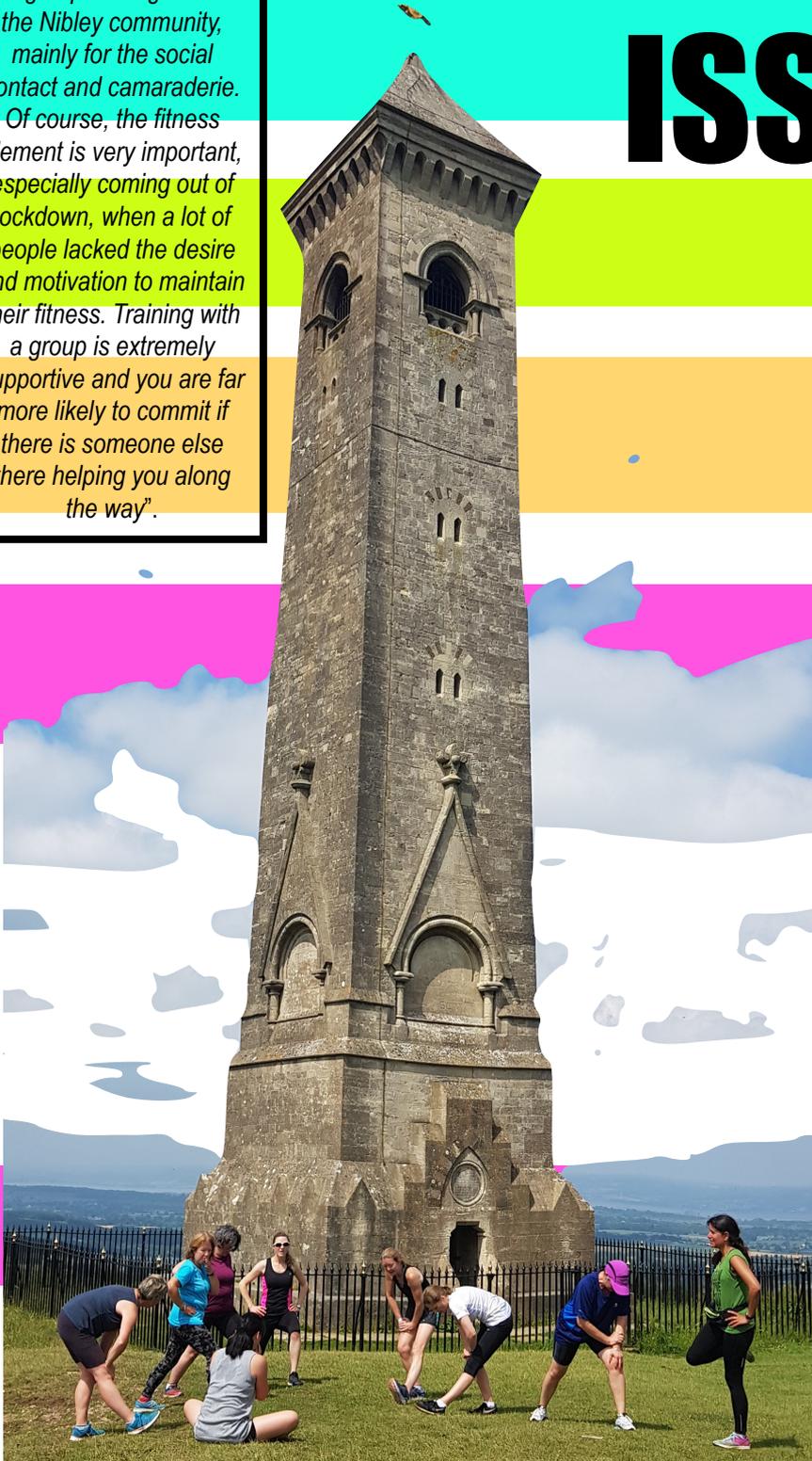


Running to Fitness and Friendship

"After the winter lockdown I decided I would start a new group for beginners in the Nibley community, mainly for the social contact and camaraderie.

Of course, the fitness element is very important, especially coming out of lockdown, when a lot of people lacked the desire and motivation to maintain their fitness. Training with a group is extremely supportive and you are far more likely to commit if there is someone else there helping you along the way".

