

ON THE EDGE

As most of you will have noticed there has been clearing undertaken on the Knoll to improve the view to the North. The decision was taken to do this as when we were collecting donations to purchase the Knoll land we were regularly asked, "when would Nibley get its view of the monument back!" As you can see this has definitely improved the view. The work was undertaken by Howard Cowles from Waterley Bottom and he has strived to create as little interruption to the use of the Knoll as possible for which we are grateful! This work will soon be completed and users of the Knoll will be able to enjoy the improved view from what is undoubtedly a very special place!

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We are experiencing illegal use of the Knoll by unauthorised vehicles who are using it as a race track and skid pan. These vehicles appear to be coming from Westridge Wood along the Cotswold Way. We have blocked their entrance to the hill several times, firstly by installing steel posts, some of which were removed almost immediately, and secondly with huge tree trunks and these were winched out of the way; clearly these people are determined to get on to the Knoll which we must stop. We appeal to all Knoll users to be vigilant and take vehicle numbers or photographs while you are enjoying the area and to report any such unsocial activities to 01453 543919 (Ken Brown, Knoll trustee) or 01453 548693 (Dave Palmer, Monument trustee).



VILLAGE EYE

On **May 8th** Ceri Cockram from Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue was with us for 'Safe and Well'. This was a very helpful talk by Ceri to help make sure our houses are safe. Many members followed up on her suggestions for smoke and fire alarms and thoroughly enjoyed her talk.

Thank you to Elaine for taking the meeting.

June 12th brings us Tim Lewis assisted by Sheila Furneaux on the piano with The Harmonius Garden. Tim is always entertaining and I'm sure we will enjoy seeing him again.

Upcoming meetings of the University of the 3rd Age



Thursday 15th June at 10:30 a.m. - Dursley Methodist Church

Monthly branch meeting. This month the important work of the FOODBANK will be explained by Will Mansell of Stroud Foodbank, which also covers our area.

Thursday 20th July at 10:30 a.m. - Dursley Methodist Church

Monthly branch meeting. Our speaker will be Paul Barnett on "THE PURTON HULKS". Paul is an excellent speaker and we received great feedback from his 2016 talk on Operation Tiger.

In each case, refreshments served after the meeting. **Visitors welcome.**

Thursday 17th August. Our usual U3A monthly meeting will be replaced by a summer outing—a cruise on the Monmouth and Brecon Canal with Applegates coaches.

Find out more about us on www.u3asites.org.uk/cam-dursley

NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

At its Annual May meeting the council elected its Chair and Vice Chair for the coming year, together with representatives on local Committees and Groups. This Annual Meeting agreed the **Annual Report** which is as a summary of Parish Council activities for the last year and an outline of plans for the next year.

Look out for this summary, an A4 double-sided insert, in this edition of OTE.

Cemetery & memorial garden improvements

The council discussed its plans at the Annual meeting for further improvements to the cemetery and memorial garden and additionally to the area to the immediate right of the current memorial garden.

The council will shortly commission work to remove the existing southern arm of the memorial garden wall whilst extending it to the right hand

side using wherever possible the stone already available on site. Further work will be commissioned to improve the tarmac paths across the main cemetery areas. This will include replacing concrete edgings, upgrading the stone bases where necessary, and installing asphalt surfaces.

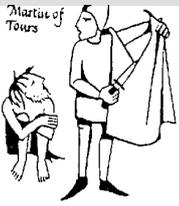
Community speed watch

For the new community speed watch project, the new speed gun, tripod, and hi vis jackets have now been received. A group of volunteers will be trained in their use for the benefit of the community on the 10th June at 4.00 pm in the Village Hall.

The training is provided by Mike Trebble, the Speed Watch Organizer for Gloucestershire. Thank you to the District Councillor and those others who plan to attend. Further volunteers for the project are welcome to contact the clerk.

Elizabeth Oakley

Clerk to the Parish Council
clerk@northnibleyparishcouncil



ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

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Sue Plant writes:

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times...it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us...

So begins Charles Dickens' *A Tale of Two Cities*. It struck me that this is much my family's experience at this time.

