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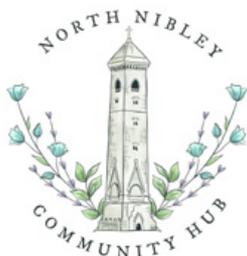


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# NORTH NIBLEY COMMUNITY HUB

Well, our lives have been totally transformed since mid March, but it's fair to say that the Hub has really come in to its own and turned out to be the central point of the village as we always hoped it would be. No-one would have predicted the circumstances in which this would happen, but we are delighted that the structure was already in place so that we could adapt to swiftly changing requirements and guidelines to provide the service that the village needs. Some volunteers have inevitably had to step back from the front line for the time being, which has put more pressure on others, but new

people have come forward (thank you all). With reduced hours, the shop is managing to remain open, is well stocked, taking orders and delivering to those who are self-isolating. Indeed, there have been times when our little shop was been the only place you could buy a toilet roll or packet of pasta! With Carolyn's extraordinary energy and drive, Tarragon's willingness to adapt and continue producing quality cakes (just what you need in a crisis), and a small bunch of willing volunteers, the show has gone on. The messages of thanks and appreciation we have received from those grateful for the service have made it all worthwhile. And we must thank the Parish Council for their grant of £200 and a lovely letter saying how much they appreciate what the Hub is doing. Thank you.

Open from Thursday to Sunday, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

You can place an order for goods which will be ready for collection or free home delivery by Thursday late morning, or at another time advised to you at the time of order.

Orders for Thursday MUST be received by 11am on Tuesday.

Please e-mail your order to [orders.nibleyhub@gmail.com](mailto:orders.nibleyhub@gmail.com) or call 01453 549933 during opening hours.

We know that some of you like to use Facebook Messenger, but these messages are not always notified to the right person in the Hub team, so they may be missed. Please use our e-mail address or phone.

All of the following are available to order in advance, or are on sale in the shop while stocks last (although this may change so please check on our Facebook page or contact us directly):



Walkers Bread: locally baked bread is delivered on Thursdays and Saturdays

Cam Butchers: all of your favourite products delivered on Thursday

Dairy: milk (1- and 2-litre packs) delivered on Thursday and Saturday

Fresh local eggs: delivered on Thursday

T & Cakes: freshly baked items, teas and coffees are available to takeaway

Special Orders: Tarragon is still taking orders for birthday and celebration cakes

Prescriptions: both Chipping Surgery and Culverhay now deliver prescriptions to The Hub on request, and we can deliver to your home if needed. Please let us know.

**Request for hand cream for health workers:**  
We are collecting hand creams for the frontline medics in the village whose hands are getting very sore. Have you any lurking in drawers which you could donate? They will be gratefully received! Please leave them in the seat box outside the Hub, from where they will be collected and distributed to our village health workers. Thank you!!

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Tarragon:	<a href="mailto:tandcakes19@gmail.com">tandcakes19@gmail.com</a>	07805 342196
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North Nibley Community Hub

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# Monday Lunch Has Gone Weekly!

Starting Wednesday (it has been a topsy turvy time) 1st April The Monday Lunch Team have moved to a weekly delivery service for the Monday Lunches. Having just celebrated 10 years of bringing lunches



to the Village Hall every 2 months we have moved to serving lunch to those who are having to self isolate with a weekly home delivery. Hoping to bring some community support, love and a 2 course hot meal to those who are unable to get out.

We have space to deliver a few more meals and would love to hear from anyone in the Nibley Parish who is on their own or would benefit from seeing a friendly face and a hot meal every Monday.

## Monday Lunch Isolation Meal Deal Buy 5 meals and get 1 meal free. £25 (£4.17 per two course meal)

You can opt out at any time and have a refund for any unused meals. The meal deal offer still applies if you want to pay weekly. Pay £5 every week and you will get the 6th meal free.

If there is anyone who might struggle to afford the meal, please do let us know as we are able to do meals free of charge.

The meals are prepared in the Village Hall which is registered with Stroud Council and has a 5 star food hygiene rating.



### Bookings and queries:

Email [theresa.nibley@gmail.com](mailto:theresa.nibley@gmail.com) or  
call 546447 or 07891 232 684

### Paying:

By cash on delivery or by card at The Hub:  
01453 549933 Thursday to Sunday.

### Thanks

Huge thanks to the Village Hall and The Hub  
for their support with these meals.

And to Pip, Carolyn and Lucy, Liz and Meg  
and Julia for their hard work.



