morris dancing, BBQ, teas
and stalls, Big Red Bus Bar, raffle
and much else.

September Days – Jenny Nisbet

In the grip of winter's freeze
We long for summer days like these
Bright blue sky and gentle heat
My old dog sleeping at my feet.

The gentle humming of the bees
And the whispering of the old beech
trees.
Nature's scents and sights abound
If you care to look, they're all around.

So please stop the clock – put a hold
on time
I need to make this memory mine.
For soon the sun will start to wane
And winter will be here again.

The whispering in the old beech trees
Says "Make the most of days like
these".

Coffee Mornings in the Club

We started these in January for
people to get together, have a chat
over a cuppa & raise money for a
charity in the meantime. It's all
donations -whatever you can give is
much appreciated.
We always have a great raffle which
brings in a lot of money. Held
fortnightly, these raise a lot of money
for good causes -
20 Jan & 3 Feb British Heart
Foundation -£320.56
2 March Cancelled due to snow
17Feb & 16Mar Club Wall repair £399
30 Mar & 13 Apr Air Ambulance £414
We also had £90 for Air Ambulance
from the Club's Quiz Raffle
11 & 25 May Alzheimer's Soc £380.00

8 & 22 Jun PAPYRUS (Parents
Association for the Prevention of
Young Suicide) - £535.00
20 Jul & 10 Aug Juvenile Diabetes
Research Foundation - £504.60
Our next one is for Macmillan Sat
28th Sept 10 - 12 Nympsfield Club
I have done this charity for a few
years & have raised over £4000.
We are going to start doing the Coffee
Morning's monthly from now on.
Oct Young lives vs Cancer
Nov Allsorts
7th Dec Focus ((Cancer Charity) in the
Village Hall.
Marie has raised money for this
charity (Focus) for a number of years
& has made £3668.58.
Amazing amounts!

Thank you to all of you who have
attended our coffee mornings &
helped us in any way, it's much
appreciated, Hope to see you soon
Julie & Marie

Birth
Congratulations to Liam Guerin and
Stephanie on the birth of their son
Robin. Grandma Julie and g-grandma
Rose look happy!

Village Hall Update Autumn 2024

The Plans for the building works to the hall have been simplified and we are in the process of raising the necessary funds through planned events (see below!) and identifying and applying for suitable grants.

Our priorities are improved accessibility for all, the refurbishment of the toilets and upgrading of the kitchen and facilities. The latter has already begun with the recent completion of electrical works to make use of the facilities safe and more convenient for everyone. We have also taken delivery of two brand new cookers which now have an adequate electrical supply and will be fully functional; we're really looking forward to using them at our next event in October!

You should all be aware that we have a great table tennis table in the hall as we've been holding games afternoons to promote it. We have decided that the table will be available in the hall as part of the hire charge so why not hire the hall one evening and challenge your friends and family to a match!

Below is advanced notice of our Mexican Evening. Please put the date in your diary if it's not already there and more details will follow very soon.

Nympsfield Village Hall presents a

Mexican Evening

19th October 2024

Tickets £20

All proceeds to go towards the
refurbishment of the hall



VILLAGE HALL TREASURER

In the last edition of Nympsfield News and Advertiser we reported that Brian has been the Treasurer of the Village Hall for over 20 years, and now feels it is time he stepped aside to give someone else the opportunity to serve the community in this way.

You do not need to be an accountant, nor have any previous experience of being a treasurer, you just need to be numerate and have reasonable computer skills.

Brian is giving plenty of notice, he will stay up to the end of December if necessary (but no longer), so he will give full training to his replacement and work with them for several months so the handover is as smooth as possible.

If we cannot fill this important role it is possible that the hall may have to close.

If you are interested or would like further information please email

nympsfieldvillagehall@gmail.com, or if you would like to know more about the role please contact Brian on 07970760288.