ON THE EDGE ISSUE 275



No-one around the Hub and surrounding lanes on a Friday morning recently, can have failed to notice people congregating, stretching or running. The formation of the **Nibley Hub Runners** in April has also brought runners to the lanes during the week in singles and small groups, as they train in between sessions.

It doesn't start and end in Nibley. Some of the runners have already decided to take part in a 5Km fun run at Westonbirt in August in aid of Longfield Hospice and Fiona hopes that some will join the local park run and they may increase their distances in the future – who knows, maybe 10km or half marathons are in sight?
See page 2

Nibley Hub Runners
with Fiona Dakin

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2021

Running to Fitness and Friendship



This initiative was dreamed up by Fiona Dakin, Nibley's own fitness expert and personal trainer who set up her First Steps to Fitness business after moving to the village from Bristol 15 years ago. Fiona herself has been running for 24 years and did her first half marathon shortly after her twin sons were born. Most of us will have caught sight of her at some time over those years as she runs every day, sometimes 2 or 3 times each day. Fiona can be spotted with clients, on her own or with a member of her equally athletic family, including Mia the border collie, a great running partner who especially loves to run in the woods.

Although Fiona has had a few running groups in the past, I wondered why she had felt it important to set up the Nibley Hub Runners now. She explained that ..*"After the winter lockdown I decided I would start a new group for beginners in the Nibley community, mainly for the social contact and camaraderie. Of course, the fitness element is very important, especially coming out of lockdown,..."*

The response Fiona got when she suggested setting up a Couch to 5k group was enthusiastic, and 2 groups of 6 were soon formed, in line with government guidelines at the time, meeting one after the other on Friday mornings outside the Hub. All joined as complete beginners with ages ranging from 17 to 60+, yet within 9 weeks they had all completed their 5km of pure running (building up from walk/run/walk through the weeks). Fiona is delighted with their progress and a new group was started in June, for whom she has the same hopes of success.

"I think all my runners would say how fantastic it has been to have made new friends; people that they would not otherwise have met. There is a great network of support amongst all of them, and they often run together in smaller groups during the week. I think they would also be thrilled with their own commitment, progress and improvement in their fitness. I certainly am!!"

So, let's ask the runners about that. I spoke to Sarah Powell about what it had meant to her.

"I knew I needed to start doing something 'active' before everything started sagging or falling off. I was quite apprehensive about joining a group and having to commit myself to something on a weekly basis, especially where exercise was involved. I really don't know what I was worried about, it was so good to meet up with other ladies who were all feeling the same as me, and Fiona was very reassuring about our abilities, and put us at ease straight away. The bonus is we usually all stay for a coffee and a chat at The Hub after our run."

"We have all been running together now since 9th April and have smashed the 5k which would not have been possible without the

support, advice and encouragement from Fiona.. There is never any pressure to go quicker than we are comfortable with. After our first 5k run Fiona presented us all with medals (which was a nice surprise). She gives us exercises to do during the week and is always available to answer any questions we may have. A few of us even manage to go for a run on a Monday afternoon which I never thought I would ever have the incentive to do, but I actually look forward to my Monday run with the ladies."

"I can honestly say the running is starting to pay off as I am beginning to feel a lot fitter and I have more energy. I will try and keep the running going for as long as possible. I know that it is not just me that feels this way - we have all benefitted from our Friday morning get togethers."



And the final word from a few other Nibley Hub Runners: Julie Salter (63 and proud of it!), Jileen Loo-Willmott and Debs Lamplugh *"run 5K and more importantly enjoy it!!! That's down to our lovely coach Fiona, who gives you the encouragement to get out there and do it."*

"I think it's the inclusiveness and friendships formed over a post-run cuppa that is what a lot of us enjoy. A few of the ladies moved to the village during the pandemic and never got the chance to socialise or meet new friends in the community until the running group got together."

"Fiona brought together a group of women, all of us novice runners, who didn't know each other and weren't confident about their fitness levels, and she has encouraged, motivated and transformed us to competent runners passionate about our Friday morning get together. We have all become strong friends, supporting each other both during the run and our post run coffee, taking Girl Power to a new level! My Friday run is the highlight of my week."

"I'd say that was a success!"



"I never thought I would!"

