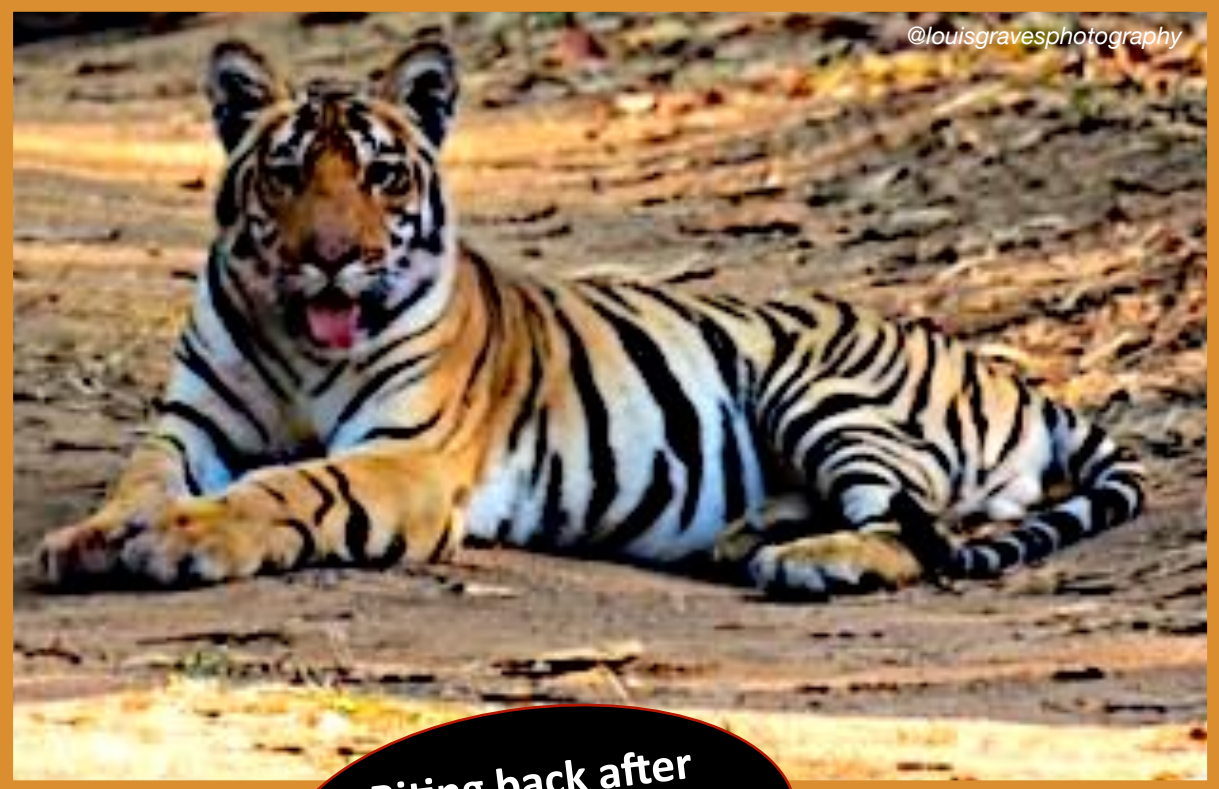


Happy New Year



@louisgravesphotography

Biting back after
two years of Covid
restrictions!

OF
THE
TIGER!



*Nibley
Festival—see
Back Page for
residents'
ticket
information*

ON THE EDGE



February 2022: The Pre-school committee and staff would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to our parents/carers and their families, and the village hall, for their patience at last term. Throughout the pandemic the Pre-school has continued to operate, but succumbed to coronavirus in November. Operating hours were higgledy piggledy as we had to adhere to legal ratios for staff to children as one of our team was at home recovering from the virus. Thankfully all returned to normal in December and the staff and children enjoyed the preparations leading up to Christmas.

Our Quiz and Booze fundraising night in October was very successful. So much so that we are organising another for Saturday 5 February 2022. Book your table early to avoid disappointment. Thank you to those of you who joined in and, of course, those that helped on the night! Other fundraising events were the selling of sweet cones and our annual Christmas Hamper raffle. Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket. Sorry you can't all be winners, but, again, much needed funds were attained.

A New Year and new term. We continue to welcome new children to the setting each term and are pleased to say they settle in quickly. This term we are reading about Winnie the Witch, casting spells and making potions as well as creating edible witches hats! Chinese New Year is on Tuesday 1 February 2022 - the year of the Tiger. We shall be talking to the children about how the Chinese celebrate this and Chinese food will be available for the children to try. In addition, through the term the children will be honing their pencil control, mark making and working on their fine motor skills by using tweezers, scissors and threading.