The Village Hall Trustees

St Joseph's School

An appeal from the Governors at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Dear village friends,

Our Governing Board at St Joseph's is comprised of a wide range of members, from school staff, parents, local government and followers of the Catholic faith. The Governor role is to challenge and be a critical friend to the school. We, as Governors, continue to challenge and monitor to ensure that the high standards that have been achieved at St Joseph's continue to remain. It allows an insight into the everyday running of St Joseph's and enables an oversight of our children's education. Each of us has acquired new skills and expertise, transferrable into our professional and personal lives. We agree that whilst we dedicate our time, it is very much a two-way-street and very worthwhile.

We are not at capacity on our Governing Board. We do have vacancies and would love for you to think about joining us. You may not consider yourself to have enough time or, indeed, to have the relevant experience; but it is highly likely that you have both. You may not be aware, but many employers offer time off in lieu for a role in governance. The Governing Board meets once per term (i.e. six times per year). We meet in person, at school (sometimes meetings may be held remotely). Governor monitoring per allocated role is three times per year and is carried out at Governors' convenience (at a mutually agreed date and time).

Please feel free to speak to Mrs Howells or any of the Governors if you would like to discuss the role further. We cannot recommend this more highly; it is rewarding, and we get the chance to engage and shape our school's future. Contact details for Roger Slater, our clerk, below.

Syd Gwyer & Gabriella Tiley – Co-Chairs
Nicola Connolly – Vice Chair
Katharine Piper
Clare Howells

The St Joseph's Governing Body
Claire Wooldridge
Loraine Patrick
Roger Slater – Clerk
clerk@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk

Nature Watch by “Miss Daisy”

BATS

With the recent Bat Survey undertaken on the Rose Crown, these creatures have been at the forefront recently, so I thought I would do a little research on them. They are the only true, flying mammal and there are over 1,400 different species of bats, with more being discovered all the time. They only have one baby a year (called a pup) and can live for up to thirty years, with the majority of the world's bats eating insects. This makes them of great ecological importance as they control many species of insects which could decimate our crops. They are also great pollinators and without bats we could say goodbye to bananas, avocados and mangoes. In fact over 300 varieties of fruit depend on bats for pollination. We have all used the phrase “blind as a bat” at some time or another, but in fact bats are not blind – they have adapted for nocturnal life, but they also rely on echolocation, where sound reflects off objects.

They range in size from the bumble bee bat, which weighs less than a penny to the flying foxes, which have a wingspan of six feet, and bats can be found in every part of the world, apart from the Antarctic.

But sadly, the disease called “white nose syndrome”, which is a kind of fungus, is killing a lot of the bat population – with over five and a half million fatalities since the disease was discovered in 2006.

If you have ever wondered why bats roost upside-down – it is partly because they are out of reach of their predators (owls, hawks and snakes, and also domestic cats!) but also because they need the vertical drop to allow them to fly.

This is only a brief insight into the world of bats, but I hope you will be inspired to do some more research of your own into these fascinating little creatures.

Update from the Nympsfield Community Pub Group

Community Share Offer

We will be launching the share offer on **Saturday 7 September** with two briefing sessions at the Village Hall, with the first taking place at 10am and the second at 12pm (midday).

If you would like to attend one of the briefings, please let us know so we can manage capacity within the Village Hall. There is a form on our website to do so. If you don't have access to the internet, try to let one of the team know you plan to attend.

All information, including the share application form, will be available after the event on our website. Paper copies will be available on request, please contact Matt Burke on 07900552297.

Business Plan

Our business plan is now available for download from the documents page of our website! This document describes the key financial and organisational aspects of Nympsfield Community Pub Limited.

The share offer documentation is currently being assessed for the community share standard mark, which is awarded to community share offers that meet national standards of good practice.

Nympsfield Open Gardens Event

On Sunday 4 August we held our Nympsfield Open Gardens Event! It was a gorgeous day, with almost 200 people joining us throughout the afternoon to explore our beautiful village, enjoy some delicious coffee and cake, and help us raise £1800 to go towards saving the Rose & Crown Inn!