Eds note: We must express our gratitude to chief cook and organiser

**Theresa**  
the driving force behind this excellent service

## Extraordinary times

A parent recently said “Thank you so much from us too, for all your hard work in this bizarre situation. I have thanked the other teachers too; you all work so cohesively and with so much passion to keep the spirit of the school alive. From speaking with friends, it seems North Nibley is miles ahead of other schools in every way: communication, planning, online, tasks, morale... the list goes on. Everything you do for the pupils is really appreciated.”

What led to this unsolicited praise? Our response to the

coronavirus, moving learning ‘online’ and supporting parents remotely. These are, as I’m sure you have realised, extraordinary times.

As the COVID-19 epidemic spread, we prioritised establishing which of the various online resources offered a secure platform for communication and which offered material which could be used to further children’s education. This meant signing up for accounts and marshalling over 100 user names and passwords per site, printing and distributing these so that the children could leave school on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March with enough information to get started, and finding ways to circulate the same to children who were already off school ill.



Simultaneously we prepared rotas and policies which would fall into place to open school as a child-care setting of last resort, so that key workers keep working to keep us all safe. At that time, we did not know which roles would qualify as a key worker role, and we did not know the professions of all our parents. The GDPR rules (data protection) means that this information is not routinely available!

As you might expect, our staff are a mixed bunch, some with older or otherwise vulnerable people at home and some with illnesses of their own with which

they have to contend, so these issues needed careful thought. We were issued with special letters to allow us to travel in to school, staff being deemed “essential to the country’s fight against coronavirus”. We opened as a child-care setting on Monday 20<sup>th</sup>, to very low demand, and since then all our key worker families have been able to keep their children safe at home. So whilst we still update policies and prepare rotas to take us through the traditional Easter break (because we could be called upon at a moment’s notice), we’ve not actually been required to engage in face-to-face contact. (...continued on page 5)

Staff Meeting on-line



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**You might imagine**, therefore, that all has been quiet. The opposite is true. The staff have been magnificent in their response, with all manner of creative teaching helping us to maintain learning momentum. As the school closed on 17<sup>th</sup>, we were able to add the final parent to our online support package, so that 100% of children and their parents have the facility to receive daily updates from staff, a system for uploading work, and a messaging system specific to each individual for feedback.

In addition to regular 'worksheet' style learning, Mrs Dixon has prepared videos from her own back garden, teaching skills. Miss Allen has read stories and Miss Tyers has taught art. Mrs Lewis has organised pupil-vs-pupil times table challenges and Ms Surridge has led the way with MyMaths – an online platform for the teaching of maths. Along the way there have been quizzes, photograph challenges and the teaching of computing has continued for all ages. There have been daily video assemblies, with video and audio contributions by

the children, and a few 'guest appearances' from Peter Marsh and Sue Devine to lead Open The Book. We have even opened up blogs so that children can send Happy Birthday messages to one another, to reassure them they are not forgotten during these strange times. Although we're now in the Easter holidays, school has to remain available and our commitment to the children and their families is as strong as ever. Assemblies and other support continues every day. So including my daily contact with the Department for Education (DfE) and Local Authority (L.A.) we're busier than ever!

The results have been very encouraging. In week 1 of the closure, over 700 messages were exchanged, and nearly 1200 photos and videos exchanged uploaded by the children.

Extraordinary times, met with an extraordinary response. The sense of community has never been stronger.

**Paul Batchelor, Head Teacher,  
North Nibley C of E Primary School.**



## North Nibley Pre-School

As you are aware, the impact of COVID-19 meant that the Pre-school closed 20 March 2020. Our staff and children are at home and we wish them all well in these strange times. We would also like to thank our Committee who have worked tirelessly at adhering to ever evolving requirements from the Government etc.



We are still answering emails, responding to new enquiries, monitoring our website and updating our Facebook page – please keep in touch.

Before the closure the staff and children did some planting for our Mummies for Mother's Day. We also created cards using our hands and figures. Picking our own colours and counting along. Some of the children had a go at writing their own name too!

During March we also did some number work: recognising numbers and matching numeral and quantity together.

If you are interested in your child joining us in September 2020, please don't let the closure put you off. Please do contact us – via the contact page on our website ([www.northnibleypreschool.co.uk](http://www.northnibleypreschool.co.uk)).

Keep healthy and stay safe.



