

*Taking inspiration from our local area and our local heroes- . North Nibley's Class 3 write about their trip to WWT Slimbridge.*

"We went, (to Slimbridge), on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March because our topic is about Sir Peter Scott. He is the founder of Slimbridge WWT.....we learnt about different types of birds and how we identify them....we had a chance to look around Slimbridge and we saw the majestic white swans floating gracefully across the water....we went to a room that had a table set up displaying some things that would remind us of Sir Peter Scott and some of the achievements he had in his life.....we also watched a short movie clip about how Sir Peter Scott set up the wonderful WWT... it included other facts about his life and what people, such as Sir David Attenborough thought of him. After this, we went outside, each with a pair of binoculars. We were on the lookout for the Nene's, (Hawaiian Geese), and Lesser White Fronted Geese. Unfortunately, not everyone got to see them but it was fun to use the binoculars anyway."



# ON THE EDGE

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"we went into the hide and learnt about Bewick's Swans. We saw a huge chart, which had different beak patterns on there with the names of each type of swan. We also had a chance to dress up as cranes and learn about what the staff at Slimbridge do in order to feed the young cranes. Finally, we were shown how the staff at Slimbridge keep track of the swans that fly in and out of Slimbridge each year. This was a really special part of the day as we were told that this was what we would do if we worked at Slimbridge!"



"After this eventful morning, we had lunch and then were able to spend the rest of the afternoon wandering around the wetlands and feeding the birds along the way. We also had the chance to go up the Observatory Tower....we could see over the whole of Slimbridge. It was a tremendous view! We would recommend Slimbridge WWT because it has loads of beautiful, fascinating birds to see and we really enjoyed learning about Sir Peter Scott."

"we walked over to the otter area where we got to listen to an otter talk, see them being fed and watch them play. At Slimbridge, they have three otters. One is the Mummy Otter (Flo) and the other two are the children (Haha and Mimi)."

Paul Batchelor, Head Teacher, writes:- "Thank you, children, for your fascinating report. Now two quick items ..."

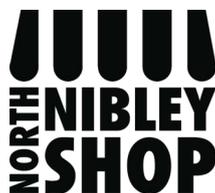
1) Recycle your empty crisp packets and dry, clean pet food pouches at school. Special bins have been set up at the front of the school as public collection points. As well as saving the environment, we will raise money based on the weight of the packets we recycle!



2) We are holding a 'day of work' at school on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June. If you can weed a flower bed, paint a wall or other item of light DIY, we'd love to hear from you. We are providing a lunch of soup and rolls, so please let us know if you are coming. 01453 542600. [www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk)



OTE has been asked to publish the following application for off sales of alcohol and opening hours every day from 07:00 to 20:00



North Nibley Village Shop is **OPEN for BUSINESS**  
Please support Jabbar and his team by using it!

## Licensing Act 2003

### Notice of application for a *Premises Licence*

**Name of applicant:** Jabbar Osman

**Address:** North Nibley Village Shop  
9 Barrs Lane  
GL11 6DT

**It is proposed to licence these premises for:** Off sales of alcohol and opening hours every day from 07:00 to 20:00

The full application can be inspected by contacting the Licensing Section (see below). An on-line summary of the application can be viewed on [www.stroud.gov.uk](http://www.stroud.gov.uk).

Representations can be made **IN WRITING** between:

**Date:** 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2019 and **Date:** 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019

to The Licensing Officer at:

Licensing Section, Environmental Health, Stroud District Council, Ebley Mill Westward Road Stroud Glos. GL5 4 UB. Phone 01453 754440, e-mail: [licensing@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@stroud.gov.uk)

**It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for the offence is not exceeding £5,000.**



## Gloucestershire

### 'What matters to you?' conversation gets underway on the local NHS Long Term Plan

We are urging staff, community partners and the public to get involved in the conversation about the future of **health and healthcare in Gloucestershire**.

The national NHS Long Term (10 year) Plan was published in January with ambitions to make sure everyone gets the best start in life, to deliver world class care for major health problems and support people to age well.

Working closely with Healthwatch Gloucestershire, we are now seeking views to help shape the local version of the plan.

Building on our journey to date, the conversations will cover everything from helping people and communities to stay healthy and active and get advice, support and services in people's homes, local GP surgeries, the community and specialist services in hospital.