Although we are up to capacity for our 2021/22 intake, with a waiting list in operation, please still contact us if you would like a space in the future. Things do change on a termly basis and some sessions may come available - it's best to ask and get your child's name down on the list so you don't miss out. Deposits are being taken for 2022/23 and even for 2023/24!

Follow us on Facebook or via our website, www.northnibleypreschool.co.uk, to see what the children have been up to. Keep safe and well, and a Happy New Year to you and yours.

North Nibley Pre-school Team.

If you're thinking about a special event or celebration, why not use the Hall? See our web-site for more information.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Quiz + Booze Night 2!

Saturday 5th February 2022

North Nibley Village Hall



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Working from Home? Need some peace & quiet? Need a faster connection? Why not hire the Hall's Meeting Room - all the space you need plus free access to the Hall's super-fast **900Mb broadband** service. Just £8 per hour for residents. *Broadband kindly provided by Gigaclear under their Community Support programme.*



We had another very good, well attended meeting this week when Val Quest and Lorraine Smith talked us through Vietnam (Part two) with the aid of some very good images, especially of the sunsets and sunrises. They commented on the differences between the two countries in that in Cambodia the people were very gentle and very kind. Vietnam was busier, and had the background of the war to begin with, but in this second talk they emphasised how kind and helpful the people were even though having very little by our standards. The amount of produce etc that could be carried on a bike was unbelievable. It certainly made you want to visit the country, which was unexpected, they emphasised how clean everything was, and the very delicious food they had in many places.

Our Christmas Lunch at the Royal Oak was very good - everyone enjoyed it. Our **next meeting is on 14th February at 2.30pm** and will be a "A History of the Round House on the Ridge" a local talk by Clare McGarvey who recently lived there. Please come and bring a friend! The meeting on the 14th March will be a social one with a Bring and Buy, and cake, and some discussion as to our future meetings. We would welcome any new members who would like to come and join us. It has been a long time between meetings. I hope everyone is well and will be able to come. We meet at 2.30pm.

Pat Symons 01453 845154

UPDATE

A huge thank you to everyone who got in touch following my article in the November On the Edge – what a fantastic response I got!



As a result about **TWENTY** of the dual swift nest boxes will be appearing around North Nibley in early spring increasing the number of potential nesting places for swifts in the village from under 20 to **OVER SIXTY!!** They will be all over from Frog Lane to Wotton Road, Stancombe View to Barrs Lane.

UPDATE

We have reinstated our public meetings... below are the next two that are planned.

Thursday 3rd February- 'Retrofit & Heat Pumps.'
Thursday 7th April- Transport, Electric Vehicles & Bikes
Our meetings are held at U.T.E.A (the Chipping Hall) Wotton-under-Edge at 8pm.

As far as possible they are COVID secure, with tables set 2 meters apart and we recommend people to wear face masks. Give us a nudge if you are coming at wottonareacan@gmail.com All are welcome.

A few extra thoughts on energy saving tips:- more on our website.

FOOD:

Consider air miles of your purchases.
Reduce food waste - only buy what you need.
Shop locally - buy seasonally.

HOME:

Cook with lids on pans.
Turn lights off, even if returning to the room soon. Train the kids!
Turn down the thermostat & wear extra jumpers. Real wool is warmest of all.
L.E.D light bulbs last longer & cut electricity bills.

EASY DRAUGHT PROOFING:

Seal gaps around doors, windows, letterbox, cat flaps, cold water pipe entry, gaps around loft hatch.

DRAW CURTAINS AT NIGHT this makes a huge difference.

STUFF:

Donate don't dump. Fast fashion is out - buy preloved or even make your own, borrow rather than buy.
Use Freecycle Wotton & support circular economy.

REMEMBER - most of the above will save you money! For more news & events go to www.wottonareacan.org or our Facebook page.

This is tremendous news at a time when swifts have just been added to the RED list of British birds – the ones we are most concerned about!

Timber has been purchased and over the next few weeks I will be getting on with building all these new homes.

There is still time to get involved this year – go to www.nibleyswifts.org/how-to-get-involved/ and contact me if you're interested.

