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Supporting Nailsworth's Youth Club

Nailsworth is very fortunate in having an excellent (and award-winning) Youth Club that benefits our young people, their families and the whole community.

However, for more than a year now, it has struggled to survive financially since the grant which was its main source of funding was stopped. All this makes the theft of an entire row of lead from the roof of their building over Christmas a particularly mean and selfish act. What a contrast to the wonderful charity event held at **The Passage to India** in November, which raised £1,700 to offset the Club's annual insurance premium of £2,500. Now that was true seasonal spirit.

Unfortunately, it is not economic for the club to make an insurance claim to repair the damaged roof, so the full cost of approximately £1,000 has to be found from their already stretched funds. The Nailsworth News is therefore appealing to the town to put its hands in its pockets and help, for the benefit of our young people. **Can you make a donation towards the repairs?** If so, send your cheque (made out to *Nailsworth Youth Club*) to the club at Northfield Rd, Forest Green, Nailsworth, GL6 0LZ or put it through their post box. Even a few pounds would help.

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With 5 months to go before the current Editor leaves the NN this summer, we are making some progress in finding a replacement, but we aren't yet there. Two people are interested in job-sharing - but we still need one more volunteer. Could it be you? See page 10 for more details.



Ramping it up!

James, Nigel, Dom, Tom, Will, Kye, George and Arron are pictured showing their support for the new skateboard ramp installed recently in the King George V playing field. The new ramp is steeper than the original, which means that height and speed can be more easily achieved. It enables more children (and adults!) to perfect their skills, whether on skateboards or bikes, and to hit the heights.

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Nailsworth

Mike Harvey

A true son of Nailsworth, Mike has lived his whole life in Park Road. As a lad, he remembers the narrow access at the Church Street end, with the Police Station on the corner with its gaol on the ground floor and Magistrate's Court on the first floor. He attended Nailsworth C of E School, The British (Boys) School in Northfield Road and Tetbury Grammar School. He started his working life as an apprentice journeyman electrician with Ron Woodman in Fountain Street (now Active Gear). At this time he was a member of Nailsworth Boys Club in Chestnut Hill, run by Arthur and Bert Humphries, and the Amberley Scout Group based at the Quarry, Culver Hill. He played cricket for Nailsworth Sports Club who played at The Ridings, off Wood Lane.

At 18 he was called up for National Service; with RAF Bomber Command, he served in Malta during the Suez Crisis. When he returned to Nailsworth to complete his apprenticeship, he began his courtship with Meirwen who he had known from childhood. They married at St George's Church, had three daughters Caroline, Sally and Jane, and now have grand and great-grandchildren and remain strongly family-orientated.

It was in the mid 60s that he set up his own business from home, before moving into the ex Bailey Furniture Shop in Fountain Street (now Peter Joy, Estate Agents). Here he traded in everything electrical, added a laundrette – and later introduced frozen food on the first floor.

When their daughters attended school, Mike and Meirwen were enthusiastic in supporting the Northfield Road and Highwood School, serving on PTA Committees. From this enlightening experience, Mike decided to become further involved in education. He spent three years inauguration at Longfords School before being appointed to the Electrical Department at Gloucestershire College of Arts & Technology.

Always a strong supporter of all things Nailsworth, Mike was a Committee member of the Jeanagers Club in Northfield Road. For a time he was Chairman of the Nailsworth Chamber of Trade, when he attempted to re-start the annual Nailsworth Carnival in the Playing Fields. He was also a prime mover in promoting illuminated Christmas tree decorations on shop premises and in the town throughout the festive season.

A countryman and man of many parts, Mike leads walks around Nailsworth for a variety of groups. He is a member of the Cotswold Bowls Club and is a keen gardener and Motor Caravaner.



Mike Brinkworth

A local history slant

From the early days of this paper, Mike Brinkworth has been writing his monthly column to celebrate residents who have made a significant contribution to Nailsworth life. This year, we are changing the format slightly. There will still be the regular type of Nailsworth, but we want to take the opportunity also to feature local people who have memories of living in the town in the 20s, 30s and 40s and can give us a valuable historical perspective on what life was like here then. So be ready to learn more about our town earlier last century, as well as continuing to receive more recent coverage. And if you know of anyone who has a story to tell from those long-ago days, do please get in touch to nominate him or her.

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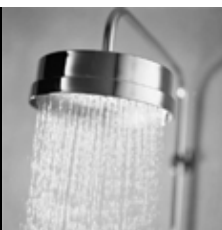
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From Nailsworth Town Council

Town Mayor's report



February is here, spring is just around the corner and plants which are usually dormant at this time of year are bursting into life.

So what's about to happen in Nailsworth this spring?

The library has reverted to its original opening hours (see page 6). I encourage as many people as possible to respond to the

new consultation document from the County Council on the future of libraries in Gloucestershire.

A group of volunteers known as '**The Scrubbers**' has been working on the 'W' to improve the view of our town from the hill. We are having a last push during February before the birds start to nest, so if you have a couple of hours to spare on Tuesday afternoons we would be grateful for your help. See the article from **Paul Carter** on page 11.

As Mayor, I have been invited to speak on Stroud FM (107.9) on several occasions. A number of local people are involved in running the station. I understand that in the near future it is hoped that the power of the signal can be improved so that it can be received in more parts of Nailsworth. If you are currently unable to receive the signal, Stroud FM can be picked up online.

Recently, I visited the new Antiques Market held at the Town Hall on the first Friday in the month. It was very interesting and it provides another attraction in our town. Well done to **Larry Dyer** for organising it.

Three concerns have been brought to my attention over recent months. The first is with regard to **Tinkley Farm**. Although it is not in our parish, much of the traffic from the site does travel through Nailsworth. We, along with other local parishes, are in discussion with Stroud District Council as to whether the site has planning permission for the work being carried out there.

The second concern is with regard to Stroud District Council's proposal to move the **bus station** from its present location to the site between Spring Hill and the entrance to Day's Mill. Because of the unresolved issues regarding car parking on that area, the Town Council, when approached, will tread very carefully. I can assure you.

Finally, regarding the empty **Police Station** in Old Market, the Town Council is working with Gloucestershire Market Towns Forum to produce a business plan with a view to purchasing the building and moving some of the Town Council services into it.

Steve Robinson, 834270 and please note new email address stephen.robinson@nailsworthtowncouncil.gov.uk

Households compete to cut energy bills

Two teams of Nailsworth Town Councillors and Friends are half way through the **European Energy Neighbourhood** competition. This challenges households to cut their energy bills without having to make any major investment or lifestyle changes. Our aim is to cut our bills by at least 9%, which for an average home could mean annual savings of around £100. I was doing well until Christmas visitors upped our need for heating and cups of tea! It is much the same for all team members, so we are having another look at what we can achieve.

We are being supported by **Severn Wye Energy Agency**, a local sustainable energy charity. Their main website www.energyneighbourhoods.org.uk contains

lots of 'hot tips' and information, plus an easy to use **Home Energy Check** that shows how to get your bills down. You can also get a copy of this checklist at the Town Information Centre and Library. I have found it very useful; for example did you know that even turned off plugs left in the socket continue to use energy?

At the start of the competition we were promised we would be leading a new energy saving lifestyle, and I think it is beginning to happen. Though to be frank, I don't think we are going to win!

Sally Thorpe, Deputy Mayor

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Resurfacing the 'W'

Advance warning: the Nailsworth 'W' will be closed from 12th to 16th March to allow for resurfacing works by Gloucestershire Highways. They will be going from the cattle grid at the bottom to the first left hand band, and then patching from the Box turning to the Half Way House. We'll have to put up with a bit of disruption, but it is surely worth it. For any further information contact **Chris Riley** at Gloucestershire Highways on 08000 514514.

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Car Parking - an update

Most of you will be aware that Stroud District Council, at a Cabinet Meeting on December 15th approved a much revised proposal on **car park charges**. We have been told that rates in Stonehouse and Painswick will be lowered and the proposal to bring other parishes into the 'pay to park' fold abandoned. So, we retain free parking in Nailsworth – at least for the time being; there will be a review of the situation in eighteen months time.

The phraseology of the minutes of the Cabinet Meeting (posted on SDC web-site) is rather less reassuring:

16) A decision on introducing charges in Dursley, Nailsworth and Wotton-under-Edge is deferred for 18 months for the reasons set out in paragraphs 45 to 47 of this report.

Paragraphs 45-47 also make it clear that SDC have not budged from their original position, only deferred implementation.

45) In view of the uncertain economic situation and deteriorating employment position, (which has worsened as the review has progressed) and the potential impact on the town centres concerned, it is recommended that the Council does not implement charges in Dursley, Nailsworth and Wotton-under-Edge at the current time.

46) The changes recommended in this report are expected to help address some of the longstanding parking problems in these towns.

However, it is clear from schemes that have already been made available to traders at a low charge in Wotton-under-Edge and Nailsworth, that additional parking is unlikely to be used whilst more convenient, free parking, with limited enforcement remains available.

