ON THE EDGE NOVEMBER 2020

Inspired

Every mornings awesome
Inspired my every step
Young mans enthusiasm
In my memory kept
Picture book views
As I walked the trodden way
Treasures around every corner
Enhanced beauty on display
Polished sloes and spindle trees
Weary cornflowers attracting bees
Delicate harebells dance to please
In the meadow cattle grazing
Warm sunshine on their backs
A deer runs back to cover
Bounding in his tracks
Nature is so amazing
It can take your memory back
Autumns fast approaching
Summers almost gone
The holly and the ivy
It really wont be long.
by Margaret Ayres

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NORTH NIBLEY COMMUNITY HUB

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Christmas is coming… yes, sorry to remind you, but it's not far away now and plans have to be made.

Tarragon's beautiful Christmas cakes were a sell out success last year, so if you want to secure one, you need to get in early. Cut out the form on the next page and return it by 30th November at the very latest, but asap to be certain. There is a limit to how many cakes even Tarragon can make, hard-working as she is. If you don't want to ruin your copy of OTE (and who would?) take a quick snap of the form and use that. Further copies are available in the Hub.

And speaking of Christmas, we will be taking orders again this year on behalf of Cam Family Butchers. Keep an eye in the Hub for the order forms. We will post on social media when they arrive.

Looking forward to 2021...? We certainly are. The Nibley 2021 calendar will help you do just that, while reflecting upon the 'interesting' year that has been 2020. Photos were taken during the period of lockdown between March and July and include a tremendous selection of very varied images donated by villagers. The format of the A4 calendar has changed to a high quality spiral bound version which will grace any wall and, of course, we are still offering the popular tall appointments version. Both versions come complete with envelopes and are only available at your community Hub. If you don't live in the village, we are more than happy to quote a price to post them out to you or your loved ones. Just call or email and we can take payment over the phone.

Great Nibley Bake Off … Have you seen our great selection of flours courtesy of Walker's bakers? We also stock yeast, sugar, baking powder and bicarb. You don't have to travel far to get your baking supplies…

Need a pen…? you can never have too many. We have a box of quality pens with stylus on the counter and every penny goes to two charities, The Stroud Women's Refuge and the Marah Trust, and the Hub. Grab one while you are doing your shopping or having a coffee and help support the vulnerable.

Harvest plenty… A massive thank you to everyone who has supplied us with their excess produce over the past couple of months. Some of it was taken by Jileen Loo (great job, Jil!) to the GL11 Project for their appeal for fresh food to be distributed via their food bank, and some of it was kept and sold in the Hub. It's undoubtedly been a prolific year in the gardens of Nibley and it's wonderful to be able to share the bounty.

Christmas Orders

It's that time of year! I am **now taking orders** for Christmas cakes and other treats for the festive period. Orders will be taken up until **30th November** so make sure your order is in before then to avoid disappointment.

Mob: 07805 342196

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t.and.cakes

Please notify me of any dietary requirements or allergies before placing an order. A 50% deposit of the total of the order will be taken upon order placement.

Christmas Cakes

Rich, moist, fruit filled cake encased in marzipan and fondant icing. Designs vary from painted lettering of festive phrases, fondant decorations and sweet little fondant figures.

Various sizes available from 5 inch round and square to 10 inch square.
Gluten free available upon request.
Prices quoted upon application.

Other treats

The list is as follows below with the average number of slices. GF available.

Brownies (10)
Brookies (12)
Malteaser Tiffin (12)
Nutella or Biscoff Pockets (15)
Millionaires Shortbread (10)
Vegan Brownies (12)
Date or Mincemeat Crumble VG (12)

Please place your orders by dropping me an email or text message and I will get back to you as soon as I can - thank you in advance for your patience.

Let the festivities commence!

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Artist of the Month

This month the Hub's featured artist is Sara from Salt Senara. Sara trained as a textile designer but now mainly works in watercolour and gouache, producing beautiful, hand painted designs and illustrative pieces, prints and cards, perfect for the home and as gifts, for friends and family. Do come in and check out her work during November.

