

# OCTOBER 2022 Issue 286





**We all knew that the day would come when Queen Elizabeth the Second would die, but I don't think that many of us could begin to imagine the effect her death would have on each one of us individually, or indeed the Nation and the World.**

I think that like so many others, I had begun to see her as immortal, because we just didn't want to contemplate her demise.

Each one of you will have memories of our Queen on which to reflect. Some of you, I am sure, will have actually seen her or maybe have been actually presented to her.

Watching the TV coverage of this past week has been fascinating. So many people have told of their meeting with Queen Elizabeth both officially and at impromptu meetings, often just a wave from a passing Land Rover, but none the less, they have been left with a lasting memory of a cherished Queen. Notably, many children have described her as being like a Grandmother, and adults talk of her great wit and sense of humour, which was never used as a weapon.

I shall remember her as 'The Boss', as she was known to all members of the Armed Forces, but, as a priest, I shall remember her exemplary example to us all,

as a disciple of Christ. She wore her Faith on her sleeve and not as a 'light under a bushel' where it would be hidden. Actually, that can be a very difficult thing to do, and many people find it easier to keep their Christianity to themselves for fear of ridicule.

The Queen didn't do that. Instead she decided from the start to put her Faith into action in everything that she did. She prayed daily with her Chaplain, no doubt asking God for wisdom, guidance and strength to make some of the tough decisions that she had to make, not least, regarding members of her own family, but also I am sure that she put everything that she did in prayer to God.

As a result, she never looked down on anyone, was interested in everyone that she met, enquiring and listening intently to them. Many ordinary folk have remarked that in their meeting with her, she always managed to make them feel at ease and left them feeling that during that time, often only brief, that they were only thing that mattered to her. She made time for everyone and put everyone first.

I cannot imagine how she had the physical and mental strength to carry out seventy years of official duties with such dignity and grace – seventy years of selflessly, giving and serving her peoples. A true example of what it means to be a disciple of Christ to us all.

In the Royal sense, the word 'demise' can be applied to 'transmit a sovereign's title by death' and I don't think that anyone was ready for the immediate and seamless passing of the Crown from mother to son.

I couldn't help but feel sorry for King Charles as he gave his speech only a day after the death of his mother - no time to mourn, no time to reflect with his brothers, sister or children, just pick up the 'Royal Baton' and run with it, onto the World's Stage, just as his mother did seventy years ago.

God Save and Bless Queen Elizabeth the Second and King Charles the Third.

*Rev'd Peter Marsh*

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— **the link is via our website**  
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## SERVICES IN OCTOBER

**SUNDAY 2nd TRINITY 16**

**9.30am An Informal Service**

*with Rev'd Sue Phillipson-Masters*

**SUNDAY 9th TRINITY 17**

**9.30am Holy Communion for Harvest**

*with Rev'd Sue Phillipson-Masters*

**SUNDAY 16th TRINITY 16**

**9.30am An Informal Service**

*with Rev'd Lesley Hewish*

**SUNDAY 23rd Last Sunday after TRINITY**

**9.30am Holy Communion**

*with Rev'd Jane Kenchington*

**SUNDAY 30th ALL SAINTS**

**11am Benefice Service** (see posters for details)





### THE TIMES, THEY ARE A-CHANGIN'

This issue always catches me by surprise! The term

has only just begun, and yet looking back (as I write, the children have been in just 4 days) a lot has happened. We've welcomed a new class teacher, Miss Robinson, to the Class 2 position, and new Teaching Assistant in the form of Mrs Buckley; a new Prime Minister has taken up office and now we have a new Monarch – King Charles the Third. King Edward's subjects were Edwardians, Victoria's were Victorians and the numerous Georges ruled over Georgians. As subjects of the new king, we are now either Caroleans (as in Carolean style, under Charles II of England) or Carolinian (as in the Caroline era under Charles I of England). Perhaps someone will tell us soon! These terms are called 'eponymous adjectives', something that I didn't know before the historic and sad events of this week.

Education is a wonderful thing, as is Wikipedia!

