



ON THE EDGE JUNE 2020



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NORTH NIBLEY COMMUNITY HUB

Open from
Thurs to Sun
9:00am-2:00pm

Stay Safe: We have put measures in place to ensure the safety of our customers and volunteers. It is strictly one customer at a time in the hub/coffee shop so please respect our social distancing guidelines and be guided by our volunteers. When waiting outside, please stand away from the door and keep at least 2m apart. Thank you for your patience and understanding. The queue outside the hub is

itself often a sociable (if socially distant) place to meet others and chat! As, when and if we are able to relax restrictions, notices will be displayed on the hub door and posted on our Facebook page and website.

Tarragon's Rainbow: Those of you who were able to visit the hub in April may have seen the most wonderful rainbow cake that Tarragon made, selling slices for donations towards an NHS charity. She was thrilled to raise £50 from this initiative which she donated to the Cheltenham and Gloucester Hospitals Charity Covid-19 Appeal. Brilliant job, Tarragon, and thanks to all who donated. Don't forget that Tarragon, as well as continuing her normal takeaway service, is still making a full range of orders for celebrations, tea parties and special occasions (or just because we all need cake) for delivery or collection. Contact her (details below) to chat over your requirements.



Please note that Tarragon will be away from 1st to 7th June and the Coffee Shop will be closed.

A Bench full of Plants: While waiting outside, why not take a look to see what plants and home grown surpluses have been placed on the bench? Since the end of April we have been receiving all sorts of offerings from green fingered villagers. Thank you all so much for your generosity. The selection is variable and unpredictable and some veg plants fly out very quickly, so it is worth a regular check to see what is on offer as it's all available on a first come first served basis. And please do donate or swap any surpluses that you think other villagers could make use of.



Roll up, roll up! In addition to our usual range of products from Walkers, Cam Butchers and the Dairy, Shaun Willey (from North Nibley Hog Roast and Catering) has expanded his recently started Produce Box delivery service to run a pop-up Fruit & Veg stall outside the Hub on Thursday mornings from 9 until 12.30. This has proved hugely popular and, while Shaun may eventually have to return to his real job, we are delighted to have him there. The feedback about the quality and value of his produce has been unanimously positive so take a look at his Facebook page (North Nibley Hog Roast and Catering) for products and prices as well as details of his fruit and veg box deliveries - some items need to be pre-ordered. Please call Shaun direct on 07872 341906.

And remember to place your Hub order for collection or free home delivery by 11am on Tuesdays. Please Email your orders to: orders.nibleyhub@gmail.com.

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Random Thoughts about COVID-19 and its effects on us all

by the Editorial Team



Funny, perhaps strange is better, how something so inherently cruel and capable of causing such pain has resulted in so many good outcomes. How so? Well, just think of the number of people you have spoken to properly that you might never have done so. Look at the amazing support that neighbours and friends have given without thought of reward. And how many of you would ever have thought you would be regularly walking every day, thus keeping fit in body and mind? Then there is the self discipline that we have all had to practise, when our natural instincts are to get close, hold and hug and generally share spaces. As grandparents we miss the joy, love, laughter and innocence that innocent young ones bring into our lives – social media contact, amazing as it is, just isn't the same! And the younger generations are realising that on-line chatter is no substitute for real human contact.

So many people are working all hours to keep us safe, looking after us when we are poorly, delivering our food, post and purchases, emptying our bins and so on, sometimes to the detriment of their own health and wellbeing.

We are truly grateful to you all.

We send sympathy to people suffering from COVID-19 and to the bereaved. Also we must not forget those known to us who are suffering from other serious, sometimes life-threatening medical conditions; they too need our love and support.

So, what happens when the crisis passes? Life will not be the same because the virus will still be around in the background. Do we revert to type, all too busy to think of others, to reflect on what is really important in our lives, to give time to those things that really matter? You will all have your own priorities which will probably be remarkably similar. One thing is for sure, the world as we knew it will have changed but whether for the better or not is up to us.