News from

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Remembrance Sunday

November 8th

10 am Service at The Chapel

No Service at the War Memorial this year.
A recorded Service including the Roll of Honour can be found at northnibleychurch.uk

A message for the children

At this time of year we are all beginning to think about Christmas. The time that leads up to it is called Advent, which is a word that means " the arrival of someone or something special".

We believe that God sent his son, Jesus, as a very special gift to the world and his present to us is the reason why we give gifts to each other at Christmas time.

This year, which has been a difficult and strange one in lots of ways, those of us usually involved in Messy Church at this time want to give something to all the children at School, Nursery or Playgroup in the village.

We are putting together Advent Bags which should be with you all by the beginning of December.

They come with our love, and we hope you will enjoy them. We hope, too, that they will help us remember that God's love for us all is the reason why we celebrate Christmas.

Bible stories retold for little ones with a familiar song adapted to suit the story and a short prayer. Each recording lasts 6 or 7 minutes.
They can be found on St Martin's website northnibleychurch.uk

Tales for Tots

Told by Peter Marsh with his guitar and Rosie Casken

Chapel Services in November :
Sundays 8th and 22nd at 10 am ALL WELCOME

November Blues *by Rosie Casken*

No sun - no moon! No morn - no noon -. No dawn - no dusk - no proper time of day. No warmth, no cheerfulness, no healthful ease, No comfortable feel in any member - No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees, No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds! – NOVEMBER

This poem by Thomas Hood (worth looking up the whole of it) came back to me the other day when I woke to grey skies and the miserable sense that Covid limitations look to go on for much longer than any of us had initially hoped or expected.

After allowing myself a brief and indulgent burst of the blues, I decided to think instead about all the things I enjoy at this time of year.

I love cosy evenings with the curtains drawn, slow cooked suppers that are set simmering in the morning, seasonal soups – especially those cheerful coloured ones made with squash or pumpkins, the last embers of autumn glory in the garden.

As the trees shed their leaves, new views and vistas become visible through the bare branches and, in our garden, that means we get to see the distant hills that are hidden from us for half the year.

But if none of the above brings any cheer to you, then I can only commend the words of the Persian poet, true and appropriate in all times and situations, ' This too shall pass'.

Winter, literally and metaphorically, will give way to Spring. And, as an inspirational young friend of mine often reminds me when things look bleak, - it's OK. God has got this.

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northnibleychurch.uk

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Services of the Word

Audio Recordings are continuing every Sunday at the website northnibleychurch.uk

9.30 am at St Martin's Church alternate Sundays:

1st NOVEMBER: ALL SAINTS' DAY
15th: Second Sunday before Advent
29th: ADVENT SUNDAY

ALL WELCOME

Holy Communion at 9.00 am on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday at St Mary's, Wotton-under-Edge

Thank you: to everyone who contributed to the collection of goods for Stroud Food Bank, whether via Nibley School, Church or Chapel and to everyone who donated so generously to Christian Aid. News of how much was collected next month.

A Short Introduction from Rev'd Rachel Cook Coming to be our new Vicar at St Martin's in January

Hello Everyone!

I'm Cookie (Aka Rev'd Rachel Cook) and hubby and I (Aka Matt) are very excited to be joining you all in the new year, when I am licensed as Vicar of the Tyndale Benefice.

Where to start to let you know a bit about us?

Well, I have been an RAF Chaplain for a few years and whilst I will remain Reservist, Matt and I felt that God was asking us to take a leap of faith and apply for this Parish Priest post. The rest is history and now, as we wait for me to finish full time military service and for the wonderful new Vicarage to be finished, it is good to reflect on all the great things which I am sure we will experience with you when we join the community with our family and myriad of animals. Matt will also be working from home, so a first for him too.

You are all in our thoughts and prayers. We have been to Wotton and the surrounding villages a few times and have experienced the local hospitality and friendliness of all the local people.

We are hoping you will be able to join us for my licensing when it happens, but obviously we are all under COVID regulations for the time being.

Either way, January cannot come soon enough for us and we will be delighted when we can meet you all in (socially-distanced) person.

Blessings.

Cookie

A WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY?