47) Because of the need to discourage motorists who are parking long stay in short stay spaces (which are vital to a town's ability to trade) it is, therefore, recommended that the Council reconsiders introducing charges in 18 months time, when it will also be able to assess the impact of the changes proposed.

Only in the last paragraph of the minutes is there any indication of (some) further consultation on the question:

50) The process to change the order (with the exception of changes to charges already in place) also provides a further period for any objections to be made.

When, in our last issue, we reported the meeting between NPAG and SDC officers, we noted the conspicuous lack of quantitative

data (at least in the public arena) against which SDC's proposals could be tested. It is therefore a matter of significant regret that, amongst the nine 'Resolved' items from the Cabinet Meeting there is nothing that addresses this important deficiency.

So, what are the changes – as they affect Nailsworth?

34) Changes to the time limits in the 4 hour car park are proposed, as this is extremely difficult to enforce and is often used by people parking all day. Despite the Town Council's objections to permits, it is proposed that a limited number of permits should be made available on the Town Hall/Comrades Club car park for residents and/or traders, again people are parking all day here and it is difficult to enforce without charges.

35) These changes should encourage traders to use the alternative areas of long stay on the periphery of the town that are available to them and help alleviate some residents' difficulties with parking.

36) Officers will also review residents' parking schemes with the County Council.

37) Nailsworth Bus Station – see the article at the foot of the page, where this paragraph is quoted.

And, more generally:

42) Disc parking: One proposal that has been suggested to help with enforcement and, thereby, turnover has been the introduction of disc parking schemes. These have been available for a number of years and work by the motorists showing the time of arrival on a dial which is then displayed in their car. Research needs to be undertaken into the benefits and drawbacks of such schemes.

43) Electric car charging points: The Council has been approached by Ecotricity who may be interested in providing charging points for electric cars both on and off-street. Again, further work needs to be undertaken to establish whether this could be implemented, successfully.

44) Shop local: In light of the feedback from traders as regards reduced footfall and the health of our town centres, the Council may wish to provide financial support to the main towns to encourage residents to shop local. ('Shop Local' support was not included in the 'Resolved' items).

In summary, the situation is better characterised as a stay of execution than a victory. It will all come back in 2013 and we'll need to be prepared to man the barricades once more!

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Bus Station redesign

Among the 'Resolved' Items at SDC's Cabinet Meeting on December 15th was 'the scheme to redesign Nailsworth bus station is [to be] implemented in 2012/13, subject to the necessary consultations and consents.' The minutes of the meeting expand: 'Nailsworth Bus Station – there is a long standing capital budget to undertake works to reduce the conflicts between buses and pedestrian and cars in this location. It is recommended that additional funding is allocated to undertake this work in 2012/13 and that the bus station is relocated. This will also reduce an area of conflict with traffic in the town at the entrance to Old Market from Spring Hill.'

We want to make three points:

Is this really needed?

Long ago, there were concerns about buses stopping nose-in to an area where pedestrians might congregate, with the risk of mounting the pavement and crushing people. Later, the key risk was thought to be of a bus backing and injuring someone who (ignoring the warning lights and horn) was walking or driving behind it. Now we are told about 'conflicts between buses and pedestrians and cars'. However, many years have passed without

any incidents involving loss of life, injury or vehicle damage. Unless SDC can produce a convincing case for their proposals, we wonder whether, in these times of financial pressure, the £25,000 would be better spent on something else. 'If it ain't broke, why fix it?'

What is the status of the area being considered for conversion to bus use?

SDC's initial scheme (not yet approved by NTC, which intends to give it close scrutiny) involves creating 3 new bus bays in the parking area between Spring Hill and Day's Mill. However, it is believed that the more than 20 spaces in that area currently used by cars were gifted to the town in 1938 for use as free parking, as confirmed by a minute from a contemporary council meeting (although the deed itself can't currently be found.). This would make seeking to change their use a serious, even a legal matter.

Will there be an impact analysis before settling on an option?

Any scheme that would affect parking availability - as this one is likely to - gets into the same territory as the recent proposals for parking charges; it needs to be backed up by research on the potential impact on the town centre as a whole and the knock-on effect on residents' parking. SDC has yet to convince us that they will be doing that kind of study in our town.



Local affairs

Nailsworth Health Partnership - 2012

The Nailsworth Health Partnership is planning a busy programme this year, and it looks as though there will be something for everyone. Below is advance notice of what is in store so far:

- Last year's **talks on health and well-being** were so successful and well attended that there will be more on the same lines - so watch this space.
- Those of you who enjoyed the **walking festival** will be pleased to know that there will be a second one from 5th to 13th May, and it is hoped that many more people take part this time around. The programme is more ambitious than last year, with more walks and a wider range of themes. One walk will even have a geocaching theme (that is, a treasure hunt using GPS clues) so keep your eyes open for details of that soon.
- The Partnership has been working hard on a **directory** of local practitioners and health activities for the town, and the good news is that it is nearly finished.
- The NHP website **www.nailsworthhealthpartnership.org** is also nearly ready to go live.

- NHP is making a bid for **lottery funding**. The theme is 'Development and consolidation of NHP' from the Awards for All scheme.
- Other ideas in the pipeline include classes for parents with young children that include free child care, intergenerational physical activities and a **community defibrillator** (cPAD) to be located in central Nailsworth.

The Patient Participation Group (PPG) was established in July last year and is the latest sub-group of the NHP. It is open to any patient registered at Prices Mill Surgery. Kate Kay has been elected as Chair. So far they have been concentrating on the annual patient survey which all GP practices have to do, but they hope in the coming year to focus on getting views on primary health care matters from harder to reach groups such as those who are young, elderly or housebound.

Nick Peters has moved to Whitminster, so Jo Hofman has been elected as Vice Chair in his place. Marilyn Miles was re-elected as Chair and Paul Young as treasurer. Duncan Mann will continue as secretary until a new person is elected.

If you would like to know more about the NHP, contact **Marilyn Miles** on 832974 or email **mbm@ankerbold.co.uk**.

Mobile police station schedule

PCSO **Paul Bowman** and his vehicle will be in the car park of Nailsworth's ex Police Station at the following dates and times:

- February - 5th, 15th, 25th 13.30-14.15
- March - 6th, 21st 31st 13.30-14.15

The email for the mobile police station is **paul.bowman@gloucestershire.police.uk**. Or contact Paul on 07734 068276.



Nailsworth police news

As a result of information received from the community, we have recently been able to remove some potentially dangerous vehicles from the road. Those without a license cannot get insurance and therefore do not bother with getting an MOT or tax for their vehicle. Not only does this cost the rest of us money, but it puts us at risk from unqualified drivers and/or untested vehicles. When we receive this kind of information we make all the necessary checks and do the utmost to remove such vehicles from the highway.

Levels of reported anti-social behaviour in the area remain low, but unfortunately ever so often - as happened recently - we have a blip. Those involved in that have been issued with antisocial behaviour warnings and a wider group of youngsters have been invited to a custody awareness day at Stroud Police Station to taste what it is like to be arrested and processed through the system. We are happy to have received good support from parents on this, and we hope that this input will have a positive effect on the behaviour of the youngsters by helping them to see the potential consequences of their actions.

Our colleagues at the **Youth Support Service** in Stroud, with our help, have identified a small group of local youngsters who they feel would benefit from some special small group input. This is being supplied by them and facilitated by **Nailsworth Youth Club**, who are allowing use of their premises free of charge.

We can be contacted on **101**, the 24-hour number for non-emergency crime and anti-social behaviour issues as well as general enquiries. From outside Gloucestershire, or where 101 is unobtainable, please ring **01452 728199**.

PC Matthews, beat officer for Nailsworth

Have your say on SDC's Local Plan

Stroud District Council has announced the dates of public consultation events for its forthcoming **Local Plan**. Known as the Core Strategy, this will identify key locations in the district for a planned 3,200 new homes and also encourage up to 6,400 jobs in the district. There will be six drop-in exhibitions where you can look at the plans and ask questions, and Display Boards are also being made available. For more details, as well as dates and venues, please see the Planning section of SDC's website under 'Consultations'.

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Longer library hours - but for how long?

It appears that GCC have been badly advised. The injunction which they had previously believed did not restrict their plans to drastically reduce opening hours in what would become 'Link libraries' **does** after all apply to libraries like Nailsworth's. Because of that, our library has had 35 hours opening per week again from Monday 16th January (Mon, Wed, Fri, 9-6 Tues, Sat. 9-1, Thurs closed). Of course, GCC have problems with engaging staff hot on the heels of their redundancy programme, and also we all need to realise that the financial pressures which led to the original action plan for library savings remain. Additional GCC Library staff are only being employed on short contracts lasting until 31st March.

The County Council has been working with the body which deals with discrimination, with a view to reinstating the planned (reduced) opening hours as soon as possible. It has now issued a proposal document and will be consulting for six weeks from the end of January 2012. Under the proposals, Link Libraries would become Partnership Libraries with either 21 or 12 core opening hours; Nailsworth would be a 12-hour library 'with the option of community support to extend opening hours'. The basis of the 21 or 12 hour core pattern is not completely clear (and may be challenged during the consultation period); nor is the meaning of 'community support'.