News from the Village Hub

Nibley Hub Runner

We are very proud of the groups that have undertaken the Couch to 5k programme under the expert guidance of Nibley's own Fiona Dakin. It's been great to see them congregating and chatting outside the Hub on a Friday. Also good to see some of them coming into the café to replace the calories afterwards with a slice of cake and a triumphant chat! *(Separate article elsewhere in this edition.)*



It's that time again, Nibley Photographers.

Yes, it really is a year (what a year) since we launched the sellout Nibley 2021 calendar, so we are now calling on you to do it all again for our 2022 edition. There are no rules regarding the period in which the image should be taken this time, but we would love them to be from **all seasons** and they need to be taken of or within the Nibley Parish boundary. So, those photos sent last year for our lockdown calendar which we could not use because they were not taken during the lockdown period, could be included this time. The only other essentials are that the images are high resolution, 2 Mb or above and landscape format, preferably 2:1 ratio or similar. They could be beautiful views, glorious sunsets, unusual occurrences, rural activities, drone shots – surprise and delight us with your originality. Please email images in their largest form, to mariwright54@gmail.com. Thank you in anticipation.

Nibley 2022



CALENDAR

Don't throw away your old pill packets ...

We are now collecting the blister packaging for tablets for recycling. Thanks to Sue Convery for organising this. Please make sure that the packets are completely empty before dropping them in, and if you want to donate when the hub is closed, please them in the bench.



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PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS—JULY 2021

Hello!

The council meeting was held on the 5th July and was hopefully the last meeting in which we have to limit numbers of attendees. Although we are happy to welcome members of the community back to the meetings, we do so with caution and respectfully request that you continue to wear masks and use the NHS track and trace. I will continue to take notes of attendees willing to volunteer their contact details for purposes of NHS contact tracing. The Parish Council understand that you may not feel ready to attend physical meetings yet and therefore I am still happy for you to continue to email me your comments for the open public session within the meeting.

Planning

Three planning applications were considered at the July meeting. The council are grateful to the applicants who attended to discuss the applications and provided information for consideration. The council also decided on a response to the Stroud Local Plan, a copy of this response will be available on the Parish Council website.

Road Safety

The council heard representations from North Nibley C of E Primary School and discussed options to make the road outside the school safer for drivers and pedestrians. There were lengthy discussions about the road safety concerns around the whole of North Nibley, particularly, The Street, Frog Lane, parking near Wood Lane/The Cemetery and the B4060.

Parish councillors and the school representative both took away actions and possibilities to investigate with a generous offer of support from county councillor Cohen who has agreed to use her budget to help us fund our work to make the roads in North Nibley safer. Our chairman, Rex Symons is also working hard on this project and reported on his meeting with a representative from Highways. An updated summary of this report will be added to the Parish Council website shortly.



Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Parish Council are intending to hold a public meeting in the Village Hall to discuss Neighbourhood Development Plans, what they are, what work is entailed, commitment required etc. We hope to have attendees from other Parishes who have already undertaken these plans in order for them to be able to share their experiences and expertise and to help the parish councillors respond to any questions you may have. **The proposed date for this meeting is the 23rd September**, timings will be confirmed nearer the date, as there won't be another OTE edition, please look out for updates on the Parish Council Facebook page and websites as well as the Noticeboards. The Parish Council cannot begin to consider embarking on an NDP journey without full support of the community and will require as many volunteers as possible, so please do attend if this is something you would like to get involved in.

Other business

The parish and district councillors are aware of plans to hold the rescheduled Wild Festival at Nibley House and we have invited the organiser to attend our August meeting to listen to our concerns and answer any questions.

The next meetings of the council are:

August 2nd at 7:45pm

September 6th at 7:45pm

October 4th - time to be confirmed

All the best, enjoy the sunshine,
Mandy

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Although there were no elections held in May this year, there was a change in the council. Ken Brown decided to retire from his councillor duties and Rex Symons was elected in to position of chairman. Tim Andrews was welcomed as a new member of the council. Over the coming months there will be introductions from each member of the council, this month we start with a message from our newest member, Tim Andrews ...

“In the past I have only occasionally taken an interest in the Parish Council. I wasn't really sure what it did and its relevance to me. However, recently my interest in the PC was sparked thanks to the proposed housing development by the cemetery. I started my career in the property industry as a developer for Lidl. I had my 3 minutes at the PC meeting discussing the Wotton road planning application. As a result a councillor challenged me to join the PC. I thought about the PC, how it represents our community, how it communicates with us and how we communicate with it. I felt I could improve what the PC does and so I handed in my election form to Stroud District Council.