Peter Kirmond

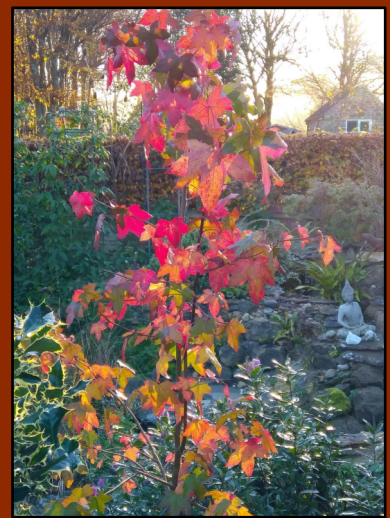
Alison Beer writes:

A year ago, I set a challenge to plant 700 trees to celebrate my 70th birthday. This being North Nibley, it came as no surprise that the response was terrific, resulting in.....

834 plantings in Nibley Parish – 400 hedging plants and 434 mixed native and fruit trees. Plus 5 oak seedlings grown from acorns and being nurtured by a budding 3 year old tree fan.

28 trees around the UK sponsored by friends or by me to mark babies, weddings, and birthdays, through the Woodland Trust, National Trust, John Muir Trust, and Trees for Life.

I am well pleased. Thankyou to everyone who took part, and also to those who have planted trees that I may not know about.



One of my own contributions, a liquidamber presented as a birthday present in Dec 2020.
Glorious autumn colour November 2021.



Happy New Year!

The shop is fully stocked with all your favourite goods, taking weekly deliveries from Walkers Bakery (Wotton), Cam Family Butchers, Corner Farm eggs and Severnfresh Milk.

We are always looking to stock what our customers want so please let us know if there are things that you would like to see on our shelves that are not there currently.

Orders can be made each week by Tuesday 11 am for collection on Thursday or Saturday.

Email orders.nibleyhub@gmail.com



T&Cakes Latest

Tarragon recently launched her website and is growing her online business. Take a look and share it with your family and friends. Cakes can be sent all around the UK!

www.tandcakes.org.

Tarragon also has a new range of cakes for 2022 and is also open to suggestions as to what you would like her to sell. Pop in and take a look.

New Blood Needed!

The Hub is run by a small volunteer committee. Our Chairperson, John Hay has recently stepped down from the committee. John has been a stalwart of the committee for some time, guiding the shop through some difficult times. He was extremely supportive when the Hub idea was put to the committee and his knowledge and skills were very much appreciated.

We need to find one or two more people who would be willing to join the committee. These are behind the scenes roles, but are important for the future running of the shop. We are also looking for a bookkeeper/accountant who could spare some time to assist on the financial side of things. Please let Charles Lamplugh know if you are interested or would like more information (contact details below)

COVID Update:

We have a Hub Covid focus team who have been meeting each month to make sure we are compliant with any new Government guidelines (of which there have been MANY!!) The team has worked particularly hard to ensure that the staff, volunteers and customers are warm AND safe this winter. We have been monitoring the CO2 levels for a while in the Hub and by keeping the windows open and with our ventilation system bringing in fresh air, we only need to open the door occasionally to keep the air quality within the safe limits as recommended by the World Health Organisation. With the heating on, it creates a lovely warm and welcoming atmosphere for everyone. We also frequently clean surfaces and touchpoints, encourage all our customers, staff and volunteers to wear a mask and ask you to sanitise your hands on the way in.

A Date for your Diary!

The shop AGM will be held on Monday 28th March 7.30pm at North Nibley Village Hall. This will be an in person meeting for the first time since 2019! We do hope to see as many shareholders at the meeting as possible. If you are new to the village and would like to become a shareholder, please contact Charles Lamplugh (contact details below)

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Parish Council - December & January 2021-22

Meetings continue to be held in the Village Hall, minutes are available on the PC website and village notice boards. The council made comments on **planning applications** and an enforcement appeal. The link to make your own comment to Stroud District Planning on any applications affecting you is:- <https://publicaccess.stroud.gov.uk/online-applications>

The Parish Council wants to create **safer roads** for all road users, whether on foot, rubber or hoof. Please read our **Chairman's Report** on the PC website or contact the Clerk for a hard copy.

Each year we provide **grants to charities and organisations** which support the North Nibley community. We are now taking applications with a closing date of 28th February 2022. Please email clerk@northnibleyparishcouncil.org.uk for an application form. District Councillor Braun told the Parish Council of two **Community Wellbeing Grants**. The smaller grant scheme is open to non-commercial organisations. Applications will be accepted all year long and a panel will meet to consider them every three months. Stroud District Council will do their first small grants panel in March (the larger grants panel is in February). Applications should be sent to hwb@stroud.gov.uk. Details about Small Grants and the applications form can be found on the SDC website: www.stroud.gov.uk/community-health-and-wellbeing/community-wellbeing-grants.