So we should not be rejoicing at what seems on the face of it to be a reprieve for our library; sadly, the current increased opening hours are likely to be only temporary. Meanwhile, **Anne Riley** and **Andrew Fripp** are organising further training sessions for volunteers, as so far they have only trained those helping on a Wednesday afternoon.

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Building Society team fundraises

Once again, staff from the local **Coventry Building Society** have been busy raising funds, this time for both Children in Need and their branch charity the Alzheimer's Society Stroud District. The Annual **Big Breakfast**, held at Egypt Mill Hotel, saw 50 people (including local businesses, customers, staff and even Darth Vader!) enjoy a very hearty full English breakfast which was once again served by pupils from **Thomas Keble School**. £488 was raised, so Jackie and her staff want to say a big thank you to all who attended, and also to the local businesses who donated some fantastic raffle prizes.

The bring and buy book sale in the branch continues to be extremely popular. During 2011, it meant that £570 was donated to the Alzheimer's Society Stroud District - so please keep taking the books in to help the team raise more funds for this worthy cause.



Help to support other families

Readers may already know about **Home-Start Stroud and Dursley**, which recruits and trains local people to visit and support parents with young children at home. The charity is active in Nailsworth, and the next local training course will run from 21st February. It is for one day a week for ten weeks, and is accredited through the Open College Network. No qualifications are needed to get involved, but volunteers must be parents themselves. For more information, or to express an interest, call **759911**, email enquirieshomestartsd@gmail.com or visit www.homestartsd.org.

The Royal British Legion

The Royal British Legion (**Forest Green/Nailsworth Branch**) holds its meetings on the third Thursday of each month at the Social Club in Brewery Lane. The branch is keen to encourage new members to its ranks - currently there are 17, of whom 12 meet regularly. So if you wish to enjoy the advantages of cheap beer, access to Legion welfare facilities and that age old military characteristic of being able to take the mickey out of anyone in the group, then this is the place for you!

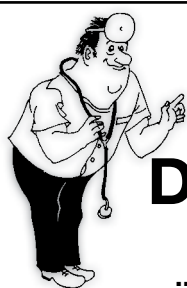
The branch is currently on the look-out for a volunteer to act as an organiser for the Poppy Appeal in the run up to Remembrance weekend later in the year. Anyone who would like to know more about the branch or the Royal British Legion should contact **Tim Godden** on 835019 or **Ruth Aldridge** on 836439.



Swan lake...

Those of you who regularly use the Nailsworth end of the cycle track will notice that the pair of swans have left the lakes. One of them decided to make a stop over in Watledge on departure! My thanks to the local Animal Rescue service, who quickly came to take it away for a check over. If OK, it will be released on the South Cerney lakes. Let's hope that it finds its Nailsworth partner.

Richard Pond



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Glendower in the spotlight again

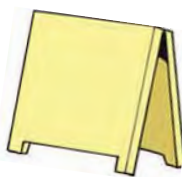
For the second time in two years, Stroud District Council is seeking a compulsory purchase order for **Glendower**, the home of the late poet **WH Davies**. They are unhappy at what they say is the slow pace of repairs to the listed building. The vacant property has had some work done, but the

Council wants it restored to a state where it can be lived in again. Norman Phillips, nephew of the poet, has said that he intends to move back in when it is habitable.

Local interest group **The Friends of Glendower** have been assisting with the restoration of the building and garden, making slow but steady progress. They are now in discussion with the Council to see if compulsory purchase can be averted; as well as detailing the work that has already been carried out, they have pointed out that a recent professional structural survey showed that the building was not at substantial risk. To quote a letter written by **Tony Burton**, founder of the Friends, 'I am sure that we would all like to see speedier progress, but we have to live with the fact of finding experienced workmen to carry out sensitive work at an affordable cost.' This group has done excellent work, for which Nailsworth residents and admirers of the poet have cause to be grateful. It is to be hoped that SDC will listen carefully to what they have to say before taking any steps.

Nigglesworth

A reader has written to complain about 'A' boards on Nailsworth's pavements. She says, 'First there was one, then two, now every shop seems to have them, and some more than one. They are pointless, unsightly and obstructive. Take them away please!'



New 'I have tinnitus' support group

Do you have tinnitus? **Patrick Coyle** from the Nailsworth Computer Shop is a long term sufferer of this illness, which affects millions of people in the country. He is going to sponsor a support group to hold meetings in Nailsworth in order to help people with ideas and provide support in the area. The new group can be contacted by email on info@ihavetinnitus.co.uk, and there is a webpage hosted on Pat's Nailsworth site - find it at <http://www.ihavetinnitus.co.uk/>. A new facebook page to support the group, at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/370325582984858/>, had 52 members in less than a day!

(Tinnitus - from the Latin tinnitus or 'ringing' - is a condition characterized by ringing, swishing, or other noises that appear to be originating in the ear or head - from Medical News Today.)

Local Hero

This month, we want to thank **Jon Burfitt** (pictured right), founder of the **Nailsworth**



Parking Residents Action Group, for all he has done to help the town respond to Stroud District Council's proposals for charging to park in Nailsworth. To assist fellow residents, Jon runs the group website, lobbies, gathers evidence, attends meetings, puts forward views and much more. As an example of how effective he is, when the SDC Cabinet were discussing responses to the parking charge scheme, the response from residents was particularly commented on. Your hard work and expertise are much appreciated, Jon.

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Nailsworth Notes Tales from the TIC

First, an apology.

I am not a regular. That, of course, refers to my status as a volunteer at the **Nailsworth Town Information Centre** (or TIC as we call it). Most of my colleagues help on a certain day of the week, am or pm, but I have so far resisted that regular commitment. Instead, I fill up gaps for holidays and emergencies. The following is therefore based on my personal experiences and a few anecdotes from others. Ask any TIC Volunteer and they will all have their own stories to tell.

I have found that visitors to the TIC seem to fall into one of three categories:

- Tourists - who, like migratory birds, tend not to be around in the winter. They are here for a short time and want information on local attractions, places to eat or B&Bs.
- Visitors who are hoping to move to the area (Nailsworth is a popular place, and who can be surprised at that?). They want information on local walks, services in the town, schools, churches and societies.
- Finally, the locals who, like me, have lived for years (if not all their lives) in this beautiful place. They usually want bus timetables, details of coach outings and cinema times. They also pick up copies of this paper, and they enjoy a good gossip in the warm.

We do get some odd questions. For instance, 'How do you spell curtesy?', 'Where can we go whale watching?', and 'Where are the black and white villages round here?' If it is local knowledge we can usually help, and with our new computer we can find out most things. But what do you say to a Scottish couple who want to know about Cotswold dry-stone walling, the Severn Bore, the history of the wool trade, Woodchester Mansion, water-powered mills, royal residences, the old railway station etc? That pair even offered to pay someone to give them all this information! Perhaps they were writing a book on the area; I recommended that they read one.

We get visitors from all parts of the UK and indeed from all parts of the world. For example:

- A Japanese girl who wanted to tour the area by public transport (that was a forlorn hope, but someone from a B&B we had helped her to find came into town to pick her up).

- A French Canadian with very little English – and my French is of the schoolgirl variety. However we did manage to sort out his problems.
- In August, when the NN has a break, a German wanting to advertise, who didn't (or wouldn't) believe that there couldn't be a special edition published just for him.

We have met many cheerful Australians. One couple had seen the poster for the play 'Tom Jones' which was the husband's own name. He had not read the book, but knew the singer. He said, with great regret, that no girls had ever thrown their knickers at him!

My best memory is of trying to direct a visitor to a concert in Minchinhampton when there were road works on almost every route. Eventually I told her, 'That sounds like a good concert. Meet me at the bus station. I'll drive you there and come with you.' It was a good concert too.

And that brings me finally to 'the leaflets'. I sit at the desk, gaze at them in their racks and am very tempted by what is on offer. I resist until someone comes in and asks for the coach holiday brochure - or a programme for the Subscription Rooms - or something for the children to do in the holidays...

Then I end up taking home a handful for myself. Last week alone I had nine, ranging from paintballing to sacred music. Because of this, helping in the TIC has cost me a pretty penny over the last couple of years, but I don't begrudge any of it. I have holidayed in Guernsey, gone on steam train excursions, visited local cinemas and theatres, taken my grandchildren rock climbing and been to local mills.

I could go on and on, boring for England about the TIC and this town that it supports. No wonder Nailsworth has become an attractive tourist destination. We volunteers perhaps help to enhance a visitor's time here... because we can.

Jenny Barnett



Above, some of the huge range of leaflets on offer at the TIC

New grants for cold homes

Did you know that Stroud District Council has been finalising plans with British Gas to offer funding to help households to improve energy efficiency and reduce their heating bills? This is for houses which are difficult to insulate because they have solid, rather than cavity walls, and is intended for private householders on benefits and low incomes. The aim is to offer grants and be able to top them up with loans to help households who do not qualify for the full amount. Level of funding will depend upon the property size and heating type. SDC will be launching the scheme in early 2012 and is keen to hear from anyone who may be interested. Call the energy officer on 754445 or email energy@stroud.gov.uk for more information.