People can share their thoughts or discuss health priorities from their perspective at every stage of life. They can also share their views on how new technology, medical advances and working better together can improve the NHS for the future.

### How can people have their say?

An information booklet 'Developing our local NHS Long Term Plan – what matters to you?', on-line survey and an events listing can be found at: [www.onegloucestershire.net](http://www.onegloucestershire.net) Local people can follow @One\_Glos on Twitter for regular updates.

The information booklet will also be available shortly in pharmacies, GP surgeries, hospitals, at events and on the NHS Information Bus and Healthwatch Gloucestershire Campervan.

**The closing date for feedback is 19 May 2019**

*Mary Hutton*

\*One Gloucestershire ICS lead

*Nick Relph*

One Gloucestershire Interim ICS Chair



### North Nibley Historical Group

Thursday 2nd May at 7.30pm  
at The Chapel

**Note the change of venue**

**A History of Chipping Sodbury -  
From Stone Age to Waitrose**

With Jim Elsworth

All welcome.

Members £3.00

Non-members £4.00

## NOTES FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

The parish council held its **annual parish meeting** on Monday 8th April. The chair gave a wide ranging summary report on council activities for the year, and speakers gave presentations on speed watch group activities, the neighbourhood warden service, and plans to improve facilities for pupils at NN school. A full report of the meeting is published in the insert with this edition of OTE.

### New Councillor Welcomed

The chair welcomed **Dan Roberts**, recently co-opted to the Council

### Grants awarded:

Following receipt of their applications for 2019 the council awarded grants to local organisations:

- On The Edge: £300
- Cotswold Vale Talking Books: £50
- North Nibley Chapel: £300
- North Nibley Pre School: £350
- Support of North Nibley website: £65.

### First Aid Courses:

The clerk invited interest in free first aid courses which can be run at a local venue subject to sufficient numbers coming forward. The course lasts for 3 hours and covers use of a defib, CPR and dealing with an unconscious patient. Please contact the clerk for more information.

### £100,000 Legacy:

A very generous bequest has been left to North Nibley. The beneficiaries were:

- NN School,
- Tyndale Monument Trust
- NN Chapel;

as itemized in the will.

Each received £10,000. The rest is being held by the PC for future specific organisations and projects.

## NORTH NIBLEY

**30** Please Drive Carefully Through Our Village **30**

## Traffic Speed Calming

In response to your concerns your Parish Council has recently reviewed the work it has done to discourage speeding through the Parish. Working with County Highways and County Police and supported by Cllr. Cordwell, the Council has drawn up a Plan and a number of actions are underway.

The **30 mph zone on the B4060 through the Village** has always been an area of concern.

Following agreement the Council will be working with County Police and introducing **Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras**. These will be linked to the police, and similar arrangements have already been seen to have a positive impact in other parishes nearby.

A particular area of concern is the **crossing point near the Black Horse Inn**. Many suggestions to develop a "safe area" to cross the B4060 have been discussed with Highways and the police. We have been informed that none of these can be implemented in this location. An alternative idea of a "Pedestrians crossing ahead" flashing sign is also being investigated.

The **absence of a footpath in parts of New Road** continues to be a matter of concern and at the Council's request County Highways have carried out a safety audit of the area. The Parish Council has been informed that "constructing a new footway

*along the narrow length of verge on New Rd is not possible as the very minimum footway width required is 1.2m wide + kerb, although ideally it should be 2mtrs wide to meet the national requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act. The current width of the B4060 cannot be reduced to accommodate a new footway".*

The Council will also reintroduce the **"20 is Plenty" signs in Barrs Lane**, which were recently destroyed.

We are also looking into:

- what can be done to discourage speeding in unregulated lanes around the Parish;
- working with the school to improve arrangements for parents and children;
- traffic going the wrong way around triangle by Black Horse.