Stay safe

stay calm

stay positive



Did you know that the North Nibley Historical Group has a website ? It contains:

A List of Baptisms at St Martin's Church 1567-1866

A list of Burials at St Martin's 1567-1897

Information on Local History with photos & maps

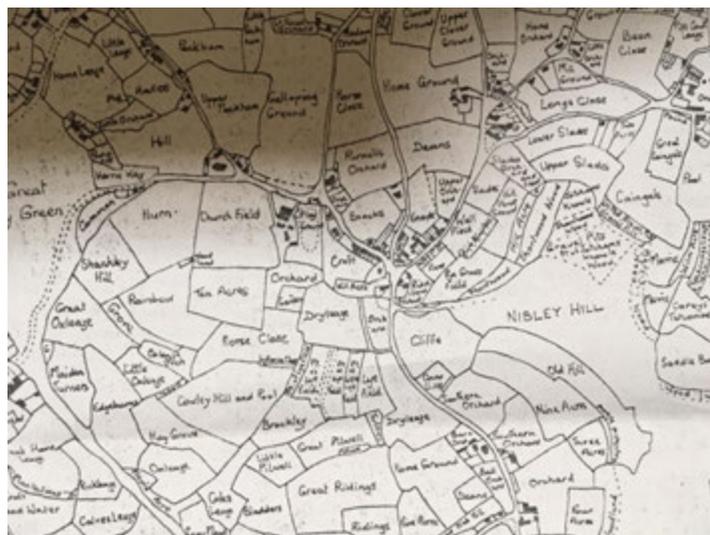
Details of the Churchyard project identifying graves

Lecture programme – *suspended*

NNHG has held exhibitions & commemorative events

Why not join when COVID is contained?

nnhgsite.wordpress.com for more information.



Many on NN Community FaceBook have been discussing the copy of the Tithe Map of 1847 that Mrs Joyce Popplewell marked up and reproduced for all those interested in the 1980s, when she made her study of NN Parish. The field names are part of the evidence for what the land use was over the years.

Tick them off during your walks around the area.

Your Council met in May using Zoom.

NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

with Village organisations and looking after your interests.

An interesting experience for all concerned given the variable quality of broadband around this Parish. Perhaps those trenches that Giggaclear have been making all around the parish, will soon come to our rescue and give us all a Super Broadband experience.

If you want to see your councillors in action, you too can log onto "Zoom". Details of our meetings are included with the Agenda which is on the Council website <http://www.northnibleyparishcouncil.org.uk/> and on our notice boards.

Unfortunately **Dan Roberts**, who has been on the Council for just over a year has had to resign due to work demands on his time. We are very grateful for the contribution Dan has made to this Council and wish him well. The Council will soon be looking to advertise the resultant vacancy for a councillor. Are you interested?

We are also hoping to appoint a **new Clerk**, having recently advertised in OTE. News of an appointment will be on our website once the recruitment process is complete.

Each year at this time the Council elects its **Chairman and Vice-Chairman** for the year ahead. I am pleased to announce that **Ken Brown** has agreed to continue as our Chairman for a further year, ably supported by **Dave Purnell** the Vice-Chairman. Other members of the Council have individual responsibilities, working in conjunction

The other major piece of work in hand at the May meeting was the **Council's Annual accounts** and audit. These were signed off at the meeting and will be available for public inspection in the coming months.

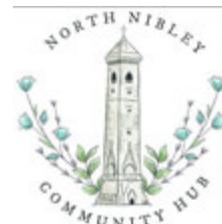
Each year the Council receive a number of **local planning applications** to comment upon. Recently there has been an increase in applications sent to the parish council for comments. The May meeting was no different, with three applications up for discussion. Your Parish Council works hard to provide a representative view in the comments it sends to Stroud Planning Authority. But it cannot know how everyone feels about those developments in your locality. So if you are aware of planning applications nearby, you too can send your comments directly to www.stroud.gov.uk/planning.

Finally Ken Brown, the **Chairman of the Council** has prepared an **Annual Report**, which is normally issued at the Annual Parish Meeting, which was cancelled this year. But thanks to the Editorial Team at "On The Edge" Ken's report will be issued with this edition. We hope it will give you a flavour of what your Council is doing each year and giving you an appetite to find out more.