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Community

Nailsworth & Forest Green Scout Group

History

This scout group has existed in various forms for more than a century:

- Early 1900's - the first ever scout group was started in Nailsworth, led by the manager of Lloyds Bank, **Mr Snell**.
- 1916 - the group was disbanded because of WWI.
- 1919 to 1922 - another Nailsworth scout group met in the Vicarage stables.
- 1953 - the **Rev. Kingchick** (scout leader from a previous parish) started a troop in Forest Green.
- Since then, there has been a merger with Amberley scout group, although cub packs continued in Nailsworth and Forest Green until they all moved to the current premises in Nailsworth.
- 1979 - the newly named '**Nailsworth & Forest Green Scout Group**' was officially registered, with neckerchief colours combining red from the original troop with grey from the Amberley Group.

The building

The current Nailsworth scout headquarters served originally as a washhouse for local cottages, with the adjoining building being the explosives store for the many quarries in the district. Its varied history since includes being a Conservative club, a Labour club, a British Legion centre, and a club for Nailsworth girls. Immediately before the scout group occupation, it was a stationery store for the local newsagent. Being so old, the building is desperately in need of urgent repairs, particularly new windows, doors and heating. Without help from the local community the Nailsworth Scout Group would not be able to continue; it is always looking for ideas for fund-raising and help with ongoing building maintenance.

The scouts today

The Group offers local children the opportunity to learn skills through a variety of badge work, hiking, expeditions, leadership training and Duke of Edinburgh awards. Above all, it is about

them having fun, and also building confidence and self-esteem in a friendly environment, which in turn helps them in their adult life. There are vacancies for boys and girls in all sections in the group: beavers (6-8), cubs (8-10), scouts (10-14) and leaders/ helpers.

Contact details

If anyone is interested in joining the group or in helping out in any other way such as leadership, occasional helpers, fund-raising or repairs, please contact **Mrs G Cooke**, email cooke.36@tiscali.co.uk or phone **07779 498883**. She will pass on your details.



Above: the beaver section halloween party

Are you living with osteoporosis?

Osteoporosis does not just cause problems for the elderly. More and more young people are at risk, due to the huge numbers who diet excessively. However, there is local advice and support on hand. **The Five Valleys Osteoporosis Group** holds informal meetings from time to time to help with information and literature for people of all ages. The next meeting is coming up shortly, when members from Nailsworth and the surrounding area will be at The Old Nelson, Stratford Road, Stroud from 11am to 1.30pm on Tuesday 13th March. Join them for coffee and a chat, and stay for lunch if you wish. They look forward to seeing you there. For more information, ring **Kathleen** on **832138**, or ring **834865**.

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New arrival

Congratulations to **Liam and Gemma Kilyon** on the birth of baby **Lauren** in the early hours of New Year's Day in Stroud. Lauren was the first 2012 baby in the Stroud area! We are particularly pleased because Gemma has also just joined the NN team as Features Editor - more about her in the next issue.

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Editing the Nailsworth News

So, where are we on the quest for a new Editor?

Well, no-one has yet come forward to take on the whole job - that is, putting the paper together every month for 10 months of the year (July and December are our holiday months.) On the other hand, we have two volunteers who are interested in doing 1/3 of the annual editions each - IF we can find a third.

What would that involve? In terms of the time involved, it is a bit over a full working week pretty solidly every month (say, about 40 hours), and the occasional other hour here and there keeping things turning over. There is also a monthly team meeting. Much of it is done by email - the people of Nailsworth are wonderfully supportive in terms of submitting material, it pours in to the mailbox, you really wouldn't need to be out there looking for stories. The NN would provide the hardware and software, as well as any training and lots of support. You would need to be able to edit 3 to 4 editions every year.

What *wouldn't* it involve? Well, you wouldn't have to take the photographs, prepare the adverts, put together the What's On section, write the business pieces, organise the deliveries, manage the finances, look after the website, or do the proof-reading; these jobs are all handled by other members of the team (whose skills and dedication are very much appreciated.)

Interested? If so, **please get in touch** on 833092; we would love to hear from you.



Have you lost a hanging basket?

We had one left on our step just before Christmas (pictured). If you recognise it, let me know and come and reclaim it!

Jonathan Duckworth,
web@nailsworthnews.org.uk



Newmarket Fete - an appeal for help

Those people at Newmarket really know how to do fetes! December saw another excellent one, and the organisers send a huge thank you to **The Silver Band** for their sterling performance playing Christmas carols to get everyone in the seasonal mood. There were around 12 stalls, local crafts mainly, and the kids made £90 on mince pie sales.



Our photo shows two of the revellers. The organisers are renewing their appeal to anyone who can take on running the May Fete this year. It usually happens on the Sunday before the second bank holiday in May, but this year there are around 5 key people wanting to take a break. Can anyone help? If so, please contact **Jo** or **Fiona** at newmarketfete@aol.com for more information or with ideas.

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Sarah trains for London Marathon

Sarah Clatworthy, co-owner of The Olive Tree Restaurant, is preparing for the challenge of a lifetime – to run the Virgin London Marathon 2012. On Sunday 22nd April, Sarah (pictured right) will run the gruelling 26.2 mile route through the famous streets of London in aid of a local charity, **The Meningitis Trust**.

She will be training hard for the next 3 months and is asking Nailsworth News readers to support her every step of the way. Sarah says, 'Running 26.2 miles is a really tough challenge and I am not naïve as to how hard it will be and how fit I need to become to complete the course. But I am on the way, and I will give it everything I've got. With great backing from family, friends and supporters in the town, I will do my best to make them feel very proud on the day. I'm determined to get the Meningitis Trust the money they need in their fight against this devastating disease that affects thousands of people every day.'

Sarah would like to say a big thank you to all those who have pledged money already, but there is still some way to go until she reaches her target of £1,600. If you wish to support Sarah and The Meningitis Trust, you can fill out a form at The Olive Tree or go online to www.justgiving.com/sarahclatworthy.



Big cats

It is not often that Nailsworth features in the national news, and perhaps that is just as well for our peace of mind. However, the *'pure white big cat the size of an Alsatian seen roaming across a Nailsworth street, that has further fuelled fears that a large predatory feline is on the prowl in the Five Valleys'* (SN&J) has been an exception, having made the pages of both the Independent and the Guardian as well as going almost viral on the internet.

It was hard to know how the Nailsworth News should cover this story. Our original plan was that Martin Stone (the NN photographer) should spend a few months roughing it in likely wild spots ready for a sighting, equipped with freeze-dried food, tent and cameras, but he seemed strangely reluctant - particularly over the Christmas season. So as an alternative, should our civic leaders be inviting David Attenborough and his team to take up residence in our town for a spell? What better way for him to follow up 'Frozen Planet' than with a series called 'Feral Nailsworth?' And just think of the tourist potential...

More seriously, we look forward to the results of DNA tests currently being carried out on the half-eaten carcass of a roe deer from Woodchester Park, to see if there is indeed evidence of a local wild cat.

Local care provider supports Nailsworth/Zimbabwe link

Nailsworth company **Corinium Care** has spent the last year raising money and equipment for **Homes in Zimbabwe (HIZ)**, the largest provider of food for the elderly in the African country. Together, the staff, clients and carers at Corinium have raised a staggering £6,000 for HIZ by pumping iron at the gym, pedalling miles through the Cotswolds and baking cakes. A truck load of wheelchairs, walking frames and hearing aids was sent to the Edith Duly Nursing Home in Bulawayo, where such equipment is like gold dust. 'We're very grateful that everyone responded so generously,' said **Camilla Miles**, Managing Director of the George Street organisation, which provides 24-hour live-in care in their own homes for the frail and elderly. Camilla recently went to Zimbabwe on a fact-finding mission, where she experienced bureaucracy but had an immensely warm welcome from staff there.

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Arts and crafts in Nailsworth

The Stroud Valleys have long been a haven for creative artists of all kinds, and here in Nailsworth we are particularly rich in such skilled people. Whatever the branch of arts and crafts, whether it is traditional or bang up to date, and whatever the medium being used, it is likely that someone in our town is involved in it. Today we feature a number of those talented people and their work. We know that there are many more of you out there, but unfortunately our space is limited.

Christian Corgier

Christian, pictured on the right, owns **Painted Ceilings** and is a specialist in 'trompe l'oeil' and murals on canvas. He has been living in town with his family for 10 years, and feels that this is the perfect place to continue his career. His studio is based in the **Green Cube** studio behind Bailey's newsagents in Old Market. For 30 years, Christian has been a master of his craft in producing painted ceilings and murals (see the picture below for an example of his work in progress.). Some are totally new, but he also undertakes restorative work in some of the finest houses in the country and recently in The Ritz in London.