Our new Reception Year Group has joined us, a full intake once again, and we are getting to know these 'bright buttons' as they explore school and become familiar with routines. In a break from the past, we decided to run a Reception-only class, rather than our traditional mix of Year 1s and Reception in our youngest class. They appear delightful and the only tears at the gate can be seen in the eyes of their parents as pupils take this new step forward. There are no 'automatic' places left in the school - every year group numbers at least 15 – meaning the only route to joining us now is through an appeal. A healthy, vibrant and plentiful school population suggests a contentment with our offer and leads to much success. The proportion reaching the Higher Standard or Greater Depth in external assessments is well up on the National results, and although the final, official results are not yet published, early analysis

suggests that the progress our summer leavers made in this school, when compared with all other state schools, is extremely 'positive' and especially so in Reading and Maths. In due course you can read this online here

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/school-results/>

So exciting times, but changing times too. A rather short notice 'P.S.' in the last issue confirmed my departure, at the end of the Autumn Term, from this school. Why would I decide to call time on this wonderful, successful and popular school? Come back next issue to find out, and read a rather special invitation!

Paul Batchelor, Head Teacher

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**FONNS FIREWORKS NIGHT**  
**FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER**  
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FAMILY OF 4 £15.00  
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FOOD & DRINK  
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### Applications are now invited for the North Nibley Arts Bursary 2022.

A sum of money is available for young people up to the age of 26 to assist with the costs of pursuing studies in Music, Dance and Drama. Applicants must live, or have been born, within a six mile radius of North Nibley.

Further details and application form available from:

[nnartsbursary@btinternet.com](mailto:nnartsbursary@btinternet.com)

Completed applications must be received by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022

# News from The Chapel



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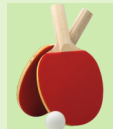
## COFFEE, CAKE, CRAFT AND CHAT



Every **Wednesday, 10am-2pm**  
 with space for those wishing to bring their art or  
 craft activity. Why not pop in for coffee, tea, cake  
 and a chat?

## TABLE TENNIS

On **Tuesdays,**  
**10am-11:30am**, term time only.  
 £1.50, includes coffee and  
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## DANCEFIT

Dancefit classes on **Thursdays,**  
**10am- 11am**  
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## NORTH NIBLEY COMMUNITY CHOIR

**Mondays 7.30-9pm**

£6 per session; all  
 welcome to join.



The Choir meets for fun  
 during the school term,  
 but there are opportunities to perform in  
 public at Christmas and at concerts as  
 arranged during the year.

## Helpers desperately needed for Messy Church!

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 12noon (9.30-12.30 for helpers).  
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[sueconvery@gmail.com](mailto:sueconvery@gmail.com)*

## SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

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**Sun 9th October at 10am**

*All welcome!*



## Rag Rug Course

**Wednesdays 5, 12, 19 October  
 10.30-12.00**

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 pro rata for fewer  
 Contact: [sueconvery@gmail.com](mailto:sueconvery@gmail.com)

## LET'S HAVE FUN!

**Sat 15th Oct 10:00 – 12:00**

Children aged 3-11 and their parents  
 are welcome to join in crafty activities,  
 stories and lunch



*The new Chapel Administrator is Julie Davies, e: [jdee20@icloud.com](mailto:jdee20@icloud.com)*



## Churches Together

### Bible Studies

With open discussion  
 Led by Paul Woolner

**Tues 18th October @ 7pm  
 And Monthly on 3rd Tuesday**  
 Everyone welcome



## We all need time to rest.

Jesus famously got on an open topped fishing boat, utterly exhausted and went to sleep. He apparently slept so well that he failed to notice that a storm had broken overhead and the boat was sinking. His terrified disciples, most of whom were hardened fishermen by trade, had to wake him up because they had run out of ideas. He, of course, told them they had no faith, then commanded the wind and sea to be calm and they were saved. It is not recorded in the Bible what happened next but I hope that he went back to sleep again and awoke refreshed. We all need time to rest.

I went to see the Bishop the other day as a part of my 'How are you getting on' review. For once in my life, encouraged by comments by a few very dear

friends, I was completely honest and told him I was totally, if you will excuse my use of a very informal verb, knackered. We therefore decided that what I needed was some time off from church work, and since we now have Lesley as Priest in Charge of the Benefice, now is a good time to have it. So, I'm telling you myself rather than you having to listen to rumours which will probably say I've been sacked or defrocked or whatever.

I will still be delivering bread every morning because that is just a bit of daily exercise, light relief and the chance to have at least one free cup of decent coffee every day from 'Dexters' in Bath, which I heartily commend to you, but apart from that, for 6 whole weeks I shall be asleep next to Jesus in the boat as it were!

Be good, and I will be back in November.

*Peter*

# Parish Council Matters – September 2022

## HRH Queen Elizabeth II

The Parish Council are very saddened by the loss of HRH Queen Elizabeth II and offer their condolences to all who mourn her. The PC would like to thank the church and the chapel for arranging books of condolence so promptly.