# A WEEK IN VIETNAM

**Editors Note:** *this visit to Vietnam was undertaken before the 'stay at home' and 'social distancing' policies were implemented in the UK, but it is worth noting that Vietnam, with prior experience of the SARS and H1N1 pandemics, started to implement its Covid-19 response as early as January. Widespread use of face masks (as reported in this article), aggressive contact tracing, and quarantining where necessary meant that Vietnam managed the situation from very early on, and was widely praised by the WHO and international community. Indeed, as this edition of OTE goes to print, Vietnam has still had less than 300 cases in total, and no deaths.*

Fears that our 'Into the Heart of Indochina' holiday would be cancelled because of the spread of Covid 19 were unfounded and we flew from Heathrow with Vietnam Airlines in early March. We read in their inflight magazine that steps were in place to prevent the spread of the virus and noticed that the cabin crew wore masks, as did all the staff at Saigon airport where we had our temperatures taken on arrival.

Our tour guide Laki met us and en route to our hotel gave us masks explaining that it is a government requirement to prevent the spread of the virus. People in Vietnamese towns and cities are used to wearing masks because of air pollution, which is not surprising in Ho Chi Minh where the population is 11 million and there are 7.5 million motorbikes! Other measures included having our temperatures taken before entering restaurants and tourist sites, and hand sanitiser being provided at all their entrances as well as when boarding coaches and boats.

So, adhering to these guidelines, we began our trip with Laki who was not only knowledgeable but friendly, kind and humorous. In Ho Chi Minh we saw the lovely Old French Colonial style buildings and the Independence Palace (where Ho Chi Minh himself waited as the first communist tank crashed through the gate in 1975), marvelled at some of the beautiful gardens, were constantly amazed by the teeming mass of motorbikes (right). We were also shocked by the displays in The War Museum which brought home the horror and brutality of the Vietnam War.



Leaving the city to travel north we stopped at the Cu Chi tunnels area. Digging began in 1948 and was greatly expanded by the Viet Cong between 1960 and 1970 to create a huge network of connecting tunnels housing sleeping quarters, kitchens, hospitals, schools and workshops. There are mock-ups of these as you walk around the site and a short section of tunnel has been expanded for Westerners to share a little of the experience of squeezing through! There are examples of the types of decoy methods (e.g. when making their jungle sandals from captured American vehicle tyres they gave some of them a sole print that pointed backwards!) and of the traps (barbaric in the extreme) that they used to deter the US soldiers.



Our second destination was Hoi An an ancient town situated on the Thu Bon river and a popular tourist destination. The historic centre is kept traffic free for large parts of the day making it easy to explore on foot. The Japanese Bridge (left) dates from the 16<sup>th</sup> century and there are assembly halls and merchants' houses dating back 200 to 300 years. Unfortunately we could only look at these from the outside because the Covid 19 prevention measures had been extended and public buildings closed to visitors.

When we returned to our hotel after a peaceful river cruise to see fishing villages and people in little boats using traditional fishing methods, Laki gave us the disappointing news that the borders to Laos and Cambodia had been closed and Hanoi and Halong Bay were no longer open to tourists. This meant our trip could not continue but, while Saga were working on finding flights home for our group of 26, he had quickly rearranged our visit to the My Son Hindu temple complex for that afternoon, just hours before it too was shut to visitors for the foreseeable future.

We felt very privileged to explore this UNESCO World Heritage site, a beautiful, peaceful location with buildings of thin red bricks, many intricately carved, built between the 4<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> centuries and similar in style to Angkor Wat, but on a much smaller scale. It was the religious centre and royal burial place for the Cham dynasty and some of the epitaphs are in an ancient language as yet untranslated.



Throughout our stay we thoroughly enjoyed Vietnamese cuisine; with so many fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs available as well as fish and rice, the meals were varied and delicious. On a visit to Coconut Land in the Mekong Delta we saw not only coconuts but many other interesting fruits growing including mangos, pomelos, dragon fruit, durians and jackfruit. Twice we visited organic vegetable gardens where we watched and learned growing and cooking techniques and ate mouth-watering multi-course meals made with the very fresh produce.

UK flights found, we set off to the airport where our coach joined the queue of traffic whose occupants were being health checked by two ladies in HAZMAT suits!. We filled in a form and had our temperatures taken to ensure we were safe to fly! We were pleased to arrive safely back in Nibley and, although Laos and Cambodia still await, we have wonderful memories of our week in Vietnam.