**Rex Symons, Parish Councillor.**



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SATURDAY**

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11.00am

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bulletin & website for details  
[www.ctk-thornbury.org.uk](http://www.ctk-thornbury.org.uk)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Before or after Masses

**Emergency Contact: Father**

**George Malecki on 07539**

**289248 or Thornbury Parish**

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urgent matters.**

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## MAY CLEANING ROTA

5th Wynne Holcombe  
12th Audrey Sewell and Joy Jellings  
19th Liz Pedley  
26th Jo Patteson

JUNE 2nd Trish Hall and Barbara Hall

## MAY FLOWER ROTA

5th Anita Fletcher and Di Findlay  
12th Rossi Howe and Kirsten Marlow  
19th " "  
26th Jenny Coles and Dawn Shepherd  
JUNE 2nd " "

## SERVICES DURING MAY

**Sunday 5th: Third Sunday of Easter  
9.30am: Parish Eucharist**

*Wedding 1pm 11th May  
Les Smitherman  
and Emma Sansom*



**Sunday 12th : Fourth Sunday of Easter  
8.00am Holy Communion  
9.30am Family Service**

**Sunday 19th: Fifth Sunday of Easter  
9.30am Parish Eucharist**

**Sunday 26th : Sixth Sunday of Easter  
9.30am Parish Eucharist**

**Wednesday 1st May  
PCC MEETING at Blanchworth House**

**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families

**Wednesday 1st May 2.15pm  
in the Parish Room, Wotton-u-Edge  
Favourite Cakes and May Day Memories**

You are invited to bring a cake or memory and to say a few words about it if you would like to.

**Wednesday 15th May 7.45pm St Martin's, North Nibley**  
A guided tour of the church ; followed by coffee and cake

Enquiries: Sue Plant (Branch Leader) Tel: 01453 845157

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AND  
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NORTH NIBLEY  
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**SUNDAY 19th MAY AT 12 NOON  
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and plants, cakes, and items for an odds &  
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(But, please, NOT clothes)**

**Please deliver to the Pavilion at the Jubilee  
Playing Field on Saturday 18th June between  
10.30am —12 noon or contact Sue Devine  
Tel: 543748 [suedevine@hotmail.com](mailto:suedevine@hotmail.com)**

**Sunday 5th May Evening Service  
 at 6pm led by Judith Mbaa  
 of the Congregational Federation**



**Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup>  
 10 -11.30am**

**THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH**

I've been re-reading the story of the Battle of Nibley Green recently, in anticipation of the 550<sup>th</sup> anniversary in March next year. If you don't know the story, basically Lord Berkeley and Viscount Lisle of Wotton had been arguing for years over the ownership of various properties locally. After exhausting all means at their disposal to sort out the dispute, Viscount Lisle eventually challenged Lord Berkeley to a battle, at a point midway between their houses which happened to be the Hill above Nibley Green. The total number of casualties is unknown, perhaps as high as 150, including Viscount Lisle himself.

That battle, and the death of one of the protagonists didn't end the dispute; it continued in the law courts, making it the longest-running case in English legal history.

It has made me think that although we have better ways of dealing with major grudges these days, there are still those niggling fall-outs we have with other people which sometimes have considerable negative impact.

The children in school have been looking at Forgiveness recently – effectively how we react to someone who we think has wronged us and how we tend to hold on to these grievances without dealing with them. One of the children apparently put up his hand and said, "Sir, it's like grabbing a nettle, the longer you hold it the more it hurts".

I couldn't have put it better myself.



Alan Kennett

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The Chapel will be having a stall at the Spring Fayre selling Ladies' Accessories – hats, scarves, gloves, jewellery. Please leave any contributions in the chapel foyer. All support much appreciated.



**Cyber Fraud April 1<sup>st</sup>**  
 Thanks to all of you who turned up for this meeting, and especially to Andrew Harper from Kingswood who led the session impromptu when it became apparent that the speaker was not going to be present.  
 I received an extremely apologetic telephone call from Gloucestershire Police the next morning. The speaker had been taken ill during the day and his senior officer had failed to get in touch with me. She was (I am glad to say) mortified.  
 However, the input from Sue Convery and from Andrew was most useful and many of those present offered and answered questions and shared their own experiences.  
 Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed and to all for the patience and understanding shown.  
 Rosie Casken  
 Note to self: in future, avoid arranging an event on April 1<sup>st</sup>!



**Hall4All!!**

# HAPPENINGS AT THE HALL

**Hall4All!!**

See our web site for details of the facilities, events and how to make your bookings

**www.northnibleyhall.org.uk**

**Monday Lunch 20th May** 1230 for 1pm **£6**  
Cottage Pie + Pudding call 546447 for specific requests



**May 2019:** This month we will be talking to the children about baby animals. We'll also be looking at mark making in different ways and controlling objects, like pencils, paint brushes, chalk etc.