At the good age of 88 my dad is dying but we have been privileged to bring him home to die in the heart of his family. We are a big, loud family who often get together for social occasions which always involve eating. So we have a stream of people from every generation, constantly about the house. Yet in spite of all the background hubbub and disorder there is a calm space around dad's bed. This is where the amazing medical back-up works its magic, with teams of professionals from the hospice, district nurses and the doctor quietly carrying out their visits.

For me there has been much to celebrate: the sight of many dawns with dawn choruses, the small conversations with individuals, walks through the stunning wild garlic and bluebells, seeing my family at its very best pulling together, and the insight found in caring for someone who was once the leader of our pack. No wonder we tend to remember Jesus at his most human in the story of him washing the disciples' feet.

Death is very sad, but nothing can change the great times we have spent with dad. I think Wordsworth's *Intimations of Immortality from Recollection of Early Childhood* (10th stanza) says it just as it is:

*Though nothing can bring back the hour
Of splendour in the grass, of glory in the flower;
We will grieve not, rather find
Strength in what remains behind...
In the faith that looks through death.*



Services in June

Sunday 4th: Pentecost
9.30am Parish Eucharist

Sunday 11th: Trinity Sunday
8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Family Service

Sunday 18th: First Sunday after Trinity
9.30am Parish Eucharist

Sunday 25th: Second Sunday after Trinity
9.30am Family Communion

Every Wednesday
5.00pm Evening Prayer



Saturday 10th 1.00pm
Wedding of Jonathan
Head and Fenella Aylwin

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Wednesday 7th June 2.15pm
Please bring A Favourite Gift about which you can say a few words, followed by tea and home-made biscuits.

Wednesday 21st June 7.45pm
Silent Auction Social with cheese and wine. Bring an article for sale. Items will be exhibited for written bids to be made – highest bidder takes the item away.

Guests and visitors especially welcome
Meetings are in St Mary's Parish Room
Wotton-under-Edge
Sue Plant (Branch Leader)
Tel: 01453 845157

Vicar's Secretary / Benefice Administrator

Following the resignation of Ima Earle due to relocation we are looking to appoint a new **Vicar's Secretary / Benefice Administrator** starting from **1st July** or as soon after as possible. The role of the job holder is varied and interesting in supporting the vicar and ministry team as well as providing some administrative back up to the benefice. It is a paid position based in the Parish Office at St Mary's Wotton and currently provides cover for 4 mornings a week (Tuesday – Friday). For a job description and person specification please contact the vicar, Rob Axford (01453 842175 or rob@robaxford.plus.com) who will be pleased to discuss the post with you.



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North Nibley Acoustic Café – the first but definitely not the last!

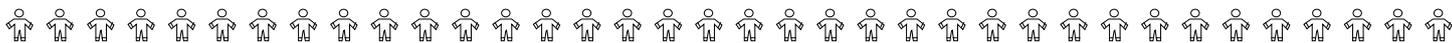
On Saturday 6th May the Village Hall played host to the first North Nibley Acoustic Café. The café was borne of an idea to create a cosy atmosphere where people could enjoy a hearty home cooked supper and local live music in great company. Well we certainly achieved this! The hall was full to the rafters and the eclectic line up was fabulous. We heard some excellent music from Nibley residents and even some performers from further afield (Wotton)!

The food was skilfully prepared and served by the volunteers from North Nibley Preschool who did a fantastic job and raised over £300 for the Preschool.

It really was a lovely evening and one that we will repeat in the Autumn. If anyone would like to perform at the next café or would be interested in running the food for their charity or group then please get in touch, jules2field@hotmail.co.uk.

www.facebook.com/northnibleyacousticcafe





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Governors

My thanks goes to Peter Hall, Vice Chair of Governors, for his kind words in the last issue of OTE. In case it escaped you, he finished with these words –

“We are always looking for volunteers to replace governors who wish to move on. The main time requirement is to attend approximately one meeting per month. If you feel you would like to become a governor, we would be pleased to have an informal chat, to give you a clearer picture of what’s involved, without any commitment.”

Governors are an essential part of the English school system, and it is easy to underestimate the importance of the role, given that so much of what they do is quiet work ‘behind the scenes’. However as a head teacher (in my thirteenth year as a head), I have benefitted enormously from the combined wisdom and encouragement that they give. The challenges that schools are required to confront can seem, at times, overwhelming. That we spare the children from these should go without saying – they are always the ‘bright lights’ which makes it all worthwhile. The time given by Governors – unpaid volunteers, all – ensures that good checks and balances exist to keep the school on a stable footing. Governors develop strategic plans for the future, which helps to raise our gaze from immediate difficulties so we can see the bigger picture. Governors, as ‘critical friends,’ help staff to see what



needs to be improved, and what needs to be celebrated, when we get weighed down by the detail of the day-to-day.