# Support during coronavirus restrictions

## For further enquiries contact the Hub Team:

Alison Beer: 546251 Mobile: 07765 869412  
Carolyn Timbrell: 542494 Mobile: 07860 110132  
Marjory Wright: 542511 Mobile: 07810 300590

**Wotton Area Mutual Aid:** 07545 042794 For example, volunteers can collect shopping, help with urgent supplies, or phone for a friendly chat - Wotton & surrounding villages

**Note from the Tyndale Trustees:** Please be reasonable when exercising each day. Tyndale Monument is now temporarily closed following reports of several large groups of visitors climbing it.

**Note from Stroud District Council:** Please be considerate of your neighbours when burning garden waste. It had the potential to create additional problems for people already dealing with breathing difficulties.

## North Nibley

**North Nibley Community Hub** - Email [orders.nibleyhub@gmail.com](mailto:orders.nibleyhub@gmail.com), or phone 01453 549933

Order for delivery or collection. Open Thursday-Sunday, 9am - 2pm selling necessities and cake! Tarragon's cakes can also be ordered for delivery.

Order by Tuesday 11am for Thursday delivery. If ordering for collection, you can collect after 11am Thursday. Goods in the Hub include: Cam Butchers (ham, sausages, bacon etc), Walkers Bakery (selection of bread and rolls) as well as fresh milk and eggs.

### Monday Lunch by Theresa

£5 each - order & pay at Hub or in cash by Thursday before - delivered by team

*\*Monday Isolation Meal Deal:* pay £25 for 5 Monday lunches & get the 6th one FREE!\*

Any queries, allergies etc Call Theresa 546447 or 07891 232684 or email [theresa.nibley@gmail.com](mailto:theresa.nibley@gmail.com)

Can pay weekly or £25 in advance. The hub will let you know when you qualify for your free meal. Refunds available if you paid in advance and not used up all meals.

**North Nibley Hog Roast & Catering** - 07872 341906

Fruit & Veg boxes £20 and meat packs. Free range eggs, milk & bread also available.

Delivery days - Tuesday & Thursday. Other days depending on demand so PLEASE call!

**The Chapel** (See under Other Services)

**The Black Horse** - 01453 543777 or email [contact@blackhorse-northnibley.co.uk](mailto:contact@blackhorse-northnibley.co.uk)

Selling bag in box ale & still cider, including cider by Orchard Revival. Happy to deliver. If collecting, you are welcome to bring your own containers.

## Wotton-Under-Edge

**Wotton Farm Shop** - 01453 521546

Phone orders for elderly, vulnerable and those without internet only. Otherwise please order via email: [orders@wottonfarmshop.co.uk](mailto:orders@wottonfarmshop.co.uk). Can order to collect also - drive into the car park and the order is put into your car. All payments to be made by credit or debit card.

**Relish:** Deli & bakery plus hand-made pies, meals etc. Visit [www.relishwue.co.uk](http://www.relishwue.co.uk) for weekly menus

No deliveries to Nibley at present, but can order to collect.

**Loving Home:** gifts online only but shop based in Wotton [www.lovinghome.co.uk](http://www.lovinghome.co.uk) Email: [orders@lovinghome.co.uk](mailto:orders@lovinghome.co.uk)

**Imagined Interiors** - Wotton 07481 822732 or visit [www.imaginedinteriors.co.uk](http://www.imaginedinteriors.co.uk)

**Tanzee Designs** - beads etc for jewellery making, visit [www.tanzeedesigns.com](http://www.tanzeedesigns.com) or call 01453 520000

## Cam & Dursley etc

**Severn Vale Community Kitchen** - 01453 708338 or email [food@bigeventcatering.co.uk](mailto:food@bigeventcatering.co.uk)

Ready meals to order & delivered Tuesday or Friday afternoons

1 meal for £5, 4 meals for £15 or 7 meals for £25

Pay via BACS transfer or card online (2.5% charge)

**Eastwood Garden Plant Centre** - 01454 260288

We are open every day, taking telephone orders between 10am to 3pm

Once an order has been placed you may collect on the day or have your order delivered, (over £30 for free delivery)

**Cam Butchers** - 01453544415 Delivers to the Hub!

If ordering directly from butchers, meat packs available with minimum order of ~£35.

### Garden Supplies (Glos)

Bags of compost, Grow Bags etc for non contact delivery or collection by arrangement, again with zero contact

Call Ian 07879 855172 or Email [gardensuppliesglos@gmail.com](mailto:gardensuppliesglos@gmail.com) [www.gardensuppliesglos.co.uk](http://www.gardensuppliesglos.co.uk)

**Kitts Green Nursery, Berkeley** - 07774108172

Minimum order £20 + £1.50 for curbside delivery. *Card payments can be taken over the phone, cash or cheque also welcome (cheque payable to K.PLANTS)*

## Other Services in North Nibley

### Prescriptions/Medication

These are still being delivered to the Hub from the Chipping & Culverhay Surgeries and can be delivered upon request.