### *Sunday 9 June 2019 – 1974-2019 ... 45 years!*

The Pre-school will be celebrating 45 years of operating on Whit Sunday. Come to the Village Hall and join in the celebrations – watch out for further details. We'd like to do a display of the Pre-school through the decades. If you have any photographs of your time/your child's time at the Pre-school from the 1970's to present day, and you are happy to loan them to us, then please contact Julie Dyer (email: [northnibleypreschool@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:northnibleypreschool@hotmail.co.uk)).

If you are interested in your child joining our pre-school there are some places available for this year. We accept childcare vouchers and the Nursery Education Grant for those children who are eligible for the 15 hours per week (universal entitlement) and have spaces for the 30 hours (extended entitlement) free childcare hours. We are happy to give information on the 30 hours if required, please don't hesitate to contact us. Also as a registered provider with Gloucestershire County Council, we are able to accept funding for 2 year olds. We operate in North Nibley Village Hall, Monday 9.00am to 1.00pm and Tuesday-Friday 9.00am-3.30pm (term time only). You can contact us, during session times, on 01453 297493 or out of hours please leave a message on 07842280220 and we will call you back.

Alternatively drop in anytime and meet our lovely staff and children.



**We had the 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment of Girls in Patagonia; Val Quest and Lorraine Smith entertained us as they moved on to the Falkland Islands.**

This proved to be as interesting as the first half although they felt it was the highlight of the holiday when they met the Emperor Penguins. With some marvellous photographs the characters of the penguins were highlighted. They spent time in the colony with the penguins taking no notice of them. The rest of the visit was enlightening especially the very British aspect of the islands.

**Moving on to Uruguay and Argentina gave us another glimpse of different worlds, old colonial peaceful scenes contrasted with the bustle (and bag snatching) of Buenos Aires. Interspersed with some amusing anecdotes this was all very enjoyable.**

**May 13<sup>th</sup> Ian Caskie and S.S. Great Britain – from launch to relaunch.**  
**Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 2.30 in the Village Hall. Visitors and new members welcome.**