Last year in these pages I promised something 'new' this year. Little did I know how necessary it would be to have something new in place!
We are very much hoping you'll join with us in turning North Nibley into a Living Advent Calendar with windows throughout the village decorated and 'opened' each evening between 1 December and Christmas Eve. In order to ensure everyone knows their date in good time to plan, we need to be clear by 13th November that we have enough participants so we would be very grateful for VERY QUICK responses.
You can see what has been done in another village on this website - https://www.helmdonparishcouncil.gov.uk/advent-windows-archive.html and if you Google 'Advent windows' you can find the wide range of ideas and ways that people have decorated their windows elsewhere. There is no 'theme', other than 'Christmas' and the aim is for each window to be a surprise as it is revealed. We would like to include windows through the whole village and hope to show photos of the windows on the school website and other local sites too.
If you:
- live in a house that has a window that can clearly be seen from the street without people coming on to your property
- are happy to keep the window illuminated each evening after it is 'opened' until after Christmas and
- are interested in participating or are prepared to act as a standby if we have problems recruiting enough people

please let me know (email head@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk) with:
- your name and address
- your email address and
- any preference you have about dates

Please be aware that in agreeing to participate you are also agreeing to have your address identified on the website and map so people can look for your window. No names or email addresses will be shared without your permission.
We look forward to hearing from you.

Please let us know by 13th November.

Best wishes,

Paul Batchelor, Head Teacher
www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk

This was the school window last year!

Molly & the Moon – A Final Trip to the Moon?

For those who have followed the musical journey of local girl **Molly Chinner** (aka “Molly-Anne”), she has announced her latest EP ‘In The Morning’ as a final release of the band Molly & the Moon. This is due to career developments with Molly’s other great passion in life, Yoga & well-being, which has taken her away from the area.

Molly says, ”*We are so proud to introduce the final trip to the moon. ‘In The Morning’ is our final release as a band and our finest work to date. This collection of songs is intended as a prayer to humanity, a call to arms to lift one another up out of the darkness and into the brighter morning. Written in response to our current social, humanitarian and environmental crisis - there is hope on the horizon. We must come together to get through the night time, and welcome in the morning*”

The five track EP can be heard on Spotify, iTunes and Apple Music and, funding permitting, a CD production run is planned. Music videos for two of the tracks “Cold is the Night” and “Rise” can be seen on the Band’s website (www.mollyandthemoon.co.uk) or on Facebook and YouTube. The video for “Rise” was compiled from clips invited from Facebook followers during lockdown and much of it was shot in and around North Nibley. It is now running at over 17,000 views on Facebook.

The Band name, ‘Molly & the Moon’, refers to the phases the Band goes through with different musical contributors. Besides Molly, the band comprises local musicians **Andy Guy** (Double Bass, vocals and a number of other instruments on the recordings), **Beth Hill** (Banjo, Double Bass & vocals), **Jason Titley** (Drums & also Wheely Bins in the “Rise” Video) and **Andy Chinner** (Percussion). There have also been regular appearances of **Jules Miller** (Fiddle) with the band and Jules played with Molly in support of Cara Dillon at the Stroud Subscription Rooms in 2019. EP recording & production was all by Andy Guy who has perfected a unique sound on this EP with the addition of Beth’s banjo-playing and vocal harmonies.

highlight saw the band performing on the prestigious 'Under The Apple Tree' sessions, hosted by BBC Radio 2's 'Whispering' Bob Harris. For the session Molly was asked to cover the first song she’d ever learned. That was hard to place but the first song she had performed in public was Green Day’s “Good Riddance (Time of Your Life)” at the first ever Nibley Music Festival on the open Mic stand. To perform this Andy had to learn to bow the double-bass with a few “big violin” tips from Jules and the result can now be seen on the Under The Apple Tree YouTube channel or Whispering Bob TV on Facebook.

This has been a great adventure for all involved with a Molly & the Moon trio even having had the opportunity to play at the Country to Country Festival in the O2 Arena in London (at least in the Entrance Hall!). With Molly a 2-3 hour drive away now, perhaps this Band goes out on a high. But, as per the FATEA Records review of the In the Morning EP, “*The moon may be going down, but here's hoping they still have a sunrise to chase*.”

