

# ON THE EDGE AUG/SEPT 2024

## NIBLEY FESTIVAL 2024



### All good things come to an end!

This last Nibley Festival was memorable for lots of reasons not least a 2am Saturday morning thunderstorm coupled with heavy rain throughout the weekend.

### Did it stop the party ? Not one bit.

We were entertained by superb main stage sets by The Hoosiers, EMF, Dodgy, Dutty Moonshine Big Band, General Levy and many more.

A highlight was a massive crowd in our Renishaw Tent watching England defeat Switzerland in the Euros. Dodgy were performing to a big crowd of non football fans and took the opportunity to extend their set.

### It wouldn't be the last Nibley without a local touch.

Friday night saw a huge crowd cram into the Cheshire Cat for a fabulous set by Cat Amongst the Pig"eons.

Early Saturday afternoon saw the reformation of the first Nibley headliners, the Macaroni Penguins.

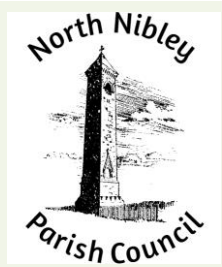
### So despite the weather over 4,000 people had a brilliant time.

Big thanks to everyone who has been involved in the festival. It really is special. It's now time for us to take a deep breath, relax, recover and figure out what lies ahead"



# Parish Matters

North Nibley Parish Council Update - July 2024



## ➤ Update from the Chair...

### ▪ Co-option

We welcome Deborah (Debbie) Artingstall as a newly co-opted member of the North Nibley Parish Council commencing in September 2024. Debbie and her family have lived in the parish for over 30 years and as a retired solicitor will bring significant expertise to support decision-making associated with Council Matters.



## ➤ Update from the Clerk...

### ▪ Vacancy on Parish Council

There is one vacancy for a parish council member. Information on this can be found on the Parish Council website or via the Clerk.

The commitment will involve attendance to 10 meetings x 2hrs per annum and approximately 12 hrs for additional supporting initiatives over a 12 month period.

## ➤ Update on Biodiversity – It's Nibley, naturally .....

**A CALL FOR COMMUNITY ACTION** : all Parish, District and County Councils require a Biodiversity Policy and at its July 2024 meeting the Council approved its first policy. This is only the first step into making a positive difference for 'biodiversity into practice' and as six volunteers with various other responsibilities and limited expertise, Councillors' wish to seek help from our local community.

### Do you have any expertise or enthusiasm for biodiversity in the Parish?

We'd love to hear from you and to be involved in reviewing land owned by the Parish Council including the Quarry, part of the Knoll and the Recreation Field offering up ideas to help manage these spaces better with biodiversity in mind, whilst ensuring these areas can be enjoyed for their original purposes.

Once able to demonstrate the benefits of managing land in that way, we will seek to encourage other areas to be managed like that too. Ultimately, we hope to encourage activities on a scale across the Parish that makes a really positive difference for biodiversity. It feels like the potential and the willingness is there, and we hope the Council will be able to act as a facilitator to pull the different strands together. If you think you can help then please contact Roly Brown at [clrbrown@northnibleyparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clrbrown@northnibleyparishcouncil.org.uk)

## ➤ Working in Partnership.....

Our Gloucestershire County & Stroud District Councillors provide a detailed and informative report each meeting. These are shared on the Parish Council website. Particular attention is drawn to:

### Summer HAF & HAP – Booking Now Open

Summer **Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)** opened 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024. Families eligible for benefits-related free school meals can register for the summer HAF. Using grant funding, the council is once again able to extend fun, enriching holiday activities to all children and young people through its **Holiday Activities Programme (HAP)**. Both the HAF and HAP summer programmes are running across four weeks during the school holidays and families are encouraged to check their local district HAF webpage to see what's happening near them. More information about the programme is available at: [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf)