The next meeting of the Council is on **Monday 1 June**, via Zoom.



Monday Lunch: 9 weeks and still going



By the time you read this we will have delivered the weekly Monday Lunches for 9 weeks and be about to start the next meal deal offer. We will have delivered about 250 meals around the village and its outskirts. We have had loads of appreciative feedback from those receiving the meals and also a lot of offers of help and produce from around the village. All of which makes doing this so much more rewarding and easier.

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 could do with a little bit of help for any reason and would benefit from seeing a friendly face and a freshly prepared hot meal every Monday.

Monday Lunch Weekly Meal Deal

Buy 5 meals and get 6th 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**. We are very particular about hygiene and follow all the Covid-19 guidance.

Bookings and queries:

Email 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.

Huge thanks to the **Village Hall** and **The Hub** for their support with these meals. And to **Pip and Ben, Rhys, Carolyn and Lucy, Liz and Meg and Julia** for their hard work.



If you have Western Power Distribution electrical cables across your garden and receive a wayleave payment you may have received a letter recently from Sherwill Drake Forbes suggesting they can negotiate a better payment for you.

Western Power Distribution have recently decided to increase payments for electricity apparatus sited within gardens to arable rates and also offer Termed Wayleave agreements which give you an option for a lump sum upfront to cover 15 or 25 years.

The term means that Western Power Distribution has a right for the equipment to be in place for that length of time agreed before the land owner is able to change the situation. No further payments would be issued until the term has expired.

Western Power are happy to deal direct with residents, contact details as below.

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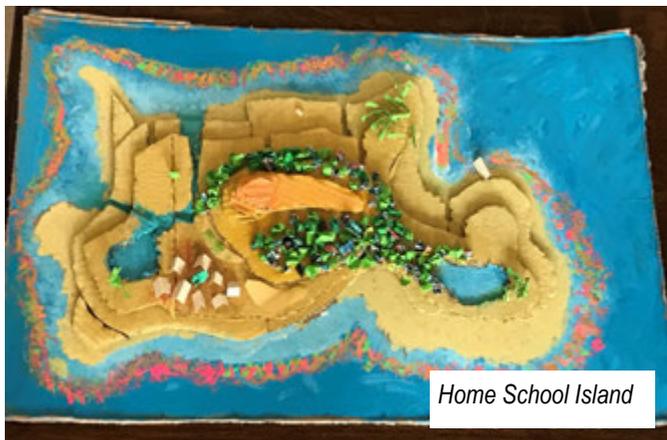
Home... School... Home-school... by Dawn Shepherd

When schools closed, there were mixed feelings in this house. On the one hand, it might be like an extended Easter holiday; on the other, the knowledge that we'd not see friends for a significant and unspecified length of time.

Monday 23rd March arrived and we got up, dressed in comfy clothes and were ready (albeit a bit later than for the KLB bus) for the first day of 'school at home' – a new routine, the new norm. The children logged on to the various online learning platforms, Michael logged in to work. And we hit the first snag: our broadband is decidedly narrow, and, by everyone starting simultaneously, it had (anthropomorphising here, I know!) panicked, thrown up its arms and died. Reboot. Rethink. Try again. This time a staggered start... Success!

Catherine and Emily decided to adopt their KLB school timetable, so every 50 minutes, they would change subject. Their teachers were using the familiar "Show My Homework" app to set tasks. In addition, there were sheets on the KLB server which needed to be logged into. It might have been overwhelming when one first looked at the quantity of work expected, until one realised that this work was set for *all* the lessons in the week and therefore the mountain suddenly took on a less steep, more surmountable aspect. I'm really fortunate to have self-motivated and diligent girls who decided to make the best of this situation and got on with what was necessary. That's not to say that there were not minor earthquakes if the work hadn't loaded or made sense. But pause, reflect, biscuit, email the teacher, biscuit, wait, move on, biscuit meant that relative calm and purpose prevailed for most of school time. As a bonus, I've had to dredge up my rusty French and I've even learnt a (tiny) bit of Chinese. I'm taking this as a learning experience for me too!