Who are your Parish Councillors?



I want the PC to become much more accessible to everyone in the village. It is important for the village to actively engage with the PC. How do we achieve this ensuring all sections of the community are involved? Do let us know.

One of my first aspirations is for the village to undertake a Neighbourhood Development Plan which gives all parishioners a chance to establish guidelines for planning and land use in our village thus determining the way any future development takes place. The final written document is subject to a referendum involving all villagers.

Sandy, and I have lived in the village for 11 years. We have 2 children who attend NN primary school. I love my job as a geography teacher and a Head of Year at KLB School. We also have 2 dogs, a messy garden. In non-Covid times we regularly attend both St Martin's and the Chapel where I am a trustee. A committee member of Gloucestershire Orchard Trust, I restore and replant traditional orchards, and also make and sell cider in the local farm shops, pubs and festivals”.



Can you believe it?! We are at the end of the academic year already. Time has certainly flown. It has been a strange year for us all and I have to say particularly for the young. For some, parents have been working at home which may not be normal for them, for some,

spells of having to stay at home in isolation or maybe they have not been able to mix in their usual friendship groups due to being in a bubble at preschool or school. This has had an effect on many children across the nation, with anxiety being a huge issue even in the very young. All we can hope is that in time children will soon adapt and that support is given to them when needed.

At Preschool we have done our very best to continue all year so that the children can have time without the worry of adults wearing masks and social distancing. We are lucky in that we are a small preschool with a maximum of 15 children at any time and therefore we have been able to continue with minimal disruption. All of our parents have been so understanding and supportive and we thank them for this. A huge thanks to all the staff for getting through a tough year and taking on board all the decisions that the committee have agreed on. A big thanks also to the committee who have had to endure many zoom meetings!

I have to say despite all of this we are thriving! Two years ago numbers were low, but numbers have increased and since February we have been at full capacity to the point that we have now recruited a new member of the team for September! We will also hopefully be supporting the government initiative in October and have an apprentice to join our team. We hope that we can encourage more people to begin a career in child care as there is a huge national shortage currently. We now have a waiting list in operation for many sessions but things do change so please still contact us if you would like a space for your child. We have deposits paid for as far ahead as September 2023.



This last week we have been bug hunting and making magic flower potions!



North Nibley's PreSchool is Thriving!

We have been lucky and been able to replace and buy new toys and equipment this year, this has mainly been because we have been lucky enough to receive grants from groups such as North Nibley Parish Council and the Village Hall committee have been brilliant as always and provided new chairs, which makes the décor far more colourful. The orange ones have gone! But there are a few still around not far away from the hall! We have improved our outside play area, added a mud kitchen and new out door toys. We have bought new tablets and laptop, news books, dolls, new farm yard, new carpets and mats and lots of sensory equipment for our really little ones. We have continued with our out door exploring each day and this will continue now as the children love it. This year is odd for us as we are only losing two children to primary school, we will be sad to see them go and we wish them both all the love and luck in the world and we know that they are ready for their next big step in life.

Follow us on Facebook or take a look at our website www.northnibleypreschool.co.uk. Please note we are closed during the holidays, we are contactable via our website or Facebook but may take longer than usual to respond during the holidays. All that remains for me to say is I hope you all have a lovely summer and that you all keep your good health. Keep Safe!
Julie Dyer, North Nibley Preschool Chairperson

VILLAGE EYE

We will be able to meet on Monday 13th September at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. Unfortunately I was a little premature in my dates and Val and Lorraine will be completing the talk on Cambodia and Vietnam that was planned for last year but not until November 8th.

At the moment our speaker for September has not confirmed but I will let everyone know when I can. It will be a surprise!!! My deliberate mistake last month was to put 14th instead of 13th. We are definitely meeting on the 13th September. I hope everyone is well and will be able to come.
Pat Symons 01453 845154

North Nibley Historical Group

It's been a long time now, January 2020 in fact, since we have been able to hold an NNHG meeting and it looks as though it could be some while before we can hold the next one. However it is possible that we could organise a guided walk around Tetbury towards the end of September. Members' interest in the idea is being tested and if anyone else would like to join the Group for the walk as a possible new member, please contact dra.morrison@btinternet.com



Earth Team Winners

Making History, Making Memories.