## Meeting Calendar

04-09-24 @ 19:30 hrs  
02-10-24 @ 19:30 hrs  
06-11-24 @ 19:30 hrs

## ➤ Getting things done.....

Cllr Lisa Carr is leading our commitment for **Community Speedwatch**, attending a 20sPlenty zoom call on 08-07-24 to learn more about this initiative and the requirements to seek a 'motion in favour' to pursue for our parish roads. Further work to explore associated costs linked to Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) and to lobby County Councillors and Officers to pledge commitment to review its Highways Policy to support this work, for further information please check out details on:

[https://www.20splenty.org/parish\\_council\\_motion](https://www.20splenty.org/parish_council_motion)

If you are interested to support this work, please email: [cllrcarr@northnibleyparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:cllrcarr@northnibleyparishcouncil.org.uk)

## ➤ Getting things done.....

Cllr George Harper is leading our commitment to work in partnership with the Recreational Playing Field Committee to help provide a safe, accessible amenity for all. Whilst also being the Council's point of contact for Public Right of Way (PRoW), for the Parish.

<https://osm.mathmos.net/prow/progress/gloucs/stroud/north-nibley/>

**Thank you** to the organisers of Nibley Festival 2024. A great family friendly music event, despite the inclement weather and this being the last one, it didn't dampen spirits to have fun.

**SARA**  
Severn Area Rescue Association

Doors Open at 10am  
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# SHARPNESS OPEN DAY

## SUNDAY 25TH AUGUST

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Watch them demonstrate their skills  
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the boats

### What's On

Demonstrations ✓

Food & Drinks ✓

Kids Activities ✓

Stalls ✓

# North Nibley Preschool



By the time you read this Preschool will have broken up for the summer holidays. It seems like only yesterday I was wrapping up for OTE for end of the academic year 23/24!

We had a great time in June at North Nibley Primary School Sports Day. Most of the children made it to the end of the preschool race with a couple deciding they were going to run in a different direction!



The Preschool went on a summer trip to Nibley monument,



thankfully a dry day. All children were invited alongside parents and grandparents. We took the parachute, climbed the monument and had a picnic. Needless to say, that no human was parachuted from the top of the monument! It was such a lovely morning.

We had a stall at the Music Festival and know that we have made a profit but as I write this, I am not sure of the specific amount. It was a fab day despite the rain, and we will certainly miss this event next year. We thank all the organisers and volunteers of the Music Festival past and

present for allowing us the opportunity to raise thousands of pounds over the last 16 years. In the evening whilst sitting in the Preschool shelter, it was a wonder to see all



the people coming together to enjoy the festival, it was a bed of peace and harmony whilst music played, people singing, dancing and children running and playing without a care in the world.

We have said goodbye to 14 children and hello to some younger children this term. We had a leavers' party with entertainment provided


by Magic Marie and gave all the leavers some gifts. We are going to miss all our leavers, but we know that they are ready for their next adventure. **Good luck little ones, we know you've got this.**



We have spaces for some of our sessions, so please take a look at our website [www.northnibleypreschool.co.uk](http://www.northnibleypreschool.co.uk) or take a look at our Facebook page. Over the holidays the email account and Facebook page will be monitored periodically by administration staff but as they are also on leave it will not be checked daily. There will be no one able to answer the Preschool phone.

May you all have a peaceful, restful and enjoyable summer. Until September.....

# HAPPENINGS AT THE HALL

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\*locals rate for residents, charitable organisations and those with connection to the village through school, church, chapel etc



'Cat Amongst The Pigeons' play at a private party, 14th June

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# What's on in AUGUST?

The Keepers is a community hub supporting the residents of Wotton and surrounding areas. It is here for everyone. Either come along to one of the organised groups below, or just pop in for a chat and a cuppa - whenever we are open. Come as you are, bring what you can and take what you need.