A warm welcome to North Nibley:
to Tim, Zoe, and their children Archie and Isabel, recently moved into Millend

PRESCHOOL

Here at North Nibley Preschool, based in the village hall by the children's park we have been welcoming some new children. Despite coronavirus restrictions and not being able to invite parents in to the hall, the children have done so well and settled brilliantly. A few tears as some are so young but they have soon settled. We have been enjoying our daily walks in and around the village, looking at nature and enjoying the fresh air. We certainly have had fun jumping in muddy puddles! This month as well as our usual weekly activities like colour of the week and letter of the week we have been looking at different modes of transport. We have spotted all sorts on our walks and have also been reading stories about different types of transport. One day we were lucky enough to have a tractor and its owner come to see us. All of the children had a turn sitting on the tractor and really enjoyed it!

On one of our walks to the woods we looked for the Gruffalo! We found his hut and also 'Stickman's' house. We read the story and made our own Stickman using sticks we collected and foliage. Soon we will be looking at all things in the beautiful season of Autumn. Please follow us on our Facebook page our visit our website for all of our details. www.northnibleypreschool.co.uk

Fundraising has been non-existent this year and we have to raise £3000 to help keep preschool running as we are a not-for-profit charity. So we have a tree mask outside a committee member's house! It's the house by the village hall on the main road heading towards the church. Stock is replenished when needed. We are asking for a minimum donation of £2 per mask and the money can be left in the little bag on the fence which is checked regularly. We are very lucky to now have Jenny Earle supporting us with the making of these masks. *Thank you Jenny!*

A very big Thank You

to Theresa and Nick Eames who cleared the Knoll of ragwort together.

It was a big job and is much appreciated, and makes this special place look cared for.
Thanks,
Ken Brown

Wotton Area Climate Action Network
(Wotton Area CAN)

Despite not being able to hold public meetings in person, we have still been very busy and have lots to offer our supporters. To keep up with all our news, subscribe to our free monthly newsletter - full of interest, useful tips and information on many Climate issues.

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Meetings are now held by Zoom on the 4th Thursday of each month at 8-9pm.
The next meeting will feature ***A New Climate Strategy for Stroud District***, by Rachel Brain from Stroud District Council, and will be on

Thursday 26 November 8-9pm on Zoom

We do hope you will join us

Parish Council Matters

Your Parish Council met on the 5th October via Zoom to discuss the various issues raised to them over the past month as well as the planning applications notified to them via Stroud District Council.

There were five applications and an appeal to discuss this month, therefore the meeting was largely taken up by discussing these items. If you are aware of any planning or enforcement concerns within the village or would like to discuss any planning related topics, then please do not hesitate to contact any one of your Councillors.

The Parish Council have extended the deadline for any villagers wishing to formally submit their interest in co-option. Please don't be shy, if you love your village then please consider if you have a small amount of time to dedicate to supporting your council in working to improve and sustain North Nibley. There is currently one vacancy on the council which we would like filled until the elections in May 2021. If you would like to know more about the role, then please contact me or you can speak directly to one of the councillors who will be happy to share their experiences. If you decide that you would like to be considered for co-option then a formal submission of interest form can be requested from myself via email to clerk@northnibleyparishcouncil.org.uk. All formal submissions will need to be received before the **15th December 2020.**

Other topics raised by the councillors or noted within the clerk's report this month were the pot hole concerns, installation of a "No Motorcycles" sign at the bottom of Wood Lane, the drainage concerns of Wood Lane, installation of our new notice board and the wonderful news that the phone boxes at Pitt Court and Wotton Road are to be kept in situ by BT with an active phone line.

Following last month's meeting, you may have noticed that our letters to Highways have resulted in new safety reflective bollards along the B4060 between North Nibley and Dursley. Another great result!

As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch and share your opinions, issues and suggestions. You can reach out to me at any time via email, Facebook, Messenger or phone, or you can contact any one of the Councillors directly. All of their contact details can be found on the Parish Council website.