North Nibley School has set work in bite-size chunks. Daily tasks are put on ClassDojo – our online learning platform – by the teachers. Initially, there was a daily maths and English task, as well as a challenge to build a moon buggy. (We had been doing Space as the topic before school closed.) Out came Lego, skewers, rubber bands, a glue-gun... and Michael – what an engineering opportunity!



In the new term, the work has been based around the theme of a newly-discovered island. Maths ideas from this have been area, perimeter and co-ordinates. And lots of writing opportunities have emerged: describe the island as you arrive, decide upon a set of laws for the island's inhabitants – this promoted much interesting discussion in the family and we have a few lawyers and a few dictators in the making! William has been in his element most recently – the children were asked to write about a new-to-science species that lives on their island. Channel his hero, Sir David Attenborough! In addition, they've had geography lessons – drawing, mapping and co-ordinates on their island; DT lessons – making a 3D model of the island and making a raft; cooking fun – mocktails and sweet island treats; and so on. As the class TA, I've put support ideas online so that 'non-chronological report' means something to parents who don't work in education.

The last few weeks have been great fun, if I'm honest. But spare a thought for those families where both parents are needing to work full time from home. I'm not sure that I'd have managed supervising school while trying to work full time. I've done a lot of moving – not only of the Joe Wicks type (although we've enjoyed his and others' workouts) – from one child to another to decipher, cajole or reassure, so much so that I'm thinking of changing my name from "Muuuuuum!" to anything else.

The weather has been immensely kind to us too. We've spent a LOT of time outside. The garden is a neutral, school-free space where break-time is spent up a tree, on the swing or doing handstands. Lunch and supper are outside too, if possible. We've had barbeques – real ones with proper fire not cheat ones on the gas. The children set up a den on the tree-platform and camped there for a few nights, moving down into the tent in the garden when the wind got too strong for the den to survive. We've walked to Wotton and Stinchcombe Golf Club often – we've had time to do so, instead of racing from piano to hockey to rugby to netball to whatever else the children do.

With the announcement last night that this was status quo for the foreseeable future, the children are going to be more difficult to motivate and they will get bored with each other. They need friends, they need that stimulation of peers that comes with being at school. Yes, each of them has learnt a lot in this time, but interaction with teachers and other adults brings new and different ideas, and as youngsters, they need that.

Let's hope that we'll all be able to see each other soon.





Pat Symons writes:

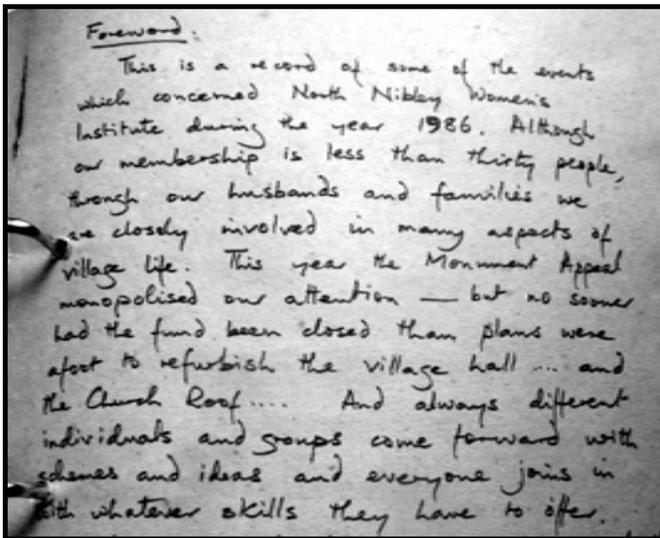
“ Hello everyone! I’m sorry to remind you again that the Village Eye won’t be able to meet for some time, I have postponed our speakers hopefully for a

later date or next year! I have definitely cancelled July and I imagine seeing the title” My career as a consultant in emergency medicine” Susan will probably be very busy. I have sent our good wishes to her and her colleagues.

Will let you know about September meeting!”

We were sorry to hear of the passing of Margaret Barnett, a long standing member of the WI and the Village Eye. She was Chairman as well over the years and a member of the Book Group and had some forthright opinions. Our sympathy to her family.