The Chipping: 01453842214

Culverhay: 01453843893

### Dentistry (update 15/04/20)

Call your local dental surgery first. If not registered with a dentist or you have emergency or out of hours, call NHS111. There are emergency centres in Gloucester or Bristol which are fully equipped with PPE.

### Mobile Post Office

Normally Fridays weekly 3.15pm - 4.15pm outside Village Hall

*However, due to shortage of staff it is currently unavailable.*

The nearest PO is at the Spar in Kingswood or you can contact Cam PO on 01453 543169 on Friday mornings to verify if available in North Nibley

### North Nibley Chapel - Food Bank

Emergency food selection, toilet rolls, Hobbs bread & eggs available in foyer. Donations are always welcome.

Also available a selection of **books** in Foyer

### Fun for kids:

**Science goody bags** for children in the bench outside the Hub.

### Book exchange at the Jubilee Tree

Mostly children's books. Help yourself and exchange if you can!

# ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

Rev'd Peter Marsh, Parish Minister and Associate Priest  
01453 547521 (not after 6.00 pm, please)  
[pcemarsh@gmail.com](mailto:pcemarsh@gmail.com)  
Churchwarden, Wynne Holcombe 01453 542091



## MAY

**3rd: 4th Sunday of EASTER**

Gospel: St John 10 vv 1-10

**10th: 5th Sunday of EASTER**

Gospel: St John 14 vv 1-14

**17th: 6th Sunday of EASTER**

Gospel: St John 14 vv 15-21

**21st: Thursday - Ascension Day**

Gospel: St Mark 16 vv 14-20

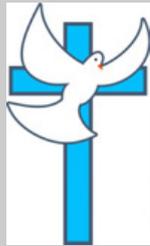
**24th: 7th Sunday of EASTER**

Gospel: St John 17 vv 1-11

**31st: PENTECOST—Whit Sunday**

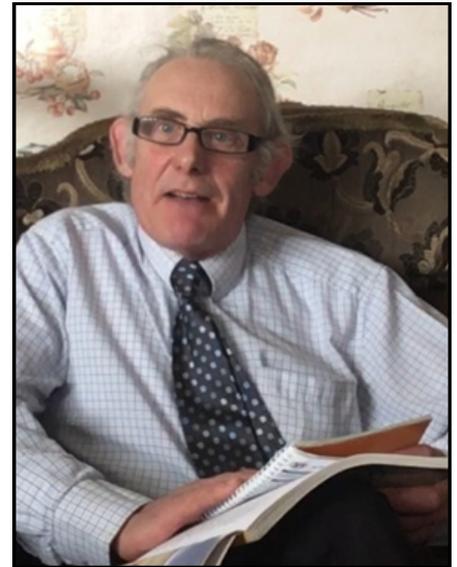
Gospel: St John 20 vv 19-23 or

St John 7 vv 37-39



The Church continues through modern technology: audio services, Revd Peter Marsh's ramblings, readings and prayers may be found at the St Martin's Church website : [northnibleychurch.uk](http://northnibleychurch.uk) You'll find everything under "Recent Posts".

Every Sunday, Peter will be celebrating Holy Communion at 10am in his woodshed on our behalf —as he says, Jesus was brought up by Mary and Joseph, a carpenter.



### Peter's Ramblings

I normally have no problem at all writing for this article but this time around, I am stuck for words. My life hasn't changed very much these past few weeks – people still need bread so I'm still up and about every morning at 'early o'clock' delivering to a much depleted number of customers in Bath. I sat at a set of traffic lights right in the city centre at 0715 this morning. Normally the street would be a mass of people running for their trains and buses, coffee in hand, looking stressed, but not nowadays. The street was completely empty save for a lot of hungry seagulls (because there is no food rubbish lying around) and a pile of blankets on the pavement outside Waitrose, underneath which a human head was just visible. Self-isolating under a pile of blankets on a street cannot be easy.

Where my life has changed is my 'other job'. The church is shut to public worship and I'm not supposed to do personal worship there either, although the churchyard is unlocked and available to anyone who needs to be in peace and pray. As a result, for the first time I too feel homeless in a way. I know that God is omnipresent, but the thought that for the first time for well over 500 years our village church remains silent on a Sunday is very strange.