**Councillor Vacancies** Cllr Palmer agreed to chair the council for the meetings which took place in August and September, but the council will be looking to elect a longer term chairman during their October meeting.

Thank you to all who showed an interest in becoming a councillor. Five applications were received for three vacancies, and the council welcomes Cllr Smith and Cllr Carr and welcomes back Cllr Smitherman. Introductions from all three newly co-opted councillors will be posted in our On The Edge submissions over the next few months. We start this month with:



**Cllr Lisa Carr** I was born and raised in Greater Manchester, my husband works for Renishaw and our son is studying at KLB. As a family we have lived in various places around the UK including Cheshire, East Riding of Yorkshire and now Gloucestershire since

2018. Living in Towns and Rural environments over the years has given me valuable understanding of different lifestyles and backgrounds.

I have a Business and Finance degree and other professional qualifications underpinning a broad spectrum of skills gained in my career in local government, NHS commissioning and NHS provider organisations. Working in Democratic Services, Higher and Further Education Governance, NHS Strategy Planning & Commissioning. Currently working for NHS Gloucestershire Integrated Commissioning Board (ICB) as Programme Manager for Personalised Care.

I am very proud to be part of North Nibley's parish governance for future generations to behold.

**Village Clean Up Day** The Village Clean Up Day, the first for three years, will take place on **Saturday 1st October. Please meet at the Village Hall at 9:30am** for a safety briefing and collection of equipment and safety clothing. Feel free to bring gardening/heavy duty gloves if you have any. Do join everyone in the hall for free refreshments and a chat afterwards!

**Planning** Since July the council has considered and commented on six new planning applications and sent comments on appeals to the planning inspectorate. Further planning applications can be viewed by accessing the web portal, where you can also raise your own comments. The link to Stroud District Planning Portal:

<https://publicaccess.stroud.gov.uk/online-applications>

**Road Safety** concerns such as potholes and overgrown hedges can be reported using the Highways Portal:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/highways/roads/your-highways-report-it/>

**Footpaths**, gully clearance and an improved drainage system continue to be pursued. The council thanks Elaine Orchard for her efforts in this area.

**Postbox** – I have contacted Royal Mail about the disappearance of the post box at Nibley Green and have been told that it was taken away for repairs (following a vehicle colliding with it) and that it will be replaced. Unfortunately, Royal Mail were unable to offer any timescales for this.

**Fuel Allowance** – Anyone with pre-paid meters to check that your supplier has up to date contact details for you to ensure that you receive your vouchers.

**Next Meetings** will be held on the following dates in the **Village Hall at 7:15pm**.

**October 3<sup>rd</sup>    November 7<sup>th</sup>**

Mandy Rossiter, Clerk - North Nibley Parish Council

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07920 103 953

## The marriage of Emily & George

On a very hot day on July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022, North Nibley girl, Miss Emily Pain married Mr George Grey. It was truly a wonderful day, the marriage ceremony took place in the village church.



Emily looked truly breath-taking as she walked into the church and her parents Paddy & Becky could not have looked any prouder.

Emily & George wanted the church gates tied, which is a very old tradition that has gone on for many years. It is a tradition that many of us can certainly remember as young children, it was so exciting to be waiting for the new bride & groom to throw money over the gates to have them opened up! It would be lovely to see this tradition carried on by future generations.

The gates were tied by Jenny Wytchard and some children from the village. The children's faces were an absolute delight as they scrambled to catch the money and Mr & Mrs Grey had the most wonderful smiles upon their faces.

Many congratulations to George & Emily, it was certainly a day to remember.



## Harvest Supper/Curry Night

### Produce & Promises Auction\*\*



**Saturday 15th October  
at 6.30 for 7.00 pm  
in the Village Hall**

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**Deadline for all is Sunday 9th October**

## \*\* Produce & Promises Auction\*\*

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## The New Inn

If you are brave enough to say goodbye, life will reward you with a new hello...

Due to the unprecedented pressures facing the hospitality industry, the New Inn Waterley Bottoms will be going into 'hibernation' and temporarily closing its gate on Saturday 1st October 2022.

I wish to thank Sue who has been my rock behind the bar, training countless members of the team over her years working at the New Inn. I wish to thank Tab for her years of dedication and hard work, we really could not have gotten this far without her.

Hasta la vista, baby. We will be back!