Thank you so much to all who came along to show their support for our lovely village pub! A special thanks to all who opened their beautiful gardens, made scarecrows, donated cakes and plants and helped tidy up the pub garden. Not forgetting our fundraising team for all their work in organising the event.

Upcoming Fundraising Events

Cardiff Half Marathon

Janet Acton and Jenny Bailey are running in the Cardiff Half Marathon on Sunday 6 October to raise money for the Nympsfield Community Pub. They have a Just Giving page set up for donations.

Promises Auction

We are holding a promises auction on Saturday 9 November at the Nympsfield Village Hall. Look out for further details around timings of the event and how to buy tickets in the next newsletter.

If you would like to put forward a promise for auction, please get in touch as soon as possible by emailing our fundraising team

at: Nympsfield.community.pub.events@gmail.com

Promises could include offering to bake a cake each month for a year, washing someone's car, a night in a holiday home, sports or language lessons, help with gardening etc.

Purchase of the Rose & Crown Inn

The bat emergence surveys have now taken place and did not find any evidence of bats in the pub. This is welcome news and will mean a significant saving in costs.

We are working with the owner and the prospective purchasers of the stables to agree the boundary lines between the pub and stables and ensure that the pub has the necessary access for kitchen deliveries and the rear garden.

We continue to identify and apply for grant funding and currently have six applications worth £450k in the assessment phase. This figure does not include the Community Ownership Fund (COF), which is still suspended, however we are encouraged that an early day motion that supports the continuation of COF has been tabled by Claire Hanna MP.

Keeping in touch

If you haven't already, please:

- Join our Facebook page: Nympsfield Community Pub
- Follow us on Instagram: [@the_nympsfield_community_pub_](https://www.instagram.com/the_nympsfield_community_pub_)
- Visit our website: nympsfieldcommunitypub.co.uk (or scan the QR code below left)



Janet Acton and Jenny Bailey will be running the Cardiff Half Marathon in October and raising funds for the pub. Their "Just Giving" page is at the QR code on the right. Have a good run ladies!



OLD NEWS FROM NYMPFIELD

A Riot of Rectors

In 1538, Thomas Cromwell chief minister to King Henry VIII and villain or hero depending on your disposition, ordered that every parish was to keep a register of christenings, marriages, and burials in the parish. These records were to be maintained in a book and each event had to be recorded immediately after the service. On that basis, every parish should have records going back almost 500 years. It ain't necessarily so! In 1678, the Chancellor of the Diocese of Gloucester came to Nympsfield and, wanting to see the parish register, found there was none. Does that mean that Cromwell's order went unheeded for 140 years? It's possible -

Silvester's List

1640 Thomas Potter
1643 John Hayward
c 1648 James Rutherford
___ James Berriman
1720 John Somers

many parishes came late to the idea - but not usually for this length of time. Much more likely is that the registers were destroyed, lost or stolen during the upheavals caused by the English Civil War (1642-51). The Rev James Silvester, Rector here 1895-1902, was the first to write a history of the parish with, as you might expect, a focus on church business. Silvester provides a "Ministerial Succession" that begins with Adam the Clerk in 1185

and ends with himself – you've probably seen it (with later additions and nice calligraphy) hanging in a small frame at the back of St Bart's church. It's an orderly list of names and dates that, when we reach the time of the Civil War, looks like the one on the left.

The problem with this period is that ministers were often ejected for no better reason than they were thought to be loyalists (to the crown). Others (always puritan) were then put in their place without the bishop's consent (the puritans didn't believe in bishops) with no record kept. Such interlopers were later called "intruders". The removal of John Hayward after only five years at a time when the



List of Vicars and Rectors at the rear of St Bart's church.

country was in the throes of the Civil War looks suspicious, not least because, 24 years later (1672), John Hayward left a will in which he calls himself “clerk [i.e. parish minister] of Nympsfield”. In other words it looks like Rutherford, his successor, was an intruder who forced Hayward out. The appearance of Rutherford goes unremarked in the Bishop’s registers. Instead, Silvester found his name - James Rutherford DD [Doctor of Divinity], Minister of Nympsfield - in a list of 65 puritan ministers of the county – all subscribers to a 1648 book called “The Gloucestershire Ministers’ Testimony” that decried the “errors, heresies and blasphemies of these times”. Silvester included the date of the book as the approximate year when Rutherford took office.