Some people might surmise that God isn't anywhere and if he is, why did he let this happen? But then it wasn't God who was trading illegal wild animals from a market stall in China. So I have been forced to find God outside and am very happy to report that he is alive and well within our village community, enriching us with the our beautiful woods, valleys and gardens, which we can still access, and enabling everyone to fulfil the second commandment, which is, "love thy neighbour as thyself".

As we proceed on this unimaginable journey, stay safe, have a thought and prayer for those living in inner-city tower blocks and under blankets on the street and please keep checking on those around you to make sure that they are coping alright.

### A Book Worth Reading: ***The Sealwoman's Gift*** by Sally Magnusson

Number 268 on my personal reading list but probably in the top 5 of my 'best reads' list is this novel by Magnusson's daughter, Sally.

*In 1627 Barbary pirates raided the coast of Iceland and abducted some 400 of its people, including 250 from a tiny island off the mainland. Among the captives sold into slavery in Algiers were the island pastor, his wife and their three children. Although the raid itself is well documented, little is known about what happened to the women and children afterwards.*

*In this brilliant reimagining, Sally Magnusson gives a voice to Ásta, the pastor's wife. Enslaved in an alien Arab culture Ásta meets the loss of both her freedom and her children with the one thing she has brought from home: the stories in her head. *The Sealwoman's Gift* is about the eternal power of storytelling to help us survive. The novel is full of stories - Icelandic ones told to fend off a slave-owner's advances, Arabian ones to help an old man die. And there are others, too: the stories we tell ourselves to protect our minds from what cannot otherwise be borne, the stories we need to make us happy.*

I found it an unforgettable read made particularly interesting because I had no idea that slaves were taken from Iceland to Algiers let alone that many of the ships' captains were British. Some slaves actually made it back again to their home island where they found life extraordinarily different. It's a book that seems to echo the fast changing problems that we are facing at the moment.

Peter

An author to explore: **Robert Goddard** is an excellent storyteller whose settings are always well researched and recreated in his novels. He is a master of plots with a twist in the tale. There are plenty of titles to choose from: two of my favourites would be *Past Caring* and *Play to the End*. Dave Purnell is also an avid fan and has read every single one of his books! His recommendation would be *In Pale Battalions*. So definitely an author to try.

News from

# The Chapel



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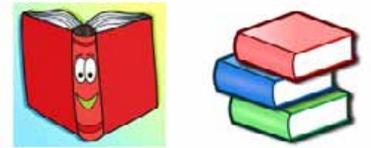
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## Running out of Reading?



## Food in the Foyer!

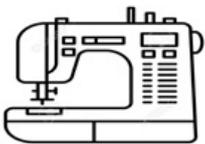
If you are stuck,  
help yourself to the  
basic provisions in the  
Chapel porch.  
The doors are always open.



A selection of books  
is available in the  
Chapel foyer.

50p each, if you are able to pay.

*Stay safe, look after yourselves and your neighbours*



## Scrubs In the making



Many people are using their talents and giving their time to support the magnificent efforts of our selfless NHS staff throughout the land.

In North Nibley we know of three stalwarts — Jenny Earle, Liz Hicks, Liz Miller — doing their bit, there may be more of you. Thanks also to all who have donated material.





## A DIFFERENT WAY TO HEAR THE NEWS



The **Cotswold Vale Talking Newspaper** has a studio in Kingshill House in Dursley where, every Friday an editor, a technician and 3 readers record the Gazette and other local publications. These are then sent out on CDs and memory sticks to around 60 blind and partially sighted listeners in Dursley, Wotton and South Gloucestershire. Others listen online via the British Wireless for the Blind Fund and on our website.

On **March 20<sup>th</sup>** we were hoping to meet in the studio to record our last session before many of us had to go into isolation. Unfortunately, we were unable to meet and it looked as if we were out of business for the duration of lockdown. However, we took the decision to continue because our recordings are the only way many of our listeners find out what's happening in their town or village. But all the equipment was locked away in the studio apart from our handheld recorders and books from our library. So we phoned all our listeners and explained how to listen online via computers and smartphones on apps and the website. Many of them are elderly, but they are a determined lot and with the help of family and carers many of them can now hear us via the BWBF.