With love from Les, Emma and Scrumpy-Dog x



## North Nibley Cricket Club

Our final game of the season was a home fixture against Kingswood on Sunday September 11th, a memorable weekend due to the very sad circumstances surrounding it. Having observed a minute's silence before the start of the game it was a typical "village" start with both teams a couple of players short and both teams believing they were going to bowl first.

That issue was quickly resolved and in a game reduced to 30 overs Kingswood lost a couple of early wickets but went on to make a very healthy and challenging total of 180.

The tea interval was something quite extraordinary. We are rightly proud of our cricket teas but this was truly something special and we are immensely grateful to Cathy and Derek Aston for providing it.



An extra special touch was added by the inclusion of marmalade sandwiches in a nod to the sketch with Paddington to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee.

After tea Nibley's openers got off to a great start and at 65 from the first 6 overs things were looking good. Unfortunately for us a steady loss of wickets, despite some stubborn resistance from the middle order, meant we finished 30 runs short when the final wicket fell. It had been a closely fought game played in great spirit and was a fitting end to the season.

The shortage of players has been a recurring issue for our team this season. We would love a few more players to join the club. As I've said before age, sex or lack of recent cricketing experience shouldn't put anyone off from coming forward.

Finally I would like to thank everyone who has played for us this year, everyone who has helped prepare and maintain the square and everyone who has made teas for us. Without you all we simply wouldn't have a village team.

Chris Artingstall, Chairman NNCC

**Cam, Dursley and District u3a** is looking forward to a new season of events and activities for anyone no longer working full-time or raising a family. The u3a, a registered charity established in 2014,, is just one of many similar local branches affiliated nationally through the Third Age Trust and dedicated to the philosophy that you are never too old to learn, laugh and live .

You can find out more at their Open Day, at the Chantry Centre, Long St, Dursley on **Wednesday 5th October from 10.30 am to 1 pm**. Over 40 special interest groups will be represented, and there'll be chance for prospective members to chat to leaders. Take your pick from Art Appreciation, Badminton, Books, Boules, Crafts, Crosswords, Dowsing, Family History, French, Gardening, Guitar, Historic Places, Kurling, Mahjong, Natural History, Play Reading, Poetry, Science & Engineering, Skittles, Tennis & Table Tennis, Theatre, Travel, Walking, Wine, and Writing. If your passion isn't represented, come along and help set up a new group.

There's a monthly talk in Dursley Methodist Church on a variety of interesting topics; Those coming up range from the Stroud Woollen Industry, Narrowboats on the Severn to even the Bayeux Tapestry. Groups are not just Dursley based and meet in different venues all round the district. Many groups run trips out. Outstanding gardens, historic towns and stately homes or miracles of modern technology not perhaps accessible to individuals can all be enjoyed through u3a membership The monthly members' Bulletin shares news and pictures to everyone.

Come along to the Chantry on 5th October. Their cafe will be serving teas, coffees and delicious cakes.



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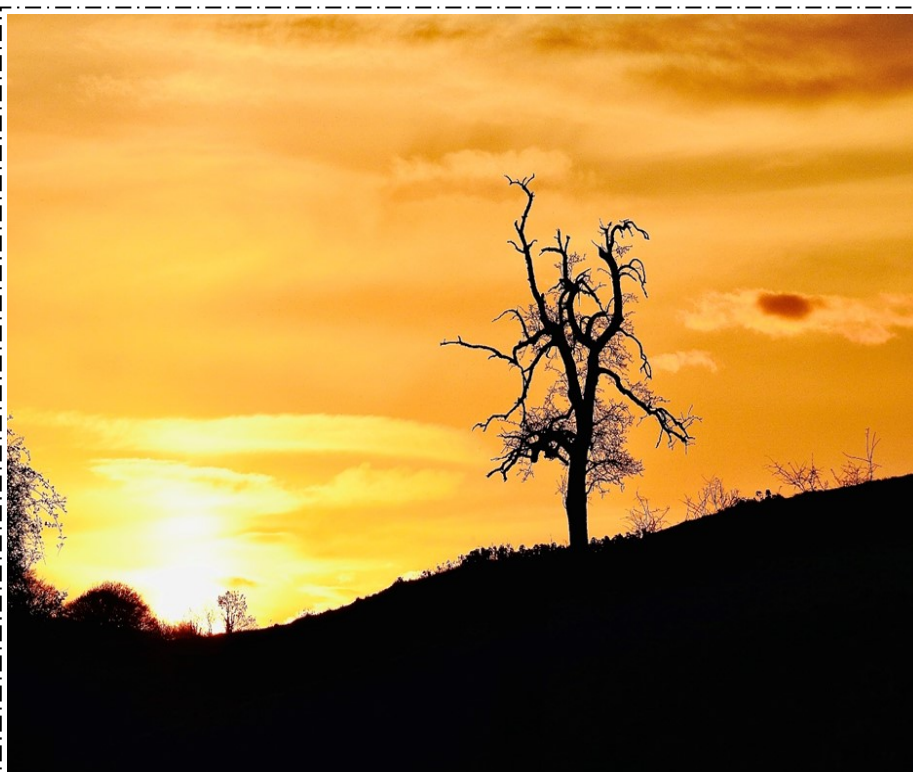
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LAUGH,