The reckoning for intruders came soon after Charles II came back – the Act of Uniformity of 1662 required all church ministers to conform to the Book of Common Prayer. Those who would not were ejected and replaced; it is reckoned that this happened in around one in five parishes. Decades later a list was drawn up with over 2000 ejections recorded but of Rutherford, Hayward or Nympsfield there is no mention. What we do have is a monument (in the church) to Heaveningham Bridgman, wife of George Bridgman, Lord of the Manor who forced out of the village by the “insolence of rebels”, went to Cirencester (a loyalist town) and died soon after. When the monarchy was restored, gentry like the Bridgmans re-asserted their authority and, if Rutherford was still there, they would not have hesitated to remove him and reinstate Hayward, whom they’d probably had a hand in appointing in the first place. Until the latter part of the 20th century, an Anglican priest, once inducted into a parish, was there for life – that’s why it was called a living. The only way he could be forced out was if he was found guilty of some crime. There is no doubt that Hayward would have regarded the post as having been stolen from him, and that he was entitled to have it back. As for Rutherford, he seems to come from nowhere and disappear without trace. I’ve found no record of his graduating from any university in the country - surprising given his claim to be a Doctor of Divinity.

Next on Silvester’s list is James Berriman who, not appearing in the Bishop’s Register, has no year of induction. Silvester suggests that this lack may be because he was an intruder who, by pledging to conform, avoided the wholesale purge of these people after the restoration. This is unlikely: according to his gravestone, Berriman died in 1720 aged 77 which makes him 19 in 1662 and still in university. A

more reasonable explanation is that Haywood served from 1662 or earlier until his death after 1672 (when he would have been about 64 - the precise year of his death is still unknown). This is supported by a memorandum at the front of the parish register which says that it includes "baptisms of children of James Berriman, rector 1675-1679, and of his burial 1720". That first date– 1675 - looks reasonable for the year of his induction here.

So, how to revise the list of Vicars and Rectors of Nympsfield? Well, if James Rutherford was an intruder, John Hayward was illegally deprived of his living and, in law, was the Rector throughout. On that basis his name should be removed from the list. But more to the point, what did Rutherford do with the parish registers?

Ian Crossland

NYMPSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

A relatively quiet period has seen one meeting take place and another cancelled as work, illness and summer holidays took their toll.

A grant has been awarded to the Village Hall to assist in the purchase of two new cookers for the kitchen. This is a worthwhile use of some Community Infrastructure Levy funds NPC received a while ago which has been awaiting a good cause.

More planning applications to prune trees around the village have been seen as sensible by NPC, who have made no objection.

A complaint about speeding vehicles within the village has been received from a resident. NPC take this seriously and would welcome any further information.

Your Parish Councillors: Cllr Sophia Price (Chair) Cllr Peter Tomiak-Baquero (vice-chair) Cllr Trevor Gaunt Cllr Anne Robertson Cllr Nicola Crabb All can be reached via the Clerk: clerk@nympsfieldparishcouncil.org	Your District Councillor Cllr Martin Pearcy cclr.martin.pearcy@stroud.gov.uk Your County Councillor Cllr. Wendy Thomas wendy.thomas@gloucestershire.gov.uk Your Member of Parliament Dr Simon Opher (Lab) simon.opher.mp@parliament.uk
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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'th	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	We wish!!
St Joseph's School	01453 860311
Street issues (potholes, lights etc):	https://fixmystreet.gloucestershire.gov.uk/
Stroud District Council	01453 766321
Building Control	01453 754871
Dog Warden	01453 754491
Pollution, noise, bonfires etc	754478
Neighbourhood Warden -	
Andy Beamish	07834 419332
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