Christian describes himself as 'an artisan who deals with anything to do with paintings and art in general.' He produces scaled, colour presentations of the work to be undertaken, including visits from



start through to completion. Any size of work is undertaken, for any property, whether it be a private house, commercial location or other buildings. His website **www.painted-ceilings.com** shows dozens of spectacular examples of his work - take a look. His contact details are **07930 392803**, email **art@corgier.freemove.co.uk**.



Paul Bradley

Studio Works Gallery has been in Nailsworth at the top of Fountain Street for what seems years, and **Paul Bradley** (pictured right) is the mastermind and skilled artist behind it. Paul has been a potter for over 35 years, having trained at the prestigious Harrow School of Art before moving to set up his business in Stroud and then here in Nailsworth 12 years ago. He has a huge knowledge of pots of all kinds, throughout history. Everything he markets is made himself on site, and he specialises in domestic wares and individual sculptural pieces which are both etched and worked by hand.

'Get close-up, handle and experience' is part of the game. 'It is my individual work, my taste and my style', Pauls says, but it is certainly a style that is simple and eye-catching as well as useful. There is also a selection of other works by well-known potters and some artworks for sale. Studio Works Gallery is open six days a week from 10am - 4pm, and there are prices to suit everyone. The phone number is **833733**.



Mark Lowe

Lowe's Gallery is run by Mark Lowe in Bridge Street and continues to be a fine venue for bespoke framing, watercolours, oils and prints of all kinds, as well as offering a wonderful selection of objets d'art and furniture from around the world. New in soon will be handmade recycled Spanish cotton rugs - they were so popular last time that another order has been made. Call in and see what Mark has to offer in the spacious and inviting surroundings, both as a local craftsman who works in wood and as a vendor of quality ware. Ring **835246** for enquiries, and the gallery is open from 10am, six days a week for you to visit. See also the photo below.

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Chris Norman

Chris has been living in Nailsworth since 1979, but has a lifetime's experience as a creative artist. In 1998 he started **Chris Norman Arts** after leaving full time teaching. He works in a whole range of media - watercolour, pen and ink, pastel and acrylic, to name but a few. There is a strong landscape focus in much of what he does, but his subjects go wider and his influences are eclectic. If you visit his website at <http://chrisnormanarts.com/> you



will be able to get some idea of the sheer range of talents possessed by this versatile man. He markets his work directly, will take commissions, and has a particularly strong background in tutoring.

Since 2005, Chris has been a member of a print-making co-operative based at Griffin Mill, where he works with groups of students (he is pictured right helping one) and also develops his own prints. If you are interested in his work, his printmaking demonstrations, classes or private tuition, please email him on chris@chrisnormanarts.com.



The Cotswold Craftsmen

Cotswold Craftsmen

Gallery in Market Street is managed by **Hazel Morris** on behalf of its members. It supports the development and skills of individual makers working in wood, metal, textiles, ceramics, glass, jewellery, basket making, mosaics, watercolours and much more.

The organisation has been running for over 40 years and the gallery exhibits and sells great goods for all styles and prices, so there is something to suit everyone. It is also

staffed by the members / makers themselves, so you can meet them and discuss their work. The photos on the right and below give examples of the work of just two of the members, but there are many more.

The front window gives some idea of the range and quality of goods on offer, but you do need to go inside to get a real idea of the wonderful craftsmanship there. The gallery rotates its work every month, so there is always something new. Downstairs, there is a space for non-members to exhibit their wares at very reasonable rates on a monthly basis.

If you want to become a member or enquire more about Cotswold Craftsmen, please contact Hazel on **07961 914957**, haze.morris@virgin.net (website www.cotswoldcraftsmen.org) or call in Tuesday to Saturday 10 - 5pm and there will be someone to point you in the right direction.



Lucy Birtles

'Hand building pots which evolve as families as I make them, taking shape as almost human forms...'

Lucy Birtles (shown right) has had a lifelong interest in the arts, and in particular sculpture, pottery and ceramics. Lucy has been an extensive traveller over the years, but Nailsworth seems to have proved the exception to that. In 1985 she bought her present home here and worked as a volunteer at Ruskin Mill. However, the pull of her artistic side was so strong that in the 90s she completed a BA in 3D Design (Ceramics) at the University of the West of England. Her experience since then has included working in the USA for a potter with a wood-firing kiln (which inspired her to build and equip her own Nailsworth workshop) and a period as a pottery technician in Stroud.

Lucy's heart is in sculptural forms, and these are realised in her ceramics. She works independently to produce and sell (from home, where she has her workshop) a range of handbuilt sculptural vases and bowls in porcelain and stoneware, and also wheel thrown domestic pottery. Some are for indoor use, and the picture also shows examples of her work intended for outdoor spaces. Her work can be seen on her website www.lucybirtles.co.uk, at the annual Open Studios

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Renewing your faith

The plant kingdom must be very confused at the moment! At the beginning of January I saw marigolds still blooming in a garden. Daffodils are now out in sheltered places, and my rose bushes have shoots growing as well as some unpruned buds still thinking about flowering. Frosts have arrived to put everything in its place, and I am sure that nature's equilibrium will be restored.

Is it ever too late to get right with God - to restore our relationship with Him, even if we have spent a lifetime avoiding His call? I don't think so. I believe that God is always overjoyed to hear from anyone who has been out of contact, and will embrace all who turn or return to Him, as any loving father would do if a long lost child were to get in touch out of the blue. But it is so much better to keep in regular contact, as in any relationship if we love someone.

The Bishop of Gloucester, **Rt. Revd. Michael Perham**, would like everyone to look afresh at Baptism / Christening and also Confirmation, which is what we need to do when we become adults and want to confirm our belief in God. The New Year is a good time to think anew about such things. I am always happy to talk to anyone who is a bit confused about the Christian faith and not sure how to move forwards. Many people's spirits are raised as they attend church over the Christmas period; hearing about the birth of Jesus and singing some familiar carols has them leaving church feeling uplifted. Isn't it a good idea to try to feel like that for the rest of the year?

Reverend Stephen Early



News from Woodchester Priory

Echoes from the past leave us with a churchyard full of different varieties of snowdrops, thanks to former parishioners Brigadier and Mrs. Mathias, founders of the Giant Snowdrop Co. in the 40's, whose grave is in front of the south porch. The recent anniversary of the death of Marie McLoughlan, whose funeral I attended here some years ago, reminds us that she founded Stroud Civic Society in 1966, when demolition of historic buildings was endemic in the guise of slum clearance (Stroud and Nailsworth Societies amalgamated several years back.) Also buried here are Father Tom Curtis-Hayward and Sister Wulstan from the Immaculate Conception in Stroud.

Former members of our choir have joined together with those from St. Joseph's, Stonehouse to learn new Mass settings which are direct translations from the original Latin. We hope to sing them at Easter.

The future of the convent is still causing concern. A small group will be meeting at St. Mary's Hill House, 8th Feb. 7.30pm, to discuss ideas for turning it into some kind of Christian community using the land and buildings. Exploring the options will be good, but as always, the problem will be funding. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Jenny Bailey



Everything I learned about life came from The Simpsons...

One of my favourite TV families is The Simpsons. In the virtual world I use a quote from Marge at the top of my blog, 'Swim, swim, swim, thought the whale'; this is from Marge's attempt at writing a book of romantic fiction. Week by week the Simpson family explore all facets of family life, from the fantastic (Homer becoming an astronaut) to the mundane, (Bart's continual collection of 'fs' on his school report).

The programme has caused a lot of controversy in its 20 year history and has upset several religious groups. On a recent 'behind the scenes' programme, one of the show's producers, told of an incident in the UK in 2007. The Simpsons Movie was being promoted and the marketing people decided to draw a cartoon of Homer in his underwear and eating a doughnut, alongside the famous chalk drawn Giant of Cerne Abbas in Dorset. The cartoon was designed to wash away in the rain and so was never meant to be anything other than a promotional event, yet a group of Pagans complained that their site was being defiled by this image. The producer was quite pleased as he felt this meant that they (the makers of The Simpsons) had upset every single religious group over time!

In spite of this, The Simpsons have an enduring and endearing charm. Despite their difficulties and perhaps (because of) their dysfunction, they still love each other. They strive to be 'good' even though they often fail and they show an openness and tolerance to others that is exemplary. Good lessons indeed.

Reverend Sian Collins



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Schools

Nailsworth CE Primary School

There have been big changes happening in reading at Nailsworth Primary school recently, and the children are reaping the benefits.

We have just purchased a new Oxford Reading Tree reading scheme for the infants, funded by an event that took place during the summer. Every child gathered sponsorship for either cycling or scootering around the field or playground on a given day, which raised over £1,000! The PTFA also contributed, and some funds were further raised during our summer fete. This was all then match funded by the government, enabling the school to bin many outdated, dog-eared copies of books and buy shiny new ones for both guided and home reading, fully complementing Letters and Sounds phonics teaching. 'Our son's reading has taken off again, he now **wants** to read!' (a Year 3 parent).