**Open Garden Katherines Farm, W-U-E 29th—30th June 10am—6pm**

**SAVE THE DATES**  
Admission £5 Under 16 Free  
All proceeds to St Peters Hospice, Longfield & Jessie May

## On The Edge - Editors & Contact Details

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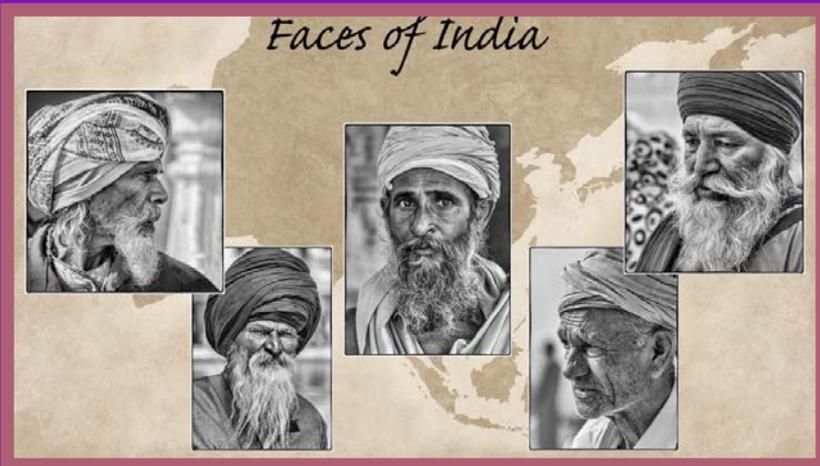
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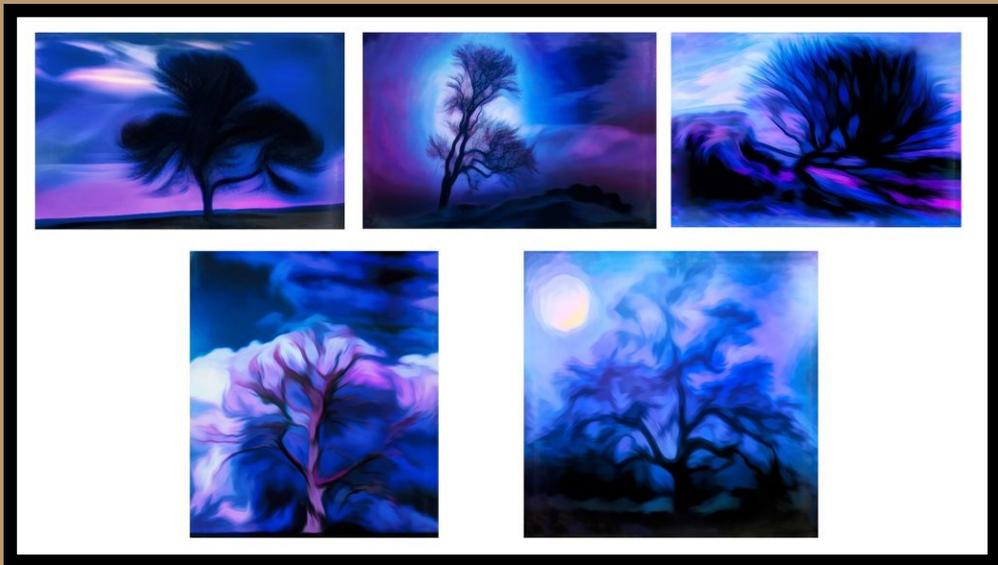
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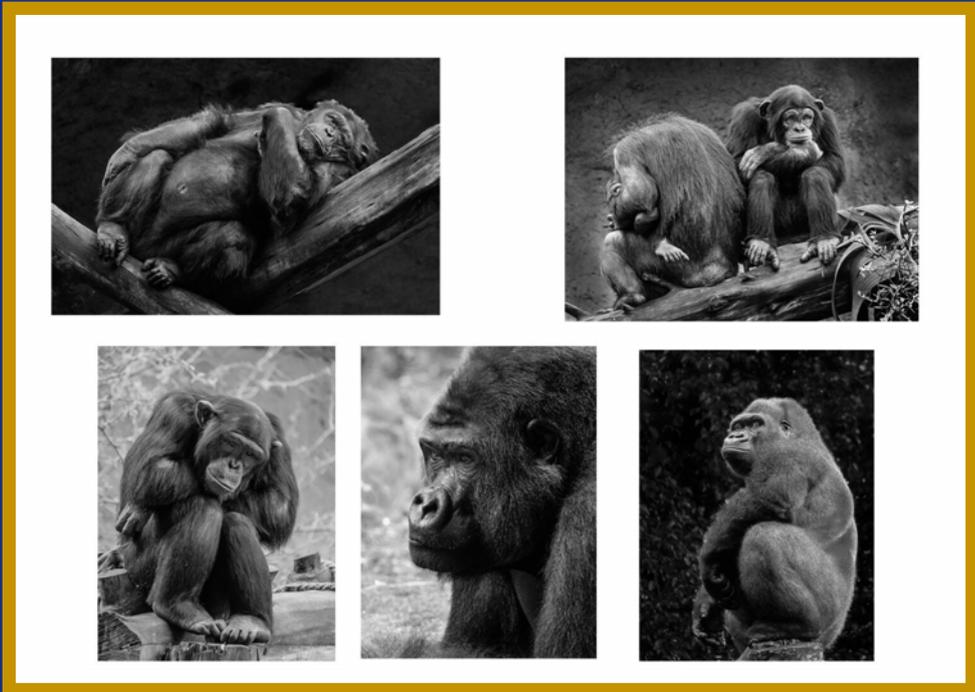
3rd place **'Faces of India'** by George Ryske

**TYNDALE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB**  
 Ralph Snook ARPS DPAGB EFIAP is a highly qualified photographer, speaker and judge, so Tyndale photography Club were extremely happy to welcome him back to North Nibley to adjudicate their annual 'Folio Five' competition. Each member entering the competition submits five images on the same theme to be judged as a group of photographs not as individual images.  
 Ralph began by telling us how he went about judging the 25 panels. First he asked himself "do all the images meet the title theme"? Secondly he looked at the individual images to see if they were strong pictures within the theme? Thirdly, "did the set make a coherent picture overall"?

He then proceeded to show us the panels entered; each individual picture of the folio first and then all the images as a panel. Ralph commented on each image pointing out the positives, advising where improvements could be made, and then gave his opinion of the five hanging together. He awarded points as he went along, (all the winners achieved 20 points), but gave the final placings at end of the evening.  
 The variety of subjects chosen to photograph made for a most enjoyable evening,



2nd place **'Trees'** by Jenny Fryer



1st place  
 Winner of the  
 'Folio Five Cup'  
**'Midwinter Blues'**  
 by Bill Beers