## Monday

**Parent Support Group** - a support group by parents for parents. 9:15am - 10:45am

**Citizens Advice** - to book an appointment call 0808 800 0510/511 or just drop in. 5th and 19th August. 10am - 2pm

**Age UK Gloucestershire** - a social group for those who are 50+. 11am - 12:30pm

**Blood pressure checks** - free, drop in blood pressure check and support with any next steps. 12th August. 12pm - 3pm

**No Chair yoga or Menopause support group** through August.

**Keepers Kidz** - board games, craft and toast available. Children to come with an accompanying adult. Also runs through the holidays. 3:15pm - 4:30pm

## Thursday

**Lloyds Bank** - drop in for basic transactions such as account balance, direct debit, standing order and bill payment enquiries for both personal and business account customers. No cash services are available. 9:30am - 3pm

**Wotton Area Neurodivergent Support group (WANDS)** - a group run by, and for, ND adults and parents/carers of ND children including Autism, ADHD, PDA, Dyslexia etc. 8th August. 9:30am - 11:00am

**Art Shape** - a 6-week creative arts course. This course is full, if interested in another art course, please contact us. Thursdays. 9:30am - 11:30am

**Wotton Area Breast Support Group** - anyone touched by breast cancer is invited to drop in and meet others who know just how it feels. The next meeting is on 15th August. 10am - 11am

**GDA Hearing Aid Clinic** - support for those with hearing aids. To book an appointment, call 01452 372999. 15th August. 10am - 2pm

No Qigong through August.

**NHS social prescriber's Drop In** - help to connect and grow in confidence. Just come in, no appointment needed. 11am - 1pm

## Tuesday

**The Keepers' Garden** - the garden is open - come along to plant, dig, weed, sit or just chat with our gardener. Refreshments provided. 10am - 12pm

**The Carers' Café** - run by Healthcare Assistants from Culverhay and Chipping surgeries. Coffee, chat and advice if needed. Just drop in. Carers can come by themselves or bring the person they care for. 6th August. 10am - 12pm

**CONNECT (previously called Dementia Connections)** - for anyone who would like to make connections, including those living with dementia, long term health conditions, and unpaid carers. Activities and chat. 13th and 27th August. 10am - 12pm

**Gloucestershire Carers Hub** - here for advice, support and information for all carers. 20th August. 10:30am - 12pm

**Sing 2 Remember** - sing together, share memories and make friends. Come and join this supported, dementia-friendly singing session. Just turn up. 6th and 20th August. 10:45am - 11:45am

**Tuesday Lunches** - come and join us for a meal and chat. Open to all and Pay As You Feel (PAYF). Spaces are limited, so to book a place please call 07585 466418 or pop in to find out what's on the menu! 12:30pm - 2pm

**The Keepers' Car Club** is also running on Tuesdays to provide transport from your home to the hot lunches. Places are limited. To book, please call 07585 466418 or pop in.

**Rainbow Cuppa** - all LGBTQ+ folk and allies welcome to join us for a relaxed chat, coffee or bring a craft along. 13th August. 2:15pm - 3:45pm

**Death Cafe** - drink tea, eat cake and discuss death. It is not a bereavement support group. 20th August. 7pm - 9pm.

## Friday

**The Keepers Tots** - a session for babies, toddlers and their responsible adult. 9:15am - 10:30am

**The Keepers' Garden** - the garden is open - Come along to plant, dig, weed, sit or chat with our gardener. Refreshments provided. 10am - 12pm

**Drop In Café** - all welcome on a Pay As You Feel basis. This cafe is quieter than a Wednesday, the tables are spaced apart, board games available if wanted. 11:30am - 12:30pm

## Wednesday

**Drop In Café** - all welcome on a Pay As You Feel basis. 10am - 12pm

**The Keepers' Car Club** is also running on Wednesdays to provide transport from your home to The Keepers. Places are limited. To book please call 07585 466418 or pop in.