We now have a new surface, replacement swing and a brand new see-saw in the children's **play area** next to the village hall. For news on the plans for a new play area, please see separate article.

The Black Horse - A member of public made a request to the council during the January meeting to get in touch with the management company and request presence at a community meeting to discuss the future of the premises to which the council agreed.



The Queen's Jubilee - The Parish Council are looking into the possibility of planting an English Oak within the village to mark the queen's jubilee.

Owl boxes are nearly finished and we will be looking to meet with the school soon to see how we can get the children involved in this exciting project for wildlife in the cemetery.

The **next meetings** of the council will be held on the following dates in the Village Hall at 7:15pm.

February 7th March 7th April 4th

An additional meeting will be held at 7pm on the 2nd March to discuss the Play Area Plans.

Mandy Rossiter, Clerk - North Nibley Parish Council
clerk@northnibleyparishcouncil.org.uk 07920 103 953 www.northnibleyparishcouncil.org.uk

Proposed Village Play area facilities:

My name is **Nick Riddiford** and I have been working with the Parish Council on the proposal to provide a new play area facility for North Nibley.

We would like to invite you to a public information meeting, so we can engage with the community to better understand what the people of North Nibley would like to see in that new play area.

Our Vision-

As I'm sure most people are aware, the current play provision is limited to a younger age bracket and is somewhat old. That provision is owned and managed by Stroud District Council. The Parish Council decided that this, and the responsibility of its maintenance, was best left with the District Council, while an additional play area for a broader age range would be put in place by the Parish Council working with the people of North Nibley.

The Parish Council own the Jubilee Playing Field, therefore this is currently deemed the best proposed location. However, the finer detail has yet to be agreed as there are several stakeholders to liaise with. These include, but are not limited to:

Neighbouring Residents

Recreation Field Trustees

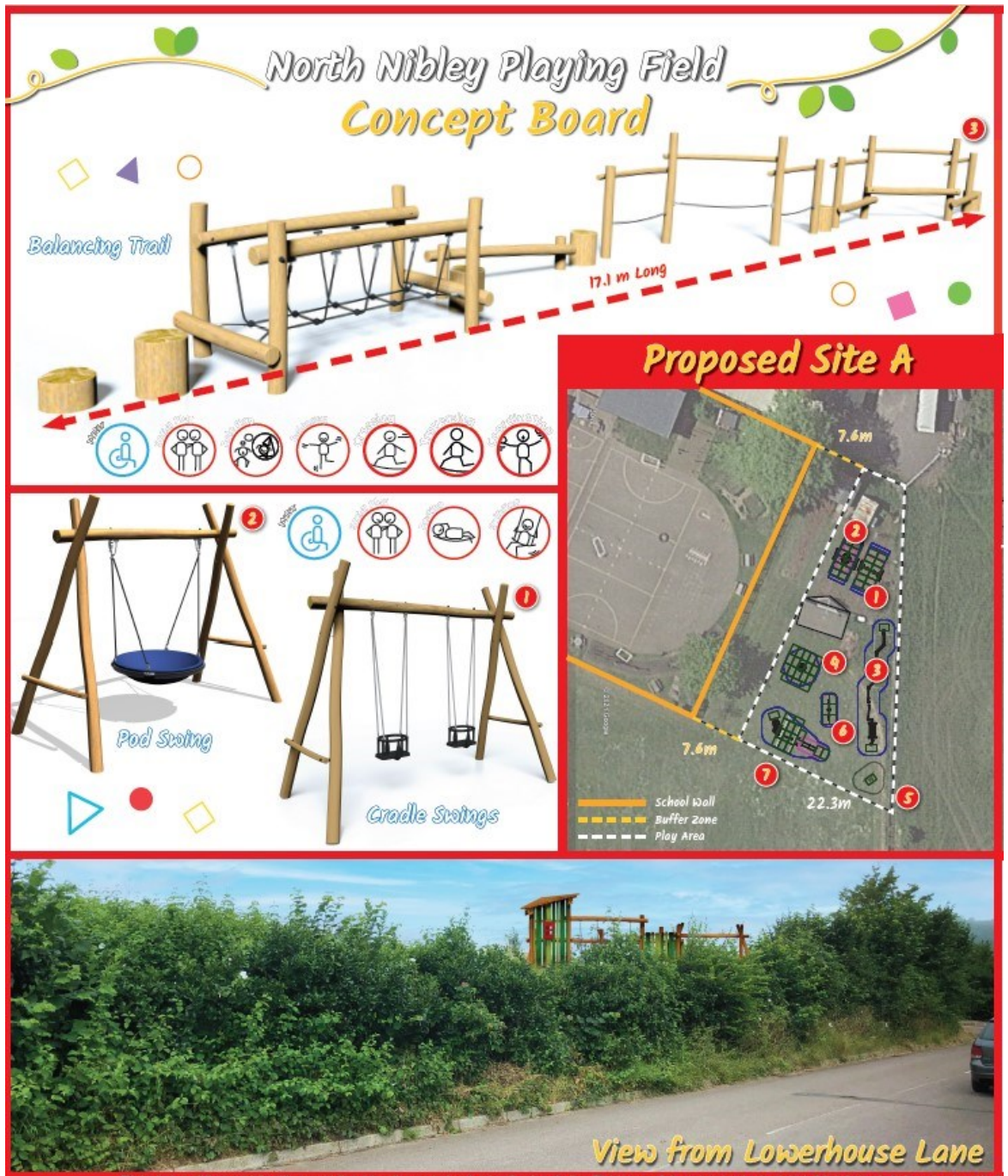
School Governors and Management

Cricket Club

Football Club

Covenant Holders.

How much will it cost?



We estimate that we need to raise **£40,000** which will provide 7 pieces of equipment. Fundraising for this project is one of the massive tasks that we need help with, so we are looking for willing volunteers to come forward to assist in raising the funds.

Public Consultation Meeting 02 March 2022 at 19:00 at North Nibley Village Hall

We have managed to raise £7,130 so far through a combination of Gloucestershire County Council grants, Renishaw and two very kind donations from parishioners via the JustGiving page

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/nicholas-riddiford?utm_term=735X3qX28

What next?

The public information meeting will be held on **02 March 2022 at the Village Hall at 19:00.**

The purpose is to share a concept design of the proposed play equipment; to gather comments from all those present via a questionnaire; and to invite volunteers to join a working group to help drive the project forward. The intention is to determine the most suitable location, as a new play area will both greatly benefit the children of our village, but inevitably have some impact.

Therefore we would like as many parishioners and stakeholders to attend as possible to make this a worthwhile event and to capture everyone's comments.

For those people who would prefer to provide comments in advance of the meeting, this can be done by following this link to a survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FVLRNG>

Please complete by 02 March 2022

A Prickly Question

On Christmas night, a curious sound somewhere between a snuffle and a grunt (gruffle? snunt?) was heard outside our patio doors. An intrepid investigation quickly revealed that it was coming from a hedgehog. Initial delight at this rare sighting was soon replaced by concern for the creature who should have been in the middle of its period of hibernation. Unless I am very much mistaken, they usually sleep from November through to March – a behaviour pattern my husband would very much like to emulate. Whatever is happening in our world? The seasons are changing: Covid has thrown us all into chaos and it's hard to make plans, even now, as so much seems uncertain. While, deep down, I still believe that God is in control and holds this world in the palm of his hand, I feel very much aware that we need to

be holding each other in our hands in these troubling and challenging times. We need to look out for one another and acknowledge the impact of collective action – with its potential for good as well as for harm. There is a big picture we need to see, a world view, and we need to keep watching out for our neighbours wherever they are. They may live in distant continents or countries, in different cities or on different streets – and they include God's creatures, too.

While, for all sorts of reasons, holding my unseasonal visitor in the palm of my hand was not to be a literal undertaking, our prickly guest, confused by the unusually mild weather, was certainly entitled to our care and concern – and a hedgehog-friendly titbit to help him on his way!

Rosie Casken



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13th February 2022
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Sunday
27th February 2022
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The Chronicles of Narnia -

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What was C.S. Lewis trying
to suggest?

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Churchwardens,

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Little Angel Gets Her Wings

Before Christmas, Miss Allen and Miss Tyers, Class teachers for Classes 1 and 2, felt that we could continue our proud tradition of an annual infant nativity safely, if appropriate measures were put in place for any adult visitors, and so rehearsals began. We were able to stage two performances of 'Little Angel Gets Her Wings', each time for a limited number of parents. Later I asked the 6 and 7 year olds to write down some of their thoughts. A good 'recount' piece of writing answers the 'Who, what, where, when and why' questions, so the children wrote around that structure. I have cherry-picked a number of their comments, as well as some others that appeared, in order to tell the story of our nativity.