Meanwhile some memories for some of you from Margaret’s Scrap Book for 1986:



Some highlights from the WI programme:

February: A talk on *Breadcraft* by Mrs Lyn Chesterfield, who showed how she made miniature flowers and creatures from ordinary sliced bread. (HOW?! Ed.)

March: Mrs Eileen Gardner read a childhood memory beginning “ I was born at Katherine’s Farm...” and telling how her adenoids were removed by an ENT surgeon on the kitchen table, moved to the guest bedroom for the purpose.

April: A speaker on *Stress* “spoke in a lively & penetrating way...teasing Mrs Tudor as she got up to put the kettle on & noting every sign of wandering attention!”

June: A speaker on *Making a 3 Course Meal in a Microwave Cooker* “did not convince the waverers that it was a must in every kitchen.”

July: An outing to Gloucester Docks for the *Onedin Line Trail* and supper after a *Gloster Packet* narrowboat cruise on the Gloucester & Sharpness Canal.

September: A WI produce stall at the *NN Horticultural & Pet Show*. Mrs Norah Barnes et al created an entry for the *Slimbridge Wildfowl Trust 40th Anniversary* competition.

Margaret Barnett 1924—2020

We are sad to record that Margaret Barnett has died less than a week short of her 96th birthday. Although she moved away six years back, many will remember with delight her vibrant personality and constant smile as she went about the village. She was a character and a half. Walkers on the Cotswold Way would often be greeted by Margaret’s beaming face and offers of tea as they paced along The Street near her home.

Margaret supported her husband, John, throughout his eminent career in education and was herself a long serving magistrate. On retirement to Nibley they both threw themselves into village activities with Margaret becoming particularly devoted to the Church Choir and to the WI, where she collaborated in starting a French conversation group. This continued later as Margaret was a great supporter of the Beaumont-le-Roger Town Twinning, exchanging with French families. This led to another French conversation group, (Martin Lee writes:) “enjoying her hospitality at Junipers every Wednesday morning for many years, during which time we learnt a lot about her history, firstly in the Wrens and then at Bletchley Park—Japan section. We even persuaded her that she should have the official recognition of her Bletchley Park service that was being organised by Prime Minister, David Cameron, which she duly received.”

Her daughters hope that in due course we can all join in a service of remembrance in celebration of Margaret at St Martin's. They would like to bring her ashes to Nibley Knoll, where John's were scattered.

Sue Devine



November: Country Dancing led by Mrs Joyce Baxter, who “brought delightful posey buttonholes of dried flowers in pinks & reds” to distinguish the *lady* in each pair.

December: Christmas Dinner at the Black Horse, of course! (Margaret’s Scrapbook will be available to enjoy when Village Eye next meets and will then be given to the NN Historical Group for safe keeping.)

A SHIP'S CAT CALLED... PYAT

We started sailing in 1992 and have owned a yacht since 1999 - we're now on our third. And we've had cats all our married life but never thought to take them sailing with us as none of them were good travellers. But when the time came to adopt a new cat in 2014 - our fifth - we were determined this one would come sailing as we planned to find ways to extend our cruising trips and it seemed cruel to impose long cattery stays on our new family member. We found a year old, very pretty calico moggy needing a new home at the RSPCA in Newport but had the problem of a name. We racked our brains for something then I thought, as she's our fifth cat maybe five in a foreign language? Knowing we hoped to take this cat sailing, French (cinque) was swiftly rejected. Other languages were considered and rejected until I looked up Russian: 'Пять' sounded good (pronounced 'pee-yat'), so the anglicised version of 'Pyat' was chosen.



On her first sailing weekend we found Pyat was fine on the boat - she showed no inclination of getting off and went to hide every time she saw someone else in the marina. Suitably encouraged that we had a sailing cat, we gradually extended her sea miles and she now comes with us every trip. She remains quite timid in the day but at night becomes brave and bold, sitting on the roof of the yacht, surveying her territory and occasionally going for a walk along the pontoon if we're moored up. Sailing though is less to her liking; she definitely doesn't like any sea state much above 'slight' (defined as waves of 0.5 to 1.25 m high), though she tolerates more lively conditions after a few days to get her 'sea paws'. But eventually, having proved she could endure a long sea passage, her fate of becoming a long-term ship's cat was sealed with a pet passport and a rabies injection! Pyat was ready for foreign seas and, in June 2019, we drove with her to Heiligenhafen in Germany to take delivery of our new boat.