**Craft and Chat** with tea and cake - held fortnightly. 14th and 28th August. 10am - 12pm

**P3 Drop In** - help with a range of issues e.g. housing, debt and benefit support. No booking needed. 10am - 1pm

**Back to Work** - help with online job searching, confidence building, CVs, covering letters and job applications. Every week apart from the 1st Wednesday in the month. 10am - 1pm

**Stroud Foodbank** - offering emergency food and essentials along with support and advice. 10am - 12pm

**Health Visitor Drop In** - available to weigh babies and answer any questions. Next drop in is on 7th August. 10am - 12pm

**Warm and Well** - pop in to ask any questions about energy. 7th August. 10am - 12pm

**Men's Shed** - talk about the projects they're working on and discuss yours. 14th August. 10am - 12pm

**Stroud District Housing Officer** - advice on any social housing issues. No appointment is needed. 10:30am - 11:30am

**Summer activities for children with The Ernest Cook Trust** - for more details, please call us or pop in. 7th and 14th August. 1:15pm - 3:15pm

**Wotton Area Neurodivergent Support group (WANDS)** - a group run by, and for, ND adults and parents/carers of ND children including Autism, ADHD, PDA, Dyslexia etc. 28th August. 7pm - 9pm

**Talk Club** - a talking and listening club for men to help keep mentally fit. 7th and 21st August. 7pm - 8:30pm

**Tortworth lake** - we will be serving refreshments on 4th August. Come and support us and enjoy a walk around the lake. 10am - 4pm

### OPENING TIMES

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday:  
9.00am - 4.00pm

Wednesday and Friday:  
9.00am - 1.00pm

CLOSED on BANK HOLIDAYS

It's important to us that everyone is included, the Hub is accessible to all and we work in collaboration with other local organisations.

[www.thekeepers.org.uk](http://www.thekeepers.org.uk) Reg Charity No. 1192121



Apparently the collective noun for historians is an 'argumentation' or 'archive'. Members of North Nibley Historical Group would not claim to be learned historians but we are a bunch of enthusiastic amateurs who also enjoy a cream tea as the photo proves!



The tea followed a guided walking tour of Malmesbury at the end of June.

A summer outing is always included in our programme and this year's choice of Malmesbury was very successful. Our guide told us about the town's people and places including Athelstan, who became the first King of England in 924, Eilmer the Flying Monk, Rotten Boroughs and the building of the Abbey.

The next meeting of North Nibley Historical Group is a talk on  
'Gloucestershire Inventions'  
in the Chapel at 7.30pm on Thursday September 26th  
Members £3. Visitors £5.

VILLAGE



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Our meeting on July 8 had to be cancelled owing to unforeseen circumstances but anyone interested should contact Wotton Bowls Club.

There will be no meeting in August.

Our programme for the rest of 2024 is as follows:-

September 9<sup>th</sup> Liz Godsell - 'Cheesemaking'

October 14<sup>th</sup> Val Lorraine and Maggie - 'Japan'

November 11<sup>th</sup> Arthur Ball - 'Panama a wildlife adventure'

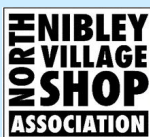
December Christmas Meal

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

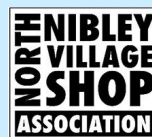
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## North Nibley Village Shop Association (NNVSA)



Most readers will be familiar with the Village Shop (or in its current guise T & Cakes) but for those who aren't, the shop operated for many years as a private business. When, in the early 2000s, the owners wished to retire the shop was bought on behalf of the village and the Association set up. Many villagers bought shares to fund the purchase and the shop was then run by the Association and managed for many years by Jenny Wytchard and staffed by her and volunteers. Gradually sales dwindled as did the availability of volunteers and just before the pandemic, after a brief tenancy by Sheryll Jones, it closed as a shop and reopened as a village hub under the enthusiastic guidance and leadership of Carolyn Timbrell.

Through the lockdowns, spearheaded by Carolyn, this was a lifeline for many by providing (and delivering) basic essentials that were suddenly hard for some people to access. However, once the immediate pandemic was over sales rapidly fell away.

By then though, Tarragon Newcombe had started renting part of the premises as a café and, when it was decided the shop part of the hub was no longer viable, she took over the whole ground floor and created the hugely successful and much valued T & Cakes we know and love today.

This means the Association's role is now essentially one of building and tenancy management. Most of the time this involves little work but is vital to maintain and support this village owned asset, T & Cakes and the tenant in the basement flat.