The school also held a Scholastic Book Fair during two parents' evenings. Scholastic promised to give us half the amount we raised in money for books for the school. The target was £400 but the school made £600, so now we have £300 to spend on more books for the recently refurbished Junior library which is complete with comfy sofa (thank you to the Dutton family) and colourful posters. Children in Yr3 and Yr4 have been writing book reviews about their favourite reads, and a Recommended Reads display has been created in the Junior library, profiling their ideas, which are also on the school website <http://nailsworthschool.org.uk/>.

We are collecting books for our **Author Boxes**, which allow children to enjoy an author's entire book collection. Here are some of our favourite authors: Cressida Cowell, Andy Stanton, Roald Dahl, Astrid Lundgren and Lucy Daniels. Go to our website to find out about others that we are interested in. If you have any books by these gathering dust and wish to give them to a new home where they will be read a lot, please drop them into the school or let us know and we will arrange to fetch them. Many thanks.

Mrs Armstrong, Year 3, 832382

(Mrs Armstrong also sent the NN a wonderful illustrated review of Andy Stanton's 'You're a Bad Man Mr. Gum!' The review is by pupils **Tamas Tomcsanyi** and **Eliot Kayani**, but unfortunately we don't have enough space to print it. However, it begins, 'This book is about an old burping, slurping man named Mr Gum. He is defending his garden which is the prettiest, greeniest, floweriest, gardeniest garden in the whole of Lamonic Bibber and he has to protect it for the evil fairy. And Jake the dog was trying to roll and poo in it...')



Horsley CE Primary School

2011 ended on a high here at Horsley with our first major production in our new school hall. **Tom's Cat**, performed by Class 3 and 4, combined drama, dance and music, and made full use of the fantastic stage lighting in the hall (see picture on right). It was a resounding success and the perfect way to end the busy Autumn term.



2012 is going to be a big year nationally with the Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics, and Horsley will be joining in as well as celebrating the centenary of the opening of the Infant part of the school. This term is also full of super activities planned by the children, a whole school reading project, and a focus on **India** with our newly twinned school there.

As part of the Global Schools Partnership programme run by the British Council, we have teamed up with 10 other Gloucestershire primary schools to link with schools in India. All the Indian schools are from the Nagpur area in the province of Maharashtra, in the centre of India, and are part of the Meghe group of schools. Our's is **School of Scholars Bhandara**, with a roll of around 280 children aged from 2½ to 12 years.

Both our junior classes are studying the topic of India this term, including taking part in workshops and activities within school and a visit for Class 4 to a Hindu Temple. The infant classes will be incorporating some aspects in their learning too. The whole school will be taking part in India week (commencing 12th March), planned to tie in with Commonwealth Day.

Martin Fry, Headteacher, 833625

St. Dominic's Primary School

After all the excitement of Christmas, it is somehow really comforting to get back into a normal routine. This is an exciting term, with Spring just around the corner.

Since October we have had a focus on teaching

French in the infant classes



(previously only teaching it to the junior children). To help us with this, we

are holding our first whole school French day in February and we are hoping that this will become a regular event. The intention is that all the children dress up and spend the day immersed in French culture and as much language as possible – I suspect we may have a lot of striped tee shirts on show! It amazes me that the infant children pick up the language so quickly and gain so much enjoyment from it. Hopefully, they will be able to start secondary school with a real advantage.

This term we will also be planning for World Book day in March, when we are aiming to invite an author into school to work with the children and highlight the pleasure of reading.

I would like to thank all those people involved in the organisation of the **Town Carol Concert** held at St George's. As always, it was a delightful occasion, and we feel privileged to have been involved. I hope everyone had a peaceful Christmas and I would like to wish you all a happy New Year. I look forward to sharing school highlights during 2012.

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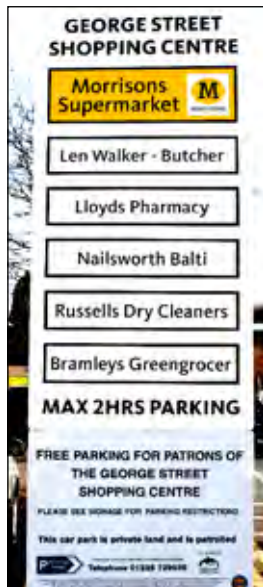
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Minding our own business

About that sign...

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Other business news

Larry and Andy's **Vintage and Collectables Fair** continues to flourish, and the January event in the Town Hall was again very well attended. A measure of its success is the number of out-of-town dealers bidding for stalls. Andy tells us that he and Larry would like to see more locals and townspeople setting up stalls. If you think you might be interested, go along and see what it's all about. The next Fair is (or, unfortunately, when you get to read this, was) on 3rd February – but there'll be another on March 2nd (see 'What's On' at the back of this paper). Alternatively, why not drop in on Andy in **Andy's Attic** in Market Street and get briefed (and tempted!)

The structural work at the entrance to Market Street (**The Market Street Triangle**) is now complete and is looking good with one of the Council's new Nailsworth area signs prominently displayed. The next stage is the planting and there are then plans afoot for a re-launch of Market Street as one of the key shopping areas in Nailsworth. We wanted to bring you a photo of the newly restored public area, but have decided to wait until Spring has come and there is greenery to be seen, rather than show it at this cold bleak time of year.

The **Nailsworth Kebab & Pizza House**, next to the Passage to India in Old Market, is up and running. It's a take-away but a great addition to Nailsworth's slate of people catering for the inner man (or woman).

Less good news about **Five Valleys** clothing and outdoor equipment shop in Fountain Street, whose reopening we reported in the last issue. There are now 'To Let' signs in the empty windows.

If you've seen (or missed) the early episodes of *The Fabulous Baker Brothers* on Channel 4 (Wednesday evenings, 8.30) you can still catch the last few of the 6-part series featuring our local master baker and TV star **Tom Herbert** (of **Hobbs Bakery**) and his brother **Henry**. Mouth-watering... **BA**

Made in Nailsworth?

We are pleased to bring you news of a new business being started by **Claire Stapleton**. Readers may remember that until recently she was our Green Editor. She will be launching her new venture at the Nailsworth Farmers Market in February. The concept behind it is handmade gifts and other similar objects. Many individuals make very attractive items but don't have the time or sufficient stock to market them alone, so the concept is that they will be able to sell them through this stall on a commission basis. Claire will also be offering her own



handcrafted items. The business thinking is similar to the 'Made In Stroud' model. We wish her all the best; do look out for her stall at the next Farmer's Market.

'Nia' dance in Nailsworth

Do you know about about Nia dance?



If you have never come across it, we are told that it is an exhilarating, low impact, easy to follow cardiovascular dance-movement form, done barefoot to soul-stirring music, and is the first ever holistic 'fusion-fitness' programme. This sounds like something we could all benefit from! Now it is coming to Nailsworth. **Yael Hochenberg** (pictured below), licensed Nia teacher (white belt), recently began running classes on Wednesdays at Sawyer Hall, Christchurch at 1.30 pm Nailsworth, beginning 18th January. It costs £7 per drop-in, or £30 for a series of 5. Contact Yael to find out more, on 07545 372077, yael@niayael.co.uk or visit <http://www.nianow.com/yael-hochenberg>.



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Nailsworth News party



Party time

The annual Nailsworth News Party was held again at Egypt Mill this January. 100 guests came to wine and dine for an occasion which marks our gratitude to all those willing volunteers who distribute this paper through rain and shine. Many thanks - and also to

Egypt Mill for their excellent buffet and hosting. Below are photos of some of the many greatly valued volunteers. MS



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Green Matters

Minch & Horsley do it – can we?

Having attended superb horticultural produce shows last year, some people were wondering whether this tradition could be revived in Nailsworth. We have allotments, the **Nailsworth Gardening Society**, **GoGrow Nailsworth** promoting food sustainability, entrants in Stroud Valley's 'Edible Gardens' weekend, Ruskin Mill's horticultural students, and last but not least many growers beavering away in their gardens - unsung heroes all.

There is rapidly growing interest in doing what we can to feed ourselves more cheaply and healthily. It would be great to celebrate and share the fruit of our labours, not to mention the fun to be had by seeing the wonkiest carrot, biggest onion, etc. In Horsley, the winner of 'the longest runner bean' could only enter his second longest - his wife having cooked the longest by mistake!

Are there people out there who would help organise a day to celebrate growing and producing things? The trophies still exist, and hopefully there is expertise to draw on from about 15 years ago when the show was last held. If we started now, we could add a **Produce Show** to Nailsworth's vibrant community events calendar. If you'd like to be involved please contact **Jeff and Liz Green**, 836910, lg@phonecoop.coop.

Nailsworth birdlife

In the past, **Hugh and Carolyn Christie** have sent us photos of the Nailsworth dipper. It seems that the bird has been a bit more elusive recently when they have been out and about with their cameras, but instead they have sent photos of a heron seen at the same spot (behind the bus station by the looks of it.) Seeing a heron around our ponds and stream is fairly easy, but photographing it is a much more difficult endeavour, as all those of us who have tried will know - so they are to be congratulated on these images.