For 6 weeks we cruised round various ports on the German Baltic coast. When moored up, Fiona would take Pyat for a walk with a lead and harness but, for the rest of the time, she was apparently content to sit on the boat occasionally wandering around the deck but more usually looking out of the windows or asleep. Then in Lübeck she tried to jump ship. Pyat decided to take herself for her evening walk down the pontoon and onto a nearby boat, where she just sat to watch the world go by! The boat owners were in the cockpit and unaware of Pyat's presence until Simon tried to work out the German for "Can I have my cat back, please?". They were really amused she had chosen their boat, and were interested to hear that she goes sailing as they too had a cat but it stays at home. With a little persuasion we soon recovered her to the correct yacht.

We resumed our cruise, visiting several former East German ports including Rostock and Wismar before mooring in a small rural harbour called Timmendorf Strand on Poel Island. It had been very hot and we had left the roof hatch open a little too wide and woke up in the morning to find Pyat gone. We wandered along the pontoon, asking other boaters if they had seen a cat but no-one, including the Harbour Master and the local Lifeguards, had seen her. Day turned to evening we set out to look for Pyat again. I walked south along the coast footpath, Fiona north, calling her name and

shaking a bag of Dreamies, but got no response. Finally, at around 11:00 pm, as Fiona was walking back to the boat still calling her name, she heard a familiar 'meow' and Pyat emerged from a bush, starving hungry and very grateful to be carried back to her boat - her little adventure was over. Needless to say, we now make certain there are no cat-sized gaps in doors and windows!

Our subsequent return to the UK was uneventful and Pyat has come with us on several more sailing trips to Germany and Holland since then as we have gradually moved the boat closer to home. She now has over 1,500 nautical miles under her collar.



Simon & Fiona Hampton-Matthews

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

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JUNE

7th: TRINITY SUNDAY

Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-20

14th: TRINITY 2

Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:8

21st: TRINITY 3

Gospel: Matthew 10: 24-39

28th: TRINITY 4

Gospel: Matthew 10: 40-end

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 You'll find everything under "Recent Posts". Every Sunday, Peter has been celebrating Holy Communion at 10am in his woodshed on our behalf.



Until we can all go to church together, Peter will continue with audio recording: ramblings on 7th and 21st and services on 14th and 28th.

O God

In these difficult days, we pray for our families, our village community, our country and our world that all may soon be safe from the power of Coronavirus.

We give thanks for all those who are continuing to work, those here in North Nibley, in the shops we visit or as delivery drivers, and in the NHS and other Emergency Services.

We lift up those who are frightened, struggling with the constraints and limitations of Lockdown, unwell in mind or body, or grieving the loss of a loved one.

We pray for those in power who have challenging decisions to make that they may govern with wisdom and integrity, now and in the future.

Give us all patience and compassion, courage in the face of adversity, and the desire to do what is right so that we may hold our heads high as we live through each new day.
Amen

The Power of Prayer

If you have been walking around North Nibley recently, you may have seen laminated prayer cards in various places. For many of us, the power of prayer is something very real but even if you are doubtful about this you may at least have discovered a meditative value in reading the words and reflecting on their content.

As an individual activity, it can be a calming experience and a way of identifying the things that really matter. As a shared activity, it can be unifying and uplifting.

It would be good to think that many of OTE's readers might use the prayer on the right in the weeks ahead, so it is offered to share, in the hope that it will unite us even more closely as a community of shared values and aspirations. →

News from

The Chapel

www.northnibleychapel.org.uk



The Chapel is available for weddings, christenings, and funerals.
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Food in the Foyer!

If you are stuck, help yourself to the basic provisions in the Chapel porch.



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The doors are always open

Running out of Reading?

A selection of books is available in the Chapel foyer.