As I write, England is in the grip of a much needed 'feel-good' factor as our National Men's Football Team progress to the finals of the latest European tournament (Apparently I watched the last time we reached such heights, in 1966. I was 3 months old!) By the time you read this, some people will think it all over....

For the first time since March 22nd 2020 our school came together to participate in the same event. Not since the Spring and Summer lockdown of 2019 have we all been together. The occasion was also a celebration of sport - the school sports day. Under the guidance and direction of Ali Dixon, our specialist Sports Teacher, we implemented a raft of covid-safe measures to keep children, staff and visitors as safe as we could. Socially distanced, but working as one. Parents of Reception and Year 1 thanked us for their child's first ever school sports day. Parents of Year 6 thanked us for their child's last sports day (they do things differently at secondary schools). And parents, grandparents and others remarked on just how special a moment it was. One that had been 'saved' from all that had been lost in recent times.



Determination



Egg & Spoon



Long Distance

2021
Sports
Day



On Your Marks

The children, as you might expect, were awesome! They ran, skipped, bounced, threw and crawled in all the right places, competing for the glory of victory, the adulation of their peers and the sheer joy of physical activity. But the cheering is the part that stands out in my mind. From the first across the line to the last, we spurred one another on. The way North Nibley children support one another is a quality we highly value, and one that seems undiminished despite all we have had to endure.



Out In Front

In the Bible, St Paul likens life to a race: 'And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.' 'All those who compete in the games use self-control so they can win a crown. That crown is an earthly thing that lasts only a short time, but our crown will never be destroyed.'

(1 Corinthians 9:25)

I don't know how long these memories will last, but we made history today in our own small way. Whatever YOUR race is, remember that others, too, are persevering, and we can all cheer each other on.

Have a spectacular and safe summer break. See you in September!



Relay

Paul Batchelor,
Head Teacher,
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Would you like to join the OTE Editorial Team?

If you are familiar with word processing software on your PC/Mac, then we'd like to talk to you. We are looking for a couple of new editors to join our small team and help assemble On The Edge each month. The work involves a monthly editorial meeting and then a few hours on your PC compiling one or two pages from original material supplied by our contributors. No prior experience necessary.

If you enjoy being creative and have an interest in village life then please contact us at...

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Standing Jump

News from

The Chapel

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Welcome back to live worship

The Chapel welcomes you to join us for a service lasting about 40 minutes on the following dates:

Sunday August 8th
at 10am
Service
led by Paul Woolner

Sunday August 22nd
At 10am
Café Church
with coffee and pastries

Calling all friends of the Chapel
The AGM will be held
on **Monday September 27th**
at 7pm

From September,
Worship at the Chapel
will be held on the first and third
Sundays of the month at 10am.
Café Church on the third Sunday.

As you were! (We hope...)

At the time of going to press, there are grounds for optimism that the much anticipated Lockdown Lifting will last.

So, assuming all is well, the Chapel looks forward to welcoming users back to the building and especially the Community Choir. It has been great to have Dance Fit return and it will be wonderful to have other private parties and events held in this great facility once more.

Our heartfelt thanks to Jenny, who has kept the Chapel and its foyer clean and sanitized throughout this difficult period.



The Chapel will welcome all villagers and potential users of the building to a cheese and wine evening in the autumn.

It will be good to hear ideas and opinions about how the Chapel can work to serve the community in the best possible way..... **Watch this space for the date.**



Peter's Ramblings

It's nearly time for the annual Perseid meteorite shower which occurs on the 12th August. I shall be laid on my back in the middle of a field somewhere with a bottle of Welsh Gold whisky close to hand observing that, as chaos surrounds us on every front here on earth, at least the heavens observe a rhythm of normality. We are in a time of great change what with observable changes in our world climate, Covid and Brexit but to name a few. The children who are leaving our Primary school, along with the rest of their school mates, have had a very different couple of years, but now they leave the loving security afforded them by Paul and his team and head off into the world of secondary education.