Fruit trees at Norton Wood

Go Grow's **Norton Wood Orchard Group** will soon be

planting six more new fruit trees in the restored orchard at Norton Wood. Following last year's successful planting of ten apples, pears, damsons and quince, the group has found more space among the older fruit trees. Preparation and planting will take place on Sunday 12th February and Sunday 11th March from 2pm till 4pm and everyone is welcome to join in. For more information contact

Katherine Kearns on 834530, katherinekearns@yahoo.com.



Local writer, and film showing

A chance to meet **Martin Spice**, author of 'Spade, Seed & Supper' (featured in December's Nailsworth News), followed by a showing of the comedy film '**Grow Your Own**', will launch this year's growing season. This is a definite date for enthusiasts of the edible garden tendency, and will be held on the evening of March 10th in the Arkell Centre. There will be more details in the next issue, or phone 839107 or 836910.

Clearing the 'W'

The Common Scrubbers will continue scrub clearance on the 'W' from 1.30 every Tuesday, until the end of February, when we will lay down our saws and loppers during the bird nesting season. We have made significant inroads into some areas where we believe the most benefit in terms of views can be gained, whilst other parts remain untouched. The area continues to have a range of different habitats to support the needs of diverse groups of flora and fauna. After a spring break, we will be back in the summer to continue the good work. We are grateful to all those who have volunteered so far, but we are always looking for more help, so if you would like to join us please contact me on 832961.

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History

We don't usually carry obituaries in the Nailsworth News, but very occasionally we make an exception when there is good reason. So this month we want to say goodbye to someone who, as well as being appreciated and loved by her many friends and family, has also been an important part of the town's history. Thank you, Gail, for telling us more about Dorothy Blair (below) and supplying us with photos.

There are some people in Nailsworth who truly make the place special and when they are gone you can't quite believe it. One such person was **Dorothy Constance Blair**. She was born on the 6th May 1921 and was one of the six children of the Bruton family. The Brutons began a blacksmith's business more than 200 years ago in Nailsworth, and this evolved into an Ironmongery business that is still in existence today.

Dorothy and her husband Jack raised four children in a cottage, only a short walk from the family business. In fact, apart from a brief stint in London Dorothy never lived



more than half a mile from the centre of Nailsworth. That was just as well, because it meant that she was close to the shop. Even in retirement, she would pop in and explain how things were best done – she could never quite let go.

Dorothy's skill and gift at dog training was well known and she passed on her knowledge for almost 50 years. On my walk



home, I often saw her with her beloved dog Trymm, who was always well-behaved. Trymm also liked eating nettles!

Family was very important to Dorothy, and she enjoyed many special celebrations. Most recently, there was her 90th party where all the different generations came together with her many friends.

We are lucky in this small town to have such a rich tapestry of life. There are many special people who weave an extraordinary thread. When the thread is gone, we see the gap but also remember the colour and depth that was given to us.

We salute Dorothy for a beautiful life well lived and well loved.

Gail Smith

A tale of two stones

Late in 2010 we showed you a picture of a marker stone in the National Trust woodland above Watledge. It was suggested that it might mark the parish boundary between



Nailsworth and Amberley, or later, carry the initials of a local landowner marking the limits of his property. Thanks to the efforts of **Allan Beale** and **Rosalind John** in the Nailsworth Archive, we can now offer another and convincing explanation. We quote from the 'Centenary History of the Minchinhampton Golf Club',

published in 1989: 'Although the Common survived the enclosure movements of the 17th and 18th centuries the edges were constantly shifting and a 'Perambulator of the Common' was appointed to check on encroachments. A series of stones

marked HC were set up round the Common to mark its limits; apparently near such fences as had a 'suspicious and growing look to them'. The HC stands for Hampton Common; the 'Minchinhampton' came later, after a transitional period when the Common was described as 'Minchin-Hampton Common'. Rosalind has now discovered another stone at Burleigh! The 'History' suggested that none of the stones survived, but with two found we need to ask how many more are out there waiting to be discovered.

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Coming events

Nailsworth Festival - May 2012

Details for the 2012 Festival are in the process of being finalised. A full programme of events will be published in future editions of Nailsworth News and on the Festival website www.nailsworthfestival.org.uk. Already booked are folk legend Julie Felix, classical favourites the Brodsky Quartet, and the Bristol Young Vic Theatre School with their production of Cold Comfort Farm.

In addition to the usual range of activities in the town on Festival Saturday (19th May) there will be two specific events for young people. The first is a **Creative Art Activity**, led by Imogen

Harvey Lewis. This will give 4-11 year olds the opportunity to contribute to a shared artwork which will develop throughout the day (for details see the Festival website). The second is a **Photographic Competition** for young people in the 12 – 18 age range. Young people are invited to submit one or



more photographs giving their personal view of Nailsworth (full rules and submission details can be downloaded from the Festival website).

The 2012 Festival will include the third **Nailsworth Poetry Slam**. Anyone can take part. You need to compose three poems (one for each round if you are successful) and be prepared to stand up and 'perform' them. The Poetry Slam will take place on Saturday 26th May at the Comrades Club, Nailsworth. If you would like to enter the competition contact **Marcus** on **01285 640470** or email him at spielunlimited@gmail.com.

The Festival will run from Saturday 19th May to Sunday 27th of May. If you would like to become involved or explore sponsorship options, please contact **Tony Anhoury**, Chair of the Festival Committee on **860671**.

Tim Hughes, Festival Publicity, 836993

(The picture on the left shows intent festival-goers in 2011)

Nailsworth Theatregoers

This is your last chance to book for 'Cinderella on Ice' at The Everyman, Cheltenham on Wed 28th March. Please book and pay by Friday 10th Feb. Cheques for £27.50p payable to Nailsworth Theatregoers can be left at the Library desk. The coach will leave the bus station at 12 midday.

Mozart's 'Marriage of Figaro' at Bristol Hippodrome on Sat 14th April may be fully booked by now, but phone **Jinny** and **Ann** on **833857** if you are interested. Cheques for £40 need to reach them also by Feb 10th. Further details are on the notice board in the Library entrance.



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Book now for Johnny Coppin in Nailsworth

There is a treat in store in March - local acoustic musician **Johnny Coppin** will soon be performing again in Nailsworth with **Mike Silver**. We are promised classic songs which their followers know and love, as well as new compositions and collaborations from their latest CD Breaking the Silence. The duo should need no introduction, but we liked one description of their music as featuring, 'Soaring harmonies and beautifully crafted songs from two of this country's finest singer songwriters.' (Steve Knightley, *Show of Hands*).

Johnny and Mike (pictured below) will be performing at Nailsworth Town Hall, 7.30pm on March 17th. Get your ticket from Shiny Goodness, or by post from Out To Lunch, 4 The Retreat, Butterow, Stroud GL5 2LS. Tel. 757376 or 07837 798463. Please enclose SAE and make cheques payable to **Out To Lunch**.





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Coming events

Nailsworth marks Diamond Jubilee

Following a visit to the Town Archives during last Easter holidays, **Karen Robbins** and her son **Tom** (8 yrs) saw an old poster advertising 'The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations in Nailsworth'. Of course, this wasn't for her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, who will be 86 this year, it was for Queen Victoria. However, Karen and Tom were inspired to try and recreate some of the events for our Queen's Diamond Jubilee in June this year, with a group of other volunteers.

The poster, (illustrated on the right, though it doesn't reproduce well in black and white), contains themes that will be picked up this time around. Activities being planned include:

- A lunch for older community members
- A children's treasure hunt, using town shop windows to give clues
- A Grand Cycle parade from Egypt to Dunkirk Mills)
- An exhibition and film show
- A joint church service.

The biggest single event will be the free **Jubilee Concert** held

from 6 pm on Monday 4th June in the King George V Playing Fields. Think picnic - a giant Union Jack - local variety acts - Nailsworth Silver Band performing Proms in the Park - fireworks - and a beacon (part of a national chain across the UK) culminating in a torchlight procession down the "W". Not to be missed.

This is all in the early stages of planning, so watch this paper for more news in the coming months. Meanwhile, it is clear that there is a lot of work to be done. Can you help? If you would like further information, or to become involved or if you have any memorabilia photos or films from Nailsworth celebrations in the past that you could share, please contact Karen via email nailsworthjubilee@yahoo.co.uk or on 836695.



Christ Church Diamond Jubilee stamp exhibition

To celebrate the royal Diamond Jubilee, Christ Church will be holding a **stamp exhibition** in their Sawyer Hall, on Saturday 21st April from 10.00am to 4.00pm. The aim is to cover the years 1952 to 2012, recording every royal event and every issue of stamps with a royal connection as well as a wide selection of postal, historical and technological events in the last 60 years. There will also be a competition.

Since the Coronation in 1953, there have been well over 2,500 stamps issued in Britain, but due to the size of the hall there will be a limit on exhibits. About 70 sets of stamps will be on show, along with a lot of other philatelic material, including individual stamps, first day covers, presentation packs, mini sheets and P.H.Q cards, and some selected stock books from a private collection. There will also be an opportunity to see how the same royal events have been celebrated in stamps around the commonwealth, particularly in Australia, Canada and New Zealand. Refreshments and light lunches will be available.