50p each, if you are able to pay

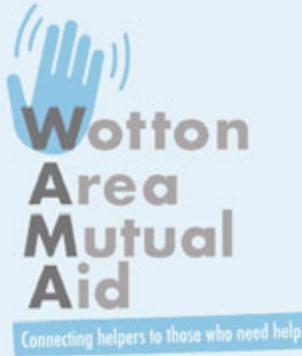
Rosie's Ramblings

As I write this, we are a few days away from hearing which restrictions the government will ease in the coming weeks. I've had conversations at home, and with friends about which three things we are missing most and it seems, not surprisingly, contact with family is right at the top.

It's not just seeing them we crave, but also giving them a hug and being hugged. Physical contact is so important, and especially for those whose primary language of love is touch. It's easier to find expression of the other three love languages at the moment. Spending "quality time" together can be fulfilled through technology and some families now have longer and more frequent sessions together. Some people have indulged in "gift giving", sending thoughtful little parcels, or ordering treats for their special people.

It's the fourth love language that I think we should all be embracing right now – "words of love and affirmation". So many of us need to be encouraged about how we are coping and reminded that we are doing well even if we do have the occasional down day. Parents with young children at home are more aware of the times they are frayed and momentarily intolerant than those times when they are patient, creative, generous and good humoured. They need us to remind them that they are doing a good job and to be told how much we value them.

It's time for us all to tell each other what makes them special in our eyes, to say what we admire in them, to affirm and acknowledge their worth. This is one love language we can all employ, even if it doesn't come easily to us. Do it now; don't leave it too late. You have the power to make a difference, to lift someone's spirits; to spread a little love.



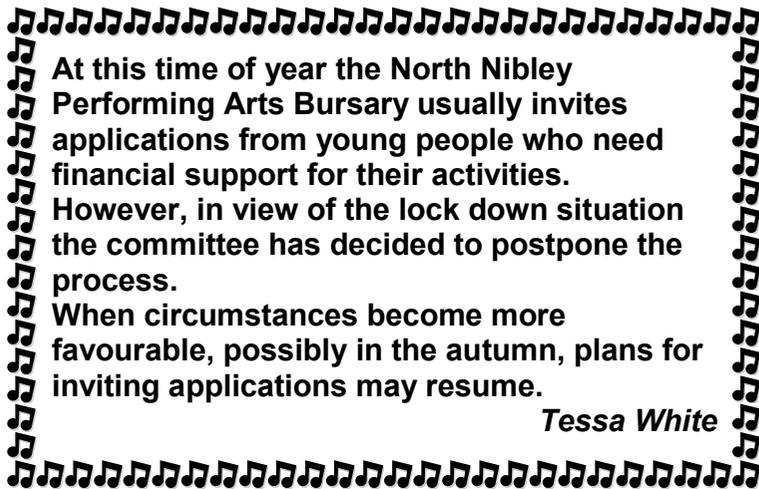
Local Support – a number of Nibley residents are using this service already

WAMA matches people who need help in Wotton and the surrounding villages with neighbours who are willing to give it. We can **pick-up shopping** for you, **collect prescriptions** for you, or just **give you a call** if you are lonely or isolated. We can provide **free Soup** on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and

we also deliver free **Essential Groceries** to people suffering financial hardship. For more information (including on-line application forms for each service) please see our web-site or give us a call.

www.wottonareamutualaid.co.uk

07545 042794



At this time of year the North Nibley Performing Arts Bursary usually invites applications from young people who need financial support for their activities. However, in view of the lock down situation the committee has decided to postpone the process.

When circumstances become more favourable, possibly in the autumn, plans for inviting applications may resume.

Tessa White

HOLIDAY TALES

Apologies to Jan and Rod Morrison for letting their names fall off last month's account of their visit to Vietnam. Sorry!

If you have travellers' tales to interest our readers, do submit them for the editors to consider for publication.

Whilst we are grounded it would be nice to share more memories of elsewhere.

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In addition to the adult categories, there is also a juniors category for those aged 17 or under – a great excuse for a family photography session, and a fun activity for children to take part in.

We're looking forward to seeing your entries, whether it's a photograph that's been taken on a smartphone, compact camera or SLR.