LIVE!



### Perry tree

(M E Ayres)

Perry tree weathered and worn  
Decades living in sun and storm  
Steadfast as years go by  
Always there to catch my eye  
Object of beauty you are to me  
Frailty abounds for all to see  
Cattle rest beneath your boughs  
Lambs frolic in the here and now  
Crows queue upon the fence  
As the corn becomes more dense  
A buzzard circles overhead  
Sky turns from blue to red  
Goodnight my weary friend  
The lone walker said  
Fallen pears have long been dead  
Eras have passed  
Since you were carefree  
Perry tree long may you be  
I'd miss you more  
Than words can say  
As would the blossom of the may .



## A SUMMER HOLIDAY QUAIL



Hi, I'm Claudie, I'm 13 and I love all kinds of birds. I've raised and released a

crow who was orphaned and I'm currently raising an abandoned pigeon chick not to mention the various garden birds deposited half dead on the doorstep by my cat. But in the main I keep quail. I was given an incubator and found hatching eggs online, they came through the post.

Quail are a small, moderately smart species of gamebird, like the partridge. There are approximately 130 species of quail worldwide. If you like birds, you'll love quails, and they make good pets if kept in the right environment. They're super entertaining and fun although you need to have the right male to female ratio, or it could get nasty! One male to four females makes for a happy environment. I started off with five button quails they're one of the smallest species, around the size of a chicken chick. I now have 9 button quail and 8 coturnix quail (a larger more common species). As quail have been domesticated and bred over the years, they've lost the want to hatch their own eggs or raise their own chicks due to stress - as sadly some quail are kept in tight cages with no space to move.

I like to give my quails lots of enrichment such as leaves, grass, logs, and rocks to forage and hide amongst. I feel that mimicking their natural environment minimises stress and keeps the quail active and healthy. I must be doing something right as not only did one of my buttons (Pru) incubate some of her eggs, but she has also hatched them and is doing a great job of raising them with the help of her mate Bumble, knowing instinctively that she can use her feathers as insulators and to find shady spots when it got hot. I also recently found out that quail eggs are more nutritious than chicken eggs - although it does take quite a few to make an omelette!

**August was a very busy month at Hunts Court. Jenny from Wren's Birds of Prey and I participated every Wednesday, in the HAF programme from Gloucestershire County and Stroud District Council.**



The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme's purpose is to make sure children who are eligible for Free School Meals (means tested) are entertained, active, educated, safe and fed between 1st - 26th August.

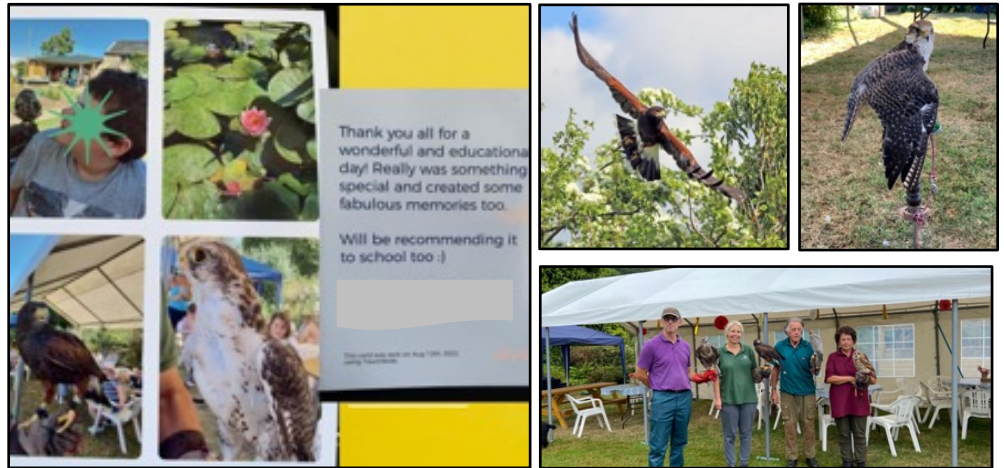
During the month we had 120 children aged 8-15 years from all over the county booked in for an up close Bird of Prey experience which involved looking at the various owls, hawks and falcons, learning about their characteristics, habitats, conservation status, prey and care. We also provided craft activities making owl masks, bird colouring sheets and word searches and finished with owl pellet dissection!