I've followed the progress of these children

since they were tiny, through nursery and playschool, then through the different classes of the school, knowing that each one is made in the image of God, yet each one is different. I have had so many happy times on a Friday afternoon helping them to deliver the weekly 'Open the Book' stories through acting, singing and praying: you learn by doing and experiencing how it makes you feel and I was so heartened by the children's comments about Faith in last month's On the Edge School page. One pupil wrote, 'When my sister left at Leaver's Service, I prayed properly for the first time'. Another noted that by leading class prayers one day, it began to make sense. I just find that utterly amazing because to 'pray properly' you have to actually believe that Jesus is at the other end listening and responding to your prayer. You can't be taught that belief, you have to work it out for yourself.

Jesus actually said that unless you come at it with the open minded simplicity and wonder of a child then you are unlikely to get there.

So, I pray that all the children leaving this year will be blessed and remember all the fun that we have had together leaning about Jesus and not be frightened to believe that it's all true. When things get a bit rough at secondary school which, no doubt, it will every now and then, talk to Jesus about it and let him guide you through as, without a doubt, he will. In the meantime, may I wish you happy meteorite watching and, if you are considering lying down in a field to do it please consider first of all if you will be able to get back up again. I find it more and more difficult with every year that passes. **Peter Marsh**



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**A WEEKEND FOR THE TYNDALE BENEFICE
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all sorts of things such as : a family off road bike
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and the 'Installation' of **Cookie, Revd Rachel Cook,**
into her Vicar's Stall =her seat= at St Mary's, W-u-E,
on Sunday 5th at 3pm.

Watch out for notices, church website and
NN Facebook for venues & further info on all events!

Sunday August 1st

9.30 am

Holy Communion
with Peter Marsh.



Sunday August 15th

9.30am

Morning Worship
with Rosie Casken.

Sunday 29th 4pm

at St Mary's, W-u-E

Thanksgiving for the
ministries of Sue Plant and
Revd John Evans and others

In September

Sunday 5th 3pm at St Mary's - see above

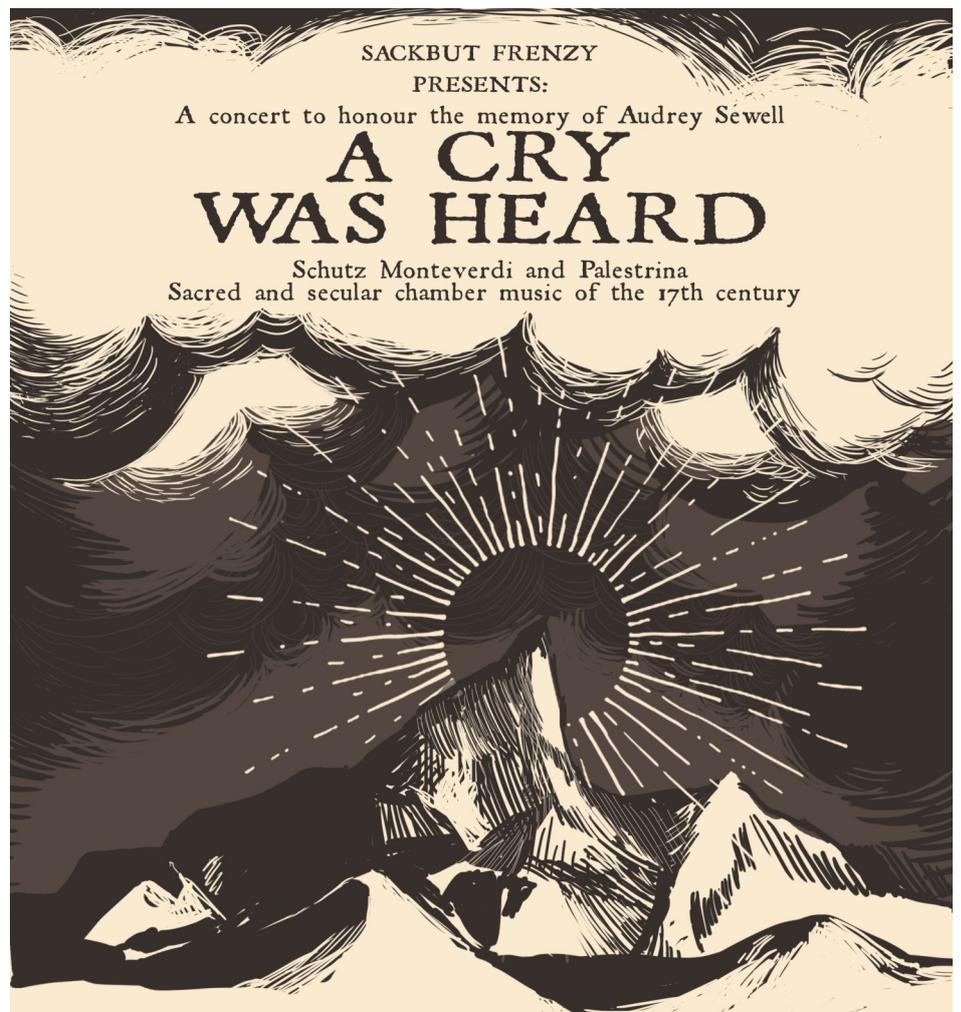
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Holy Communion