## Ramblings...

Many, many years ago I stood on the quay side in Liverpool and watched an Atlantic liner sail slowly away. A band played farewell music and many of the crowds were in tears. It was a very sad occasion as I stood with my parents watching the ship sail out of sight with my elder brother on board leaving to go to Canada. We didn't know how long it would be before we would see him again and not knowing how we would be able to keep in contact.

As it happened after many years teaching in various parts of Canada, he left with his family to live in Ottawa and took up a post in Amnesty International. This led him to many different parts of the world. He often flew into Heathrow and I was able to catch up with him for a few hours before he caught a connecting flight.

Now retired, he came with my sister-in-law to Gloucestershire in May to stay for ten days. We had four very special days when my two other brothers joined us, something which has not happened for a long time.

On one day the three brothers, all very keen bird watchers, had an amazing day at the Slimbridge Wetland Centre. I decided not to join them as I had never quite understood why they were so passionate about bird watching.

Later on in the week we had a quick trip to North Devon and as we were driving by the Valley of Rocks near Lynton my brother suddenly got out his phone and held it out of the window. He was able to tell us that there was a meadow pipit nearby. We stopped, saw it and could recognise its call.

I immediately got the Merlin app on my phone and from that moment have taken some time in each day to sit in my conservatory, be still and quiet and discover the many birds in my garden. I can now distinguish different bird calls and I also take time to marvel at the wonders of creation and praise God for the start of a new day.

The first day I heard a jackdaw, house sparrow, goldfinch, collared dove, house martin, swift and magpie within ten minutes.

This week I visited a 92year old lady who had fallen and broken her elbow. She has always lived very independently and lived a very active life. She now has many hours on her own. We sat in her garden and she was able to hear the call of a chaffinch. She now has the Merlin app on her phone and I left her not feeling quite so lonely, and excited to share her new hobby with some of her friends who also live on their own.

By the way I heard a little owl the other day! Maybe I am turning into a twitcher!  
**Jill Stephens**

## Events in August & September:

- \*Citizens Advice Bureau at Wed.  
Coffee & Craft/ Chat 7<sup>th</sup> Aug. 10-12.
- \*Messy Church 7<sup>th</sup> Aug. 2-4pm (+picnic!).
- \*Communion service with Jill 11<sup>th</sup> Aug 10am.
- \*String Quartet 11<sup>th</sup> Aug. 3pm. Free adm./  
Mozart, Ravel and Caroline Shaw. donation.
- \*Film Show! Return film tbc 4<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1pm.
- \*Churches Together Harvest Service.  
8th September 3pm and afterwards at St Martins  
\*donation of tinned goods to Food Bank very welcome.
- \*Managing Memory Team advice Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Sept.  
10.30 –12.

BARRS LANE



**Jill Stephens**  
07778036699

[jillstephens@aol.com](mailto:jillstephens@aol.com)

### REGULAR EVENTS:



Mondays 7.30- 9pm.  
Term time.  
£7/ session. All  
welcome.

### Coffee & Craft

Wednesdays  
10am-12.30.  
craft optional!  
Small donation  
welcome.

### Dancefit

Thursdays 10-11am.  
07548 129424 Dets.

**SIMONE** from **The Keepers** will be at Wednesday morning Coffee & Craft/ Chat most weeks. She is very approachable and has a wealth of knowledge if you have any concerns.

### HAVE WHEELS...

The Chapel now has a collapsible wheel chair, which is available for anyone to borrow.

CONTACT Jill

...WILLTRAVEL!