Our new remote regime works quite differently. An editor buys the Gazette and using one of our devices, records the news at home. Other volunteers send in their own contributions, recorded on smart phones about all kinds of subjects – so far, we've had a garden tour, news about well known people in the village, poems and news they've discovered from other sources. Now even our listeners are getting involved, sending in contributions in the form of recipes that have easy-to-find ingredients. The editor then takes all these tracks, puts them into some order – the news always comes first – and sends them to a technician who uploads them onto the website.

***We regularly feature news, articles and events from On the Edge. North Nibley has been a great supporter of the CVTN, awarding us grants and giving concerts for us in St Martin's church.***

Our listeners tell us that we are like familiar friends appearing in their sitting rooms every weekend. When talking and staying in touch with our friends is so important to everyone, we aim to continue for as long as we can.

## A Free Service for Blind and Partially Sighted People

### TYNDALE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Martin Fry FRPS EFIAP/g AV-EFIAP ABPE APAGB, the chairman of Cheltenham Camera Club, gave his presentation of The 7<sup>th</sup> Cheltenham International Salon of Photography (2019).

A Salon of Photography is an exhibition, created by a photographic society or camera club, with a set number of sections. International associations support and give patronage to these international salons and also supply a range of awards. Images are judged to the standards set by whoever a club has received patronage from and photographers from around the world are able to submit images into any of the more than 500 worldwide salons held each year.

In 2019, just over 600 photographers, from 45 countries, entered 7100 images into the Cheltenham Salon.

Two of Tyndale's members had images accepted into the salon and luckily all were chosen to be shown in the audio visual presentation. Jenny Fryer LRPS had 'Moody Seascape' accepted into creative section whilst George Ryske had 'Take a Seat' accepted into the monochrome section and 'Waiting to Leave' accepted into the travel section. A round of applause was given when all three images 'hit the screen'. Well done Jenny and George!



Take a Seat by George Ryske

# NOTES FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

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This has been a frustrating and worrying time for all, particularly, during this fantastic period of weather, but your Parish Council would like to thank each and everyone of you who have supported others and helped to see our community through very difficult times. The people of this Parish have been exemplary in adhering to the Government Regulations in relation to the Corona Virus pandemic whilst continuing to help friends and neighbours, and bring a smile to other peoples' faces.

Hopefully by the time you receive your copy of 'On The Edge' things will, hopefully, be a lot clearer for us all, but if it is still not quite over we encourage everyone to Stay Home to protect lives and save the NHS. For just a bit longer.

Due to the current lockdown North Nibley Parish Council, like many other public sector organisations, has been waiting for guidance on how it should conduct its essential business. In March, our Annual Parish Clean-Up was cancelled but as soon as restrictions are lifted we will look to see if it is possible to re-schedule the event for later in the year. In April, all of our public meetings were cancelled and the Council conducted essential business via email. The Annual Parish Meeting has also been cancelled, but once we have a clear way forward we will look at how we can inform you about our ideas and plans for 2020/21. Finally, as you may have been aware, the planned May Parish Council elections have been postponed until May 2021 so your current councillors will continue in post until then.

Meanwhile here are some of the matters discussed via email on 6 April:

The Clerk's vacancy was advertised in the previous edition of 'On The Edge' but, due to the lockdown, the closing date for applications has been extended to 15 May. In the meantime, the Council agreed that Rex Symons will continue as Acting Clerk (with the assistance of other councillors).

The Council confirmed decisions on Grant Applications and authorised the following payments to local organisations:

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North Nibley School	£494	<a href="http://northnibley.org.uk">northnibley.org.uk</a>	£56
North Nibley Pre-School	£400	Cotswold Vale Talking Newspaper	£50
The Village Hub	£200		

The Council also considered seven planning applications, and submitted their comments to Stroud Planning Department, and don't forget you can comment on any current planning applications and see your Council's comments at: <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/environment/planning-and-building-control>.

Our next Council Meeting is on Monday 11th May but is unlikely to be a public meeting. In the meantime, we will keep parishioners informed via the North Nibley Community Facebook Group. Take care and stay safe.

## VACANCY: Clerk to the Parish Council (Closing date for applications is 15th May 2020)

Do you want to become more involved with your community? If so, the Parish Council is looking for a Clerk which will bring the successful applicant into contact with a wide range of community organisations & activities.

We are looking for a self-motivated and organised individual who can demonstrate ability to fulfil the core duties of working with the councillors, preparing agendas, taking minutes, maintaining financial records, and representing the Council in its contacts with other organisations. Candidates should have good IT skills including the use of spreadsheets. The Clerk will work from home and a council laptop and printer will be provided.