Sunday 19th 9.30am

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We really look forward to welcoming people back to the hall. To ensure the safety of all hall users and the community we will be keeping some Covid measures in place over the coming months. We will be monitoring the local situation closely and *will keep our website updated with what these measures are likely to be.* If you are wanting to book an event please feel free to chat to us about it first.

Monday Lunches

Theresa is at full capacity with her current clients. However if you know of a particularly deserving case please let her know.

Village Hall Chairperson

After ten years at the helm Dave Earle has decided to step down as chair of the Hall Trustees. The Management team—Dave Earle (pro temp), Theresa Eames, Steve Collins, Dan Roberts and Jules Miller—would like to hear from anyone in the village who would consider taking on this important role in the community.



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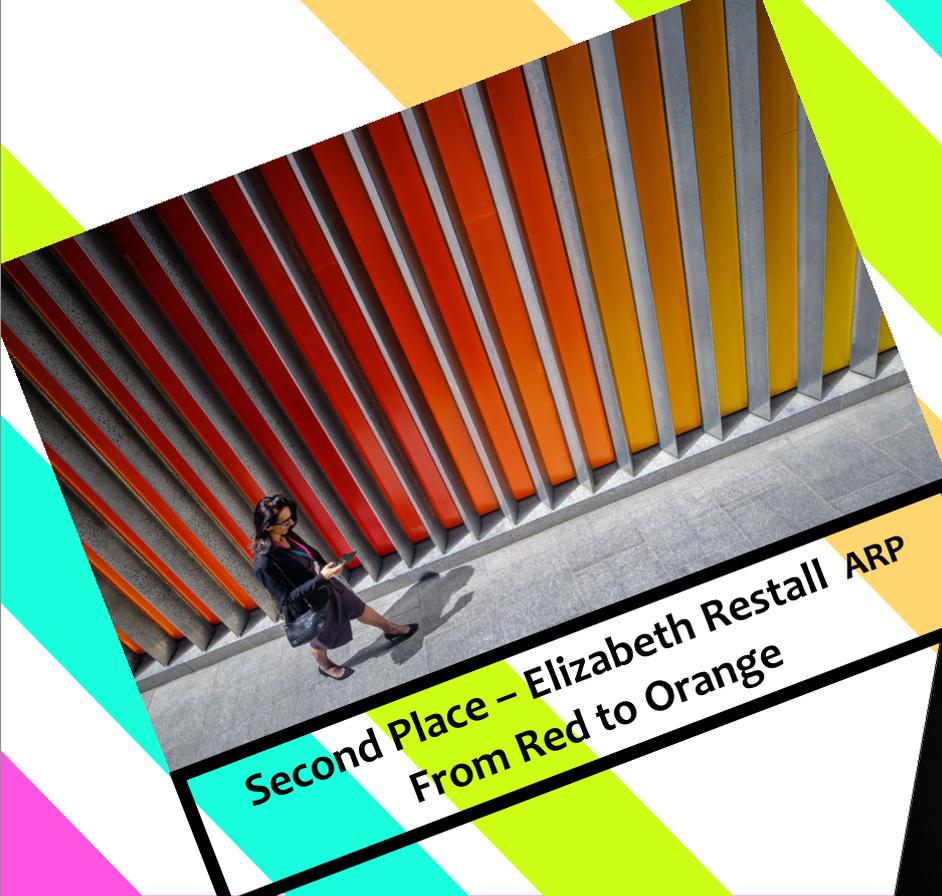
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