All this was carried out either side of a delicious two course lunch from Walter including produce from our own garden and local providers such as Laura at Middlewick Farm Meats. Thanks also to Becky Pain and Berkeley Pony Club for the use of their tent for the month, helpful for shade and shower!

We have thoroughly enjoyed the experience with so many engaged and interested children asking fantastic questions with some of them ticking off bucket list wishes such as 'flying a barn owl'!

We are looking forward to providing sessions once again for the Winter HAF programme in December.

If you are interested in a Bird of Prey experience at Hunts Court, you can either contact myself at [Deborah\\_eley@btinternet.com](mailto:Deborah_eley@btinternet.com) or Jenny at [raptors@thewren.info](mailto:raptors@thewren.info).



### In Appreciation

The village is greatly indebted to Peter Kirmond for his brilliant programme to support the endangered Swifts in our area. His passion has stimulated an excellent response in our community and he has kept us engaged with wonderful emails, website and OTE articles and no one could fail to be moved by the picture of the two chicks in last month's article.

It is to be hoped that the next Swift generation will return in 2023 to take up residence in their chosen new abodes where they have probably left a deposit. Thank you Peter. David Chalmers.

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The weekly meetings are informal with light refreshments served part way through the evening .  
For more information visit [www.tyndalephoto.org](http://www.tyndalephoto.org) where you will find details about the club and be able to view photographs taken by our members.

All the staff are delighted to be back having missed the children and their families; it is strange when we come back as some children will no longer be with us having moved on to Primary school. We have been very lucky as many have popped in to see us; they look so grown up in their new uniforms. We have new children joining us in September. They are settling in well and we are looking forward to more new faces joining us.

We now have four early years practitioners employed by the Preschool. Our numbers have increased to 16 children per day. We could enrol more children per session, but have decided to keep it at 16 as it suits the space we have perfectly.

All sorts of activities are planned for the coming months including autumnal

## PRESCHOOL



walks, crafts, discovering new books, learning the alphabet and colours, baking and making some experiments! We follow a new topic each week; this week we have been reading 'The 3 Little Pigs'. We have made some craft works based on the theme of this book, talked about textures and colours and some children practised their pencil control. At times we deviate from our plans as the children have other ideas!

As we have increased our numbers by one per session, we have a couple of spaces left on some sessions, although no space for anyone full time. Please contact us ASAP if you would like your child to spend some time with us. Please bear in mind we have deposits paid for children who won't start until 2024! [www.northnibleypreschool.co.uk](http://www.northnibleypreschool.co.uk) also information on our Facebook page.



## VILLAGE EYE

Our August meeting was on August 8<sup>th</sup> . This should have been Chris Evans from Dundry Nurseries talking about his charity the Butterfly Garden for disadvantaged teenagers in the garden. Unfortunately he was unable to come and Susie one of his assistants stood in for him.

She was a very enthusiastic speaker and explained that at present no butterflies!! Chris began with two or three helpers in the nursery and this has expanded into a very large charity doing other occupations for many, not just teenagers. The variety of projects was truly amazing and well worth a visit.

On September 12<sup>th</sup> another change we met at Old Passage Arlingham for an afternoon tea which was enjoyed by 19 members and thank you Val Quest for

arranging it. There was a very appetising selection beginning with Prosecco and a strawberry!!! The weather was kind.

**October 10<sup>th</sup> we have a change of speaker. Margie Hoffnung ( a local resident) will be talking to us about Rosemary Verey's garden which she was involved in for some time. This will be in the Village Hall at 2.30pm and Visitors welcome**

**November 14<sup>th</sup> The Holfords of Westonbirt with Tom Potts**

On a sadder note we have lost two long time members Rosemary Davies and Dawn Keynton both stalwart members over the years. We shall miss them our thoughts go to their families.

We would welcome any new members who would like to come and join us. We meet at 2.30pm.

Pat Symons 01453 845154

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