To find out more about the categories and how to enter, head to

www.gloucestershirowildlifetrust.co.uk/photocomp

Entries close at midnight on 31 July 2020.
Anne Carpenter



c Susan Cook



Past Entries:



c Alfie Owen

Tyndale Photography Club enter the Tom Crowe Competition



Each year, **Thornbury Camera Club** invite other local camera clubs to a challenge, in memory of Tom Crowe, a former chairman of their club. The invited clubs submit eight entries and each image must be from a different photographer. There are four categories to fulfil Landscape, People/Animals, Creative and Night/ Nightscape/Low Light, the remaining four images will be placed into open categories.

In October last year, **Tyndale Photography Club** entered the competition with the following images:

- Landscape- R. Thames Richmond- Steve Varman LRPS
- People/Animal - Mohandas – Christine Ryske
- Creative – Seascape New Zealand – Jenny Fryer LRPS
- Night/Low Light – Pero's Bridge – Barry Wilson
- Open – Little Owl – Mike Smith
- Open – Path to the Loch - Elizabeth Restall ARPS
- Open – Ghosts of a Modern Life – Peter Whitfield
- Open – Boys Toys – David Bishop



The competition was judged by an independent judge, Neil Stangan, who gave constructive comments and marks as he went along. Sadly because of the COVID-19 situation we find ourselves in, we were not able to view the results of the competition at a club meeting, however, the audio visual was sent out to all club members and we were able to view it in the comfort of our own homes. After round 7, Tyndale Photography Club were equal first with Thornbury Camera Club making for a very tense eighth round.

Come the end of the competition, Tyndale Photography Club scored 152 points ending up in second place to Thornbury Camera Club who scored 153 points.

Congratulations to those whose images were entered, a great team effort!



North Nibley Preschool



Wow, what a surreal time it has been for us all! I have been on and off the committee for 23 years and have never known North Nibley Preschool having to make such difficult decisions on how to take things forward: to protect its children, staff and families and to do the best for everyone whilst this awful virus continues. The core committee members behind the scenes have been having video conferences. This is certainly something new! I can remember the days when at a committee meeting, two members had a heated debate over whose felt tip pen poster was best to advertise the jumble sale!! Those days are long gone but such colourful, (excuse the pun!), memories are kept. I have wondered if video calls will be the way forward for preschool Committees like ourselves, as we all have such busy lives?



After several emergency meetings the committee decided to furlough all our staff but one: Kirsty, our very efficient administrator. Sadly the government have changed the goal posts several times with regards to furlough grants for preschools and therefore we can only claim the amount that we gain through private funding. As with many preschools, most of our funding comes from the '3 & 4 year old' government funded grants. We will still receive this but we will not be able to do any of the fundraising we normally do throughout the year which enable us to continually improve our preschool setting.

However, we are still very much going and will continue to do so re-reopening as soon as it is safe to do so. We have had several new children start with us lately and it's a shame their settling in period has been disrupted but we continue to keep in contact with parents and children. We send regular emails, and on our Facebook page we have uploaded ideas for activities and even have staff sending messages for all to see. This is not a time for people to be camera shy!

The preschool has evolved since it opened over 45 years ago and many changes have been made as we have to work with all the regulations that Ofsted, Early Years Services and the Government set us. But I believe that despite still being run by volunteers who employ four members of staff, the Preschool's ethos has not changed. It is still a wonderful environment for a preschool child to be in. Seeing children's children coming through our doors is delightful. We cannot say when our next fundraiser will be, but there will be others, as we love holding fundraising events with such a fantastic community minded village.

We are only ever an email or Facebook message away as we check these regularly. We have places for September as many of our little ones will be moving onto pastures new, when they start primary school later in the year. We offer up to 30 hours a week and open term time only for 2 to 5 year olds. Check us out on Facebook or on our website.

Whilst the Coronavirus has been a modern day tragedy, it has made us stop and think about our lives and the fast pace of life we all seem to endure. Should we all slow down? Has it given us the time to reflect on what really matters? I think it has.

On behalf of the committee I would like to wish you all well and huge thank you for all the support you have given to Preschool over the years. Stay safe, please.

Julie Dyer

Chairperson for North Nibley Preschool