Nailsworth Film Society

On Friday 17th February, the Film Society will be showing **Meek's Cutoff** (2011). It is billed as 'a bleakly mysterious true story about a small group of pioneers on the Oregon Trail. Trust in their maverick guide wavers as he leads them along uncharted paths, primitive wagons lurching into the dangerous wilderness, where the arid stony desert provided ample opportunity for the film's stunning photography. You will not fail to engage in their lives, their decisions and their intense determination to survive.'

Lasting 104 mins and cert. PG, the film will be screened at Nailsworth Primary School, opening 7.30 for 8. For further information, contact **Krissy Spencer** on 835594.



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'True grit' on the Ladder...

The **Stroud and District Motor Club** will be running their annual climb up the Nailsworth 'Ladder' on Sunday 5th February. Cars and bikes have been attempting this seemingly impossible climb since the 1920s, and at one time Douglas motorcycles even used the climb in their advertising material.

This time around, 80 cars of various shapes and sizes will take part in a 13 stage event which includes some of the most challenging hills in the district - but none steeper than ours! Cars will be arriving at approx. 10.30am, and the climb usually lasts about two hours. The organisers have stressed that motor sport is dangerous, and anyone wishing to see the event must stay behind the temporary fencing and follow the marshall's instructions. Dogs must be on leads. There will be no parking available on the Ladder or the 'W' so please leave cars in town or walk to the event. Contact **Mark** on mshipton@hypertec.co.uk or **Terry** on 883930 with any questions.



Thank you **Dave Cook** for sharing this photo of a contender on the Ladder in 2008 - see more at Dave's website on <http://hoits.smugmug.com/>.

Fledgling club soars high

In this Olympic year there is renewed interest in Tae-Kwon-Do. Since the Seoul Games in 1988 it has been the only kicking and punching Martial Art to be internationally recognised as an Olympic Sport.

Now the Nailsworth Community has its own Club. **Mystic-Eagle Tae Kwon Do** opened in November at Five Valleys Leisure, and its fledgling students are training hard towards their first grading later this month. Locals to Nailsworth, they have shown great promise under the guidance of the Club's founder and chief instructor, **Mr. Goldstein-Lee** (Black Belt, 2nd Degree), who says:

'We're very proud of our students' progress. For instance, siblings Jessica and George attend with their father and these young people are showing great promise, demonstrating consistent commitment and enthusiasm. I'm sure they'll be a force to be reckoned with at their grading!'

The Club is passionate about providing positive benefits to the community. The essence of Tae-Kwon-Do lies not just in its kicking and punching techniques, but in its underlying core values - integrity, courtesy, self-control - sadly, often missing in today's society. Alongside physical schooling, this ethos helps develop fine character traits essential for leadership skills and role-modelling - especially valuable for younger people (although the Club welcomes members from 7 to 107 years of age!) Students enjoy both the opportunity to get fit and the disciplined approach to their training.'



Tae-Kwon-Do learning is ever ongoing. Mr Goldstein-Lee has just taken 2nd (Silver) at the British Championships (NITA) for Black Belt Patterns - no mean feat when approaching his half-century. You can contact him on instructor@mystic-eagle-tkd.com.

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Forest Green Rovers

Question: What have Liverpool FC and FGR got in common this season? **Answer:** brilliant when away, but not there yet at home! FGR have put in some great performances recently, but in the December period things tailed off in terms of results, especially at home. There is plenty of huff and puff up front, but no one at the moment who can score the goals on a regular basis. Some of the new players are young and have yet to find their feet (sometimes literally) and the more experienced forwards are definitely off the pace now. At least there is good news. We are not in the annual relegation dog-fight for a change, and are very unlikely to be. Also, with some new forwards who can nonchalantly bang the goals in, there is certainly a chance of a play-off



position come May. The manager should think about being less cautious at home when the team takes the lead and not be so prepared to defend the lead and bring on pressure to the defence (this is just a thought from some fans!)

There is still half the season left and some great football on show so there is much to look forward to.

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Phoenix Table Tennis

Why not come and join 40 million Chinese at the subscription rooms?

Well OK, they might not be actually here in Nailsworth, but it is reckoned that about 40 million Chinese regularly play table tennis and even 2.5 million Brits are also playing. It is the one sport in this country that is showing an increase in participation. Also, it is said that many A-list celebrities enjoy a game, including Canadian Michael Buble and Damon Albarn of 'Blur', another devotee of the sport.

So why not join in? Go along to the Subscription Rooms for a game of table tennis. It is fun, and a really good way to keep fit and meet new friends. The rules are simple. This is a great sport, and it doesn't matter if you are new to it or rusty through lack of practice - you can start at a basic level and quickly improve. Oh, and don't forget that Robby the Robot (mentioned in earlier editions of this paper) still needs a thrashing - why not try him out?

There will be a welcome for you at Nailsworth Phoenix Table Tennis Club every Tuesday evening 7 till 10 and every Saturday morning 10 till 12. Find the club at the Subscription Rooms. For more information visit www.nailsworthphoenix.co.uk or ring Andy on 885393.



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Shortwood United

Is there any stopping Shortwood this season? Apart from a minor blip in December (which may be costly later), the team is all guns blazing! If you want goals, action, skill and an increasingly good atmosphere, then Meadowbank is surely the place to be.

The team is definitely on a roll, and success in the League is being replicated in the GFA cup. Also, the next round of the FA Vase is going to be a huge occasion - **Home v Ashington on Sunday 12th February** at Meadowbank - be there, be seen. Can The Wood make Wembley very soon and replicate FGR of years ago? Such is the occasion, the police have had to move the fixture, so FGR will be at home on the previous day. That means 2 quality matches in 2 days. What a weekend!

With games in hand in the League, it looks like being a close end to the season and since there are some big teams to play against still, the forthcoming months will certainly be thrilling.

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Taverners

The continuing mild, fairly dry weather means that so far the Taverners have only lost one game to the conditions - that happened when an unexpected snowfall put paid to a match the week before Christmas. The loss to Shortwood in the GFA Trophy was expected by most, but the Taverners acquitted themselves well on the day and made the opposition work really hard for their win. Back in the league, performances have been again erratic, with a couple of good results over the Christmas period ending with a disappointing draw at home to bottom of the table Yate. Still, with games in hand the team could climb to a respectable position in the league. The Reserves are glad to be in the mid-season break that the Stroud League arranged after last season's weather, as their form hit rock bottom in the run up to Christmas. Let's hope that the New Year brings a return to the form that took the Taverners to the top of the league. Check out all the results at www.taverners.com.

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Referee's assistant


Did you know that we have a new up and coming football linesman in our midst? **Laurie Merchant** is the man. He started his 'refing' career last year, after a rigorous selection that meant passing tests in fitness, written exams and a 20+ game assessment. Laurie is accredited to the FA and his parent organisation is the GFA here in Gloucestershire. If you

follow football, you will see him cropping up everywhere, such is his enthusiasm and his regard by the GFA. One day we assume we will see him at the Cup Final - well who knows?

Do you know what a buzzer flag is? I didn't, but Laurie often uses one; it means that he can flag a situation directly to the match referee and at the same time press a button which buzzes the Ref straight away so that even if he is 'elsewhere' he is notified and the situation is looked at immediately. Now we know how the Premiership referees appear to see things from behind their heads! and who knows, we may even have gold lined cameras one day to sort out whether it was a goal or not. Whatever next?



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Regular weekly events

February 2012

Mon	Yoga (gentle class), Christ Church Hall, 11.15am-12.45. Info Sally Deacon 751937	Wed	Nailsworth Community Workshop evening class, Sub Rooms, 7.30-9pm. £5 + cost of materials. Age 14 upwards. Info Pam Brown 07971 737626
	Taiji & Qi Gong exercise classes, Nailsworth Town Hall, 9.30 am, 10.45am, 12 noon. £6. Info Jeff Docherty 07970 303694		Pilates, Arkell Community Centre. 6.30 and 7.45pm mixed ability. Info Jo 873229
	Archive Office open, Town Hall, 10am-12 noon		Brownies, Arkell Community Centre, 6-7.15pm. Info Debbie 832628
	Buddhist Meditation, Friends Meeting House, 7.15pm. Suggested donation £3. Info James 07867 767605	Thu	Taiji Wuxigong, Christ Church Hall, 9.30-11am, donations only. Info Poh Eng 836425
	Pacerpole walking for posture (approx 1-1½ hr). Meet Library 2pm. Info Pam Browne 832907. Pacerpoles provided. Charge £3		Croc'N'Roll children's music class (6 mths - 4 yrs), FGR Football Club, 10.00am. £3.50 per class. Info Stephanie Urquhart 07957 235413 or stephanie@crocnroll.co.uk. Term time only
	Aerobics & Body Conditioning, Christ Church Hall, 9.30am and 7.15pm. Info Tina 753895		Forest Green Senior Citizens' Club, Arkell Community Centre, 2pm. £1.50 per session. Info Dave Boulton 833411
	Tae-Kwon-Do, Five Valleys Leisure, 6.30