Di Hay and Roland Brown are both Governors, and both due to leave us at the end of this school year. Di pre-dates my appointment here and during the last 7 years she has been a tremendous

support to the school. She has been challenging where it has been required, and reassuring when reassurance has been needed. Her calm manner and valuable advice have steered us in good directions, time and time again. Roly, in his time as Chair of Governors, and after, has helped shape and focus the Governing Body. His searching questions and wise analysis have influenced important decisions in numerous situations. In particular I will miss his lengthy emails which contain nothing less than the best, most thorough and considered common sense!

Di and Roly have been of great service to the school, and to the children and staff that attend. If you’d like to follow in their footsteps, I urge you to take up Peter’s offer and request, without commitment, an informal chat. I can promise that the role is rewarding!

Please contact the school –

admin@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk or our Chair, Sue Bradley-Jones chair@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk, for further details.

Paul Batchelor, Head Teacher



NORTH NIBLEY PRESCHOOL

June: During the summer term we will be looking at holidays. For example, how we get to holidays, ie. transportation. In addition, the children will be helping to make a mural of the seaside, and we will be getting them ready for fun at the music festival.

If you are interested in your child joining our pre-school there are some places available for this year. We operate in North Nibley Village Hall, Tuesday-Friday 9.00am-3.30pm. Please leave a message on 07842280220 and we will call you back with more details or drop in anytime and meet our lovely staff and children.



Our **Bumps, Babies and Toddlers Group** is also in full swing on Monday from 9.30-11.00am in the village hall. Each session is themed with an activity and a healthy snack.

Please come along to meet local mums and have a coffee.



Tony Temlett of Ridgeway ,Barrs Lane, North Nibley 1936 - 2017



Tony was born in North Nibley and was well known for his many activities in and around the village.

He played football for North Nibley for several years until he broke his leg during a match at Minchinhampton. Apparently 'It was a hell of a crack'. He was a keen member of the Tyndale Tigers and a group known as the Skid Kids 1948 – 1954, they practised on a bicycle track at Westridge House. Tony was one of the best riders and came second in the West of England championships racing for a silver helmet with wings on it. The village went to Bristol by coach to watch him.

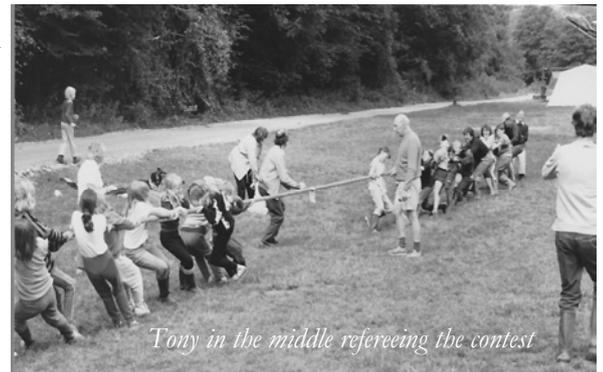
Tony will be remembered by his many acts of kindness. He was a genuinely kind man who loved people and enjoyed helping anyone. When he retired he would visit people around the village in distress or need and would help in many ways including transporting people when required. Tony Temlett and Rosie Rumble were joint winners in the Gloucestershire Awards in the Community, in the Celebrating the achievements of older people category, which recognises volunteers or charity workers who make a difference to people's lives.

Tony voluntarily organised the weekly coffee morning for older people in the village and once a fortnight he organised the Friendship Club. He made sure people were able to get to the meetings and picked them up in his car when necessary.

He was a village shop shareholder and on the committee, always stepping in when needed. He was a founder member of the Ark in Wotton and involved in its setting up. He also was keen member of North Nibley Churches together when Rev John May was vicar of this parish. He worked tirelessly for the village and community. Although Tony never went to Romania he was very supportive of the North Nibley Romanian Team. He was there at the beginning when at one evening service someone said 'what are we going to DO about Romania we can't just pray', and the Romania team was born. Tony was at every meeting supporting and working behind the scenes.