## St Martin's Church

[www.northnibleychurch.uk](http://www.northnibleychurch.uk)

Rev'd Lesley Hewish,

Priest in Charge, 07827 418188

[vicar@tyndalebenefice.co.uk](mailto:vicar@tyndalebenefice.co.uk)

Rev'd Peter Marsh,

Associate Priest, 01453 547521

(not after 6.00 pm)

[pcemarsh@gmail.com](mailto:pcemarsh@gmail.com)

## SERVICES IN AUGUST

**SUNDAY 4th TRINITY 10**

9.30am *An Informal Service*

with *Rev'd Lesley Hewish*

**SUNDAY 11th TRINITY 11**

9.30am *Holy Communion*

with *Rev'd Peter Marsh*

**SUNDAY 18th TRINITY 12**

9.30am *An Informal Service*

the *Churchwardens*

**SUNDAY 25th TRINITY 13**

9.30am *Holy Communion*

with *Rev'd Lesley Hewish*

## SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

**SUNDAY 1st TRINITY 14**

9.30am *An Informal Service*

with *Rev'd Lesley Hewish*

**SUNDAY 8th TRINITY 15**

9.30am *Holy Communion*

with *Rev'd Peter Marsh*

**SUNDAY 15th TRINITY 16**

9.30am *An Informal Service*

and *Baptism*

with *Rev'd Peter Fewings*

**SUNDAY 22nd TRINITY 17**

9.30am *Holy Communion*

with *Rev'd Peter Marsh*

**SUNDAY 29th TRINITY 18**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**BENEFICE SERVICE**

with *Rev'd Lesley Hewish*

## FOUR WEDDINGS and a FUNNY OLD CUSTOM

Like Rev'd Peter Marsh, some of our locally born and bred people know of the long tradition at North Nibley Church weddings for the churchyard gates to be tied up by local children. They prevent a newly wed couple embarking on married life and going to their reception without payment. It's a sort of welcome to the real world. The children want the bride and groom to throw money over the gates to buy their way out. They will then provide scissors to cut the ties. Scrabbling for the coins makes for some happy youngsters, while the couple cut their way out having tied their own knot in the church.



At the recent wedding of Rosa and Angus, the best man was reduced to **untying** the ribbons in the absence of any scissor bearing children, but the bride's child attendants did benefit from some tossed coins once the job was done under Peter Marsh's guidance.

Jenny Wytchard, her grandchildren and friends would like help from other families interested in keeping the tradition alive for the four other couples to be married at St Martin's Church this year:  
27th July, Jessie and Stan:- wedding at 1.30pm;  
2nd August, Sophie and Shaun:- at 1pm;  
7th September, Lucinda and Tim:- at 3pm;  
14th September, Martha and Dominic:- at 2pm  
Do come about 30 - 40 minutes after these times to be ready for the fun and bring some ribbons!



**SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY 18th OCTOBER**  
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## NORTH NIBLEY CRICKET CLUB THE PIMMS TENT



First an update on our Pratt Cup campaign. We had high hopes at the start of the competition and began with a solid victory against Wickwar at home. The second game, also at home, was a very close affair. Having posted Hillesley a target of 119 from our 20 overs it looked as though they were going to cruise to an easy win having reached 79 from just 9 overs. But a couple of wickets fell meaning that their faster scoring batters departed and the runs slowed down. In a tense and nail biting finish they scraped a win from the very last

ball of the match. Unfortunately from there on our hopes of making the final faltered badly and we lost our next two games against Hillesley and Tortworth by a considerable margin. It's unfortunate that injuries have played a significant role in our team selection this year but it's also encouraging that we have acquired a couple of new members and some younger players as well.

Our Vice President's Day took place on 23rd of June and the weather could not have been kinder to us. The event was well very attended and the customary superb tea was brilliantly organised by Wynne Holcombe and a small army of helpers.

This year our opposition was Ullenwood Bharat who were hugely impressed and delighted to have been invited to take part. Thank you to everyone who attended and all those who helped organise the day and have supported the club so generously.

As you all know this was the last Nibley Festival and once again the cricket club had the chance to run the Pimms Tent. Despite the weather being pretty atrocious on the Friday and early part of Saturday, we managed to sell a fair bit of Pimms and made a significant amount of money for the Recreation Field. It's a lot of work but an enormous amount of fun and I'd like to thank everyone who helped with setting up the tent on Friday, chopping fruit, mixing and selling Pimms on Saturday and then clearing everything up on the Sunday.

Particular thanks to John Holcombe who took charge of the overall organisation and coordination.

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