The position requires an average of 11 hours per week paid at a rate from £9.77 per hour. (The rate will be dependent upon competence and experience of the appointee). The successful applicant will receive all necessary support and training for them to carry out the role, and will be expected to work towards achieving the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CILCA) qualification. The Parish Council meets at 7:30 on the first Monday of each month.

If you are interested in this position, please send your CV and covering letter to the Council by 15th May 2020.

For more information and full job description please contact the Acting Clerk on 01453 543604 or e-mail [rexsymons55@gmail.com](mailto:rexsymons55@gmail.com). Further information may also be found on our web-site (see above).



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*The Editors*

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If any other publication wishes to use items from this newsletter, kindly contact an editor.

**Thank you** to everyone who contributed to make the Sønder concert a joyful event that was enjoyed by over 100 people. The proceeds towards Nathan Chapman's wheelchair appeal, from tickets, raffle and donations was £1502 and it was a huge success. *Sarah Sparks*

**David & Shirley Chalmers** would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for all the help and support provided—it's really appreciated.

*Editors' note:* D&S sometimes express their thanks poetically, eg on receipt of wild garlic & cheese scones, which they tested for inclusion OTE. They wrote:

*We were delighted to receive two wild garlic and cheese scones*

*Such wonderful harbingers of spring and showing signs of the sous chef's skill in the delicate glazing which highlighted the immaculately sited baby wild garlic leaf. On the nose we had scents of Westridge Woods, enhanced by powerful overtones of Waterley Bottom.*

*On broaching the scone we were met on the*

*palate with delicate wild garlic aromas interlaced with a hint of Mary Quicks cheddar, a rich balance of country flavours. We felt that we would have appreciated them more as four small herb scones, as singly they were quite filling for the geriatrics.*

*The presentation case of bright yellow, again was evocative of spring and the decorative logo "Utterly Butterly" inspirational. A little plain straw bow could have added the final touch. A delicious bonne bouche. Presentation 10. Consistency 8. Initiative 10.*

*Thank you very much, they have gone.*

(PS: not all testers were impressed but if you want the recipe, apply to [nibleyote@gmail.com](mailto:nibleyote@gmail.com)).

More foraging recipes on the back page...



When meetings resume we will let everyone know but so far May, June and maybe July are postponed. Really sorry to miss Tarragon's presentation but glad that she is still cake making!

We have been given a grant of £100 from the Parish Council which will help us continue with a varied and interesting programme.

**Thank you** on behalf of all of us.



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# Foraging Recipes

## Garlic pesto

A large bunch of wild garlic

60g Parmesan

60g nuts (toasted pine nuts preferably)

Lemon juice

Olive oil

Blitz the nuts and Parmesan

Add the leaves and lemon juice to the blitzer

Place the paste into a clean jar (could need two)

Fill up the jar to the very top.

It will go green and can be topped up if used for salad dressing.

## Elderflower cordial (for May and June)

1lb sugar

10 flower heads (with max pollen if poss)

3-4 lemons, sliced (or limes or oranges)

1.5 litres boiling water

A large cauldron (or bucket)

Place everything in the cauldron.

Stir until the sugar dissolves

Leave for about three days - we take turns to stir it every morning and evening as good luck.

Heat wine bottles (screw top best), in the oven from cold to about 150 for 15 mins.

Sieve the cauldron's contents into a saucepan and heat to just below boiling.

Pour (care!) into the hot bottles and seal.

Enjoy on a hot day with still or sparkling water.



## Wild Garlic soup

1 onion, chopped

1 clove of garlic, crushed

1 tbsp oil

250g potatoes, cubed

125g wild garlic leaves (ideally the smaller, younger leaves), roughly chopped

1 litre of vegetable stock

1 squirt of lemon

salt and pepper

*Please remember when picking your wild garlic leaves, remove the leaves but leave the rest of the plant intact. Please do not dig up and remove bulbs.*

1. In a large saucepan, gently fry the onion in the oil over a low-medium heat for 10 minutes, or until softened.

Add the crushed garlic a couple of minutes before the onions are ready.

2. Add the cubed potatoes and quickly stir-fry these for a couple of minutes.

3. Add the vegetable stock to the onion and potatoes and simmer for 15 minutes until the potatoes are just soft.

4. Add the wild garlic, cover and simmer for a few of minutes until the leaves are cooked, but are still a vibrant green colour (it is important not to overcook the leaves as this may diminish the flavour).

5. Once cooked, blend or leave chunky.

6. Season with salt and pepper and add a squirt of lemon juice.