- *We do a nativity every year. This year, our nativity was called 'Little Angel Gets Her Wings'. It took place in the school hall. We practiced our nativity because we wanted to get it right for the real thing. I was nervous before we started. Every child in Classes 1 & 2 took part. We were so excited!*
- *My favourite song was 'On The Road To Bethlehem.' which was near the start.*
- *Unfortunately, (which was our word of the day) two of us were ill. Fortunately, one volunteered to switch parts.*
- *On Wednesday I was a camel but on Thursday I was a donkey!*
- *I was a sheep.*
- *I was an angel.*
- *I was a narrator.*
- *My favourite song was 'Allelujah'.*
- *Mine was 'Light Up The World'.*
- *We did it to entertain the grown-ups.*
- *It cheered everyone up.*
- *It was fun!*



In the story, Little Angel has to walk everywhere because she hasn't yet earned her wings. As she solves problems and shows love to the different creatures she meets on her way to Bethlehem, she earns her wings. Ultimately, it turns out that the donkey she aided was needed by Mary, the mother of Jesus, and the dove and the lamb were also on their way to the stable, to mark the events of that first Christmas.



As we care for those around us in 2022, we do not know the impact they will have further down the road. Go care-fully, then, into this brand new year.

Best wishes,
Paul Batchelor
Head Teacher

www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk



"Cookie", as we came to know our vicar, Revd Rachel Cook, led her last service at St Martin's on Sunday 16th January. To thank Cookie for her contribution and as a memory of North Nibley, the PCC gave her and husband, Matt, a lino print by one of her predecessors as Vicar, John May.

Services for February:

Sunday 6th

9.30am Service of the Word

led by Rev'd Peter Marsh

Sunday 13th

9.30am Holy Communion

led by the Bishop's Chaplain,

Rev'd Jason Taylor

Sunday 20th

9.30am Service of the Word

with Rev'd Morag Langley

Sunday 27th

9.30am Holy Communion

led by Rev'd Steve Jarvis

Wednesday 2nd March

6pm Ash Wednesday

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who died in December 2021
aged 83 years

Diana, Walter and Bernard and their families express their sincere thanks for the sympathy, the cards and acts of kindness from so many of John's friends.

Baby Sitting

Hi, my name is Ruby and I have lived in the village all my life. I am 16 years old in February 2022. I am looking for more families that need a baby-sitter. Over the last year I have babysat for several families for children as young as 20 months up to the age of 12 so can provide references. If you would like me to babysit for you I will do a lateral flow test 3 hours before coming to your home. Please contact me on 07817001421.

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Division 1 First Place: Steve Varman LRPS

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The judge for our first Projected Digital Images competition of the season was Bristol based Simon Caplan LRPS and he was more than happy to deliver his results over the internet at our now regular Zoom meeting.

Simon explained his approach to judging saying that he liked an image to have emotional and dramatic impact as well as the 'WOW' factor. He wanted quality of subject matter, good use of light and great composition. He concluded his introduction by saying that his judging was subjective and that another judge would more than likely give completely different scores.



You surprised me

Division 2 First Place: David Gamm

In the past two years the Committee of North Nibley Historical Group has been depleted and so needs new blood to join and help plan the regular meetings once again.



We will be meeting
at the Chapel on
Thursday 17th March
at 7.30pm

when Paul Barnett will
be giving us his latest talk:

Easter at Christmas

He has fulfilled a life time ambition to go to Easter Island and his talk is not only about the famous statues but also the traditions and way of life of the people.



Do join us!



TICKETS ON SALE – from
Sunday 20th February

Tickets will be available to buy **ONLINE ONLY!**

Residents of the Parish of North Nibley and volunteers!!!

The card you pay with must be registered to your Nibley address. Families of children attending Nibley Primary or Preschool are counted as eligible for the early sale. Villagers can buy a 'reasonable' number of tickets for family and close friends. If you'd like to volunteer (and get a free ticket), please direct message us or email us at volunteers@nibleyfestival.co.uk.

More information including ticket prices for 2022 can be found at: www.nibleyfestival.co.uk/tickets/. If you don't have internet access, there is a laptop at The Hub you can use for free from 24th February.

The link to buy tickets will be available via the school and preschool, on village Facebook groups and at The Hub.

Thank you - from the Nibley Festival Team!