Tony's family were keen Chapel members and Tony and Iris continued this. Tony ran the Sunday school for many years and the youth group. Young people were important to him and nothing was too much trouble for them.

I remember him at Noahs Ark Club on Friday evenings, he was always in the midst of the children, laughing and having fun. He seemed to have boundless energy. At Noahs Ark's annual camp at Biblins, Tony was always there in the middle of the tug of war games and everything else that was going on. He and George Stephens would go over and spend all day Friday putting up tents and setting up camp ready for the children to arrive and all day Monday dismantling it.



Tony in the middle refereeing the contest

Tony ran the Chapel almost single handed in the latter years and many will remember his long hilarious church notices! Unfortunately his failing health curtailed his good works. The Chapel struggled as Tony struggled and sadly closed down in 2013. However, as you will all know a group of villagers got together and reopened it in May 2014 much to Tony's joy. Tony and Iris came along to the official reopening, the 'key handover' from the Congregational Confederation. Tony and Iris generously took the 'new chapel' to their hearts even when the pews were removed! Tony was supportive throughout and celebrated in the return of Carol singing around the village which he himself had led for many years with village children, and in seeing the Chapel full once again.

Tony was a true gentleman and we thank him for all he did for North Nibley.



North Nibley Cycle Speedway Team 1952

L-R Tony Jellings, Stan Pearce, Bill Moon,

Tony Temlett, Augie Harrold, Mick King, Malcolm Berry,

Jim Moon (missing Dickie Jenkins)

Reunion 2008

Tony Temlett, Mick King, Tony Jellings,

Jim Moon, Bill Moon, Dickie Jenkins



NORTH NIBLEY FC WIN THE CUP!!

Not on the biggest stage, but on one of some importance, North Nibley FC produced a great display of exciting football to win the Minor County Cup.

Awakening to a beautiful sunny day in the Cotswolds, Nibley had their game faces on as the squad took to Wotton Farm Shop for the pre-game Champion's Brunch. Psychologically speaking this may have proved pivotal in the result. Players travelling from Spain and Kingswood the night before were fuelled up and any lingering signs of travel tiredness were eradicated through a bacon and sausage roll.

Meeting at the pavilion for some team photos, manager George Harper went through the starting XI mentioning how he wanted the team to play without fear, whilst also offering his centre backs some fashion advice on a pair of tight fitting trousers. All bases were truly covered.

Upon arrival at Tetbury Field Stadium, game mode kicked in. Music was blaring in the dressing room, warm-ups were underway and the Nibley faithful that had arrived early to secure their seats were able to get a handful of pictures with their heroes.

Game time. The atmosphere was electric as both teams walked out to the 150+ fans. The opposition Siddington FC had brought a collection of supporters but the Nibley ultras outweighed them 5 to 1.

Siddington started the better of the two sides, enjoying a period of possession. However it was Nibley who struck first through a corner. Defender Charlie Bennett rose highest to give Nibley the lead and justify his plane ticket home from Spain at the same time. Siddington reacted well by equalising, before a well-worked move from the right saw Nibley Captain Rob Eden flick the ball over an oncoming defender and slot the ball into the bottom-left corner. 2-1 Nibley. However, spirited Siddington struck on the stroke of half-time to make it 2-2.

A vintage manager's team talk and Nibley came out of the blocks flying. Two goals from striker Simon Collinson saw Nibley open up a two-goal cushion, which seemingly put the tie to bed....or so we thought. Again Siddington fought back and remarkably found two goals from nothing. 4-4 and the match was entering stoppage time.



A pull of the shirt and Siddington were handed a free kick on the edge of the box. Whipped in, a Nibley defender met the ball and the counter was on. Collinson excellently held off two defenders before nodding the ball on. Eden stormed forward before playing a long-winded one-two with Michael Whittaker. Regaining the ball on the side of the box, Eden floated it to the back post where bandaged Will Massey soared highest to become a Nibley FC legend with less than thirty seconds to go. The final whistle blew, the game ended 5-4 to NNFC. There were pitch invasions, cheering fans, lots of smiles on players' faces. North Nibley FC had won the first County Cup in their history and in the most dramatic fashion!

Will Massey last minute winner



George & Rob lift the Trophy

The squad would like to thank Manager George Harper for all that he has done for us this season and for staying strong through a particularly difficult season.