Our next meeting will be held via Zoom on 2nd November at 7:30pm via Zoom. The Zoom link will be published on the website and Facebook page in advance of the meeting.

The minutes of October and all other previous meetings can be viewed on the parish council website.
All the best

Mandy Rossiter Clerk - North Nibley Parish Council 07920 103 953 northnibleyparishcouncil.org.

Monday 7th December

Delivery only from about 12.15pm

Two course Christmas Lunch for £5 per person

If you have previously joined our Monday Lunch deliveries then just pay at The Hub by cash or card (Please do leave your name). You can also pay cash when meal is delivered. If you are new to our Monday Lunch deliveries then please first contact Theresa on 546 447 or theresa.nibley@gmail.com

If you would like to join us for an early Christmas celebration please book by 29th November to help us with our planning. Places will be limited.

Hello everyone
This is just to follow up and say there will be no more meetings this year or Christmas Lunch.

Let's hope we will have better news in the New Year when we may be able to welcome Liz and Val and Cambodia and Vietnam. Watch this space.

We would also like to express sympathy to Rosemary, a long standing member, on the death of Don; he was a lovely man and will be missed. Our sympathy goes to Rosemary, Julie, Kevin and his family.
We were also sorry to hear about Joan Thomas, she was also a longstanding member of both the W.I. and the Village Eye.

Pat Symons 01453 845154

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Please note that the **DEADLINE** for **ALL SUBMISSIONS** for the **Dec 20/Jan 21** issue is **10th November 2020** to our email address: **nibleyote@gmail.com**

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TYNDALE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Our first meeting of the season was also the first Zoom meeting that Tyndale Photography Cub had ever had. It was wonderful to see so many members sitting in the comfort of their own homes, or in the case of two members in the comfort of their motorhome, enjoying the first get together for several months.

Usually, the first meeting would be the U-Judge print competition, but as you can imagine under the rules we are now living by, that was 'not going to happen'. It was decided by the committee that an invite would be put out to all members for them to show ten images that they had made during the months of lockdown and social distancing restrictions. Twenty members were willing to show and share their images which meant we were in for a really busy evening; 200 photographs to be displayed.

It was clear that during the first few weeks of lockdown that the majority of people were taking photographs inside their homes and gardens. It was amazing to see how the flora in the gardens changed during just a few weeks. For those who took photographs on their allowed walks and bike rides, we saw how the countryside looked in the good weather that we were lucky enough to have in the early summer. One particular image showed a virtually empty M5, how spooky - that's what it must have been like years ago!

As lockdown eased, folk were spreading their wings and visiting 'far away places' - well further than your back yard!

A few members of the club set themselves a project, which I would imagine kept their minds off covid-19 filling their days with education, entertainment, or frustration. Other members treated themselves to new photographic equipment or even went on a workshop – each and everyone one of them said how pleased they were with their purchases.

All in all it was a very entertaining and successful evening, it would take far too long to write about each individual and their images but **thank you to :**

Christine Ryske who shared some of her hobbies and walks with us
Diana Baker who took photographs with her new macro lens
Lionel Jones who took photographs in his garden and 'runs out' in the car
Joan Scott who thoroughly enjoyed her photography workshop
Mike Baxter who photographed in his garden and 'took us' to Jupiter Artland in Edinburgh
Christine Wetton for sharing her local walks and two holidays
Don Grundell for experimenting new ways of photographing garden flowers
David Brookes who was extremely pleased with his new camera
Barbara Gibbons who was pleased to show lovely sunsets and also a newborn puppy
Steve Daniell told the story of the submarine wrecks at Aberlady Bay
Jane Martin who showed garden images
Peter Whitfield explained about his project - 100 monchrome images
Elizabeth Oakley shared the views she has from her top floor flat
George Ryske showed images taken at Bristol light festival (pre lockdown)
Jenny Fryer spent time manipulating existing images on her computer
David King showed post lockdown images of him at long last being let out
Steve Varman showed mobile phone and microscope images
Elizabeth Restall enjoyed her garden flowers and the reflections and shadows they gave
Steve White who took local family walks and enjoyed an Italian holiday
Brian Wetton who shared a few days away in Devon with us.