George's family connection with North Nibley FC dates back to the founding of the club over a hundred years ago. The Cup Final also fell on the eve of George's late Mother's birthday, who sadly passed away in December. The result was well and truly 'Written in the Stars' George and we are all so proud that we could deliver it for you and your family!



North Nibley Football Club - County Cup Winners - Saturday 29th April 2017

Will Massey, Andrew Hicks, Jim Davis, Alex Smith, Tom Brown, Chris Field, Nick McAfee, Sam Piper, Michael Whittaker, Alfie Harper, Tommy Russell, James Richards, Joe Field, George Harper (Manager), Rob Eden (Captain), Simon Collinson, Charlie Bennett, Joe Fuller

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Our season started at home against Longhorns on a beautiful spring day in mid April. In a tense, tight game we failed narrowly to get home with the visitors just managing to get the runs required with no wickets and just a couple of overs of the game left.

The weather for our second game against local rivals Hillesley was markedly different. With the forecast being less than favourable the captains agreed a thirty over game might be more appropriate. Batting first, Hillesley posted a total of 126 off their 30 overs. Inspired by the customary high quality tea and in an effort to prevent the weather from having any bearing on the outcome of the game Nibley made the target with 5 overs to spare with skipper-for-the-day Ed Holcombe making an unbeaten 75.

Bayshill were the opposition for our third game, again played at home.

The sun shone, the birds sang and a camera drone buzzed high overhead (actually at times it wasn't that high). Chasing a target of 178 set by the visitors it looked at one stage as though we might win the game without losing a wicket as opening batsmen Rob Eden and Simon Roche each made fifties on their way to a first wicket partnership of 140. Rob went on to make the club's first century of the season before being caught and Simon falling shortly afterwards but by that stage the damage had been done and we won the game with several overs to spare.

On The Edge - Editors & Contact Details

Please note that the **DEADLINE** for **ALL SUBMISSIONS** for the **July 2017** issue is

10th June 2017 to our email address: nibleyote@gmail.com

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Molly's Bowls of Hope on Friday 7th April 2017 at The New Inn, Waterley Bottom



Molly Marlow is now 21 months old and quite a little character, but daily has hypo and hyper events, (low and high blood glucose levels). Molly is equipped with an insulin pump attached to her at all times. She has a 'prick' blood test every 2 hrs over the whole 24hr period. Controlling her glucose levels is vital which means that calculating her carbohydrate intake from each meal is a constant task of her parents Janine and Rob.

As Molly's family we are determined to annually fund

raise for Cheltenham and Gloucester hospitals charity appeal to help children living with diabetes. Our first event was 'Molly's Bowls of Hope' held on Friday 7th April 2017. Paint-a-Pot' in Nailsworth provided most of the bowls at cost price. The bowls were individually painted by Jocelyn Art Studios students, local professional artists and friends. They were returned to Paint-a-Pot' to be glazed and fired.

The event itself was hosted entirely by Landlord Les Smitherman of The New Inn, Waterley Bottom. There could not have been a better venue and on such a gloriously sunny day, we could spread out into the lovely garden. Les showed a great understanding of diabetes and served up two different delicious soups with trimmings served on bowls and platters made of palm leaves, accompanied by a selection of fresh rye and white loaves provided by Tesco in Stroud. Afterwards, red berry fruit salad with cream, generously supplied by Wotton Farm Shop, was served by Les in coconut shells.

80 tickets for the event were sold and at the ring of a bell at 12 noon, guests were given the go-ahead to choose a bowl to take home and keep as a reminder of the support they have given. There were also silent bids for an oil painting, 'Wild Poppies,' donated by artist Mary Grundy, bowls painted by artists Jane Lampard, Christine Russell, Jocelyn George, Dr James Roberts and also by potters Mary Rose Young and Liz Armstrong. Sarah Waddington from the Isle of Wight had also hand thrown 24 bowls. A total of 94 bowls were sold to both those who attended and those who could not.

The amazing amount of £1,565 was raised. Richard Smith, Head of Fundraising for Cheltenham and Gloucester hospitals, attended and gave grateful thanks; he expressed how much the hospitals rely on fundraising events. It was most enjoyable and sociable and everyone admired the bowls. I think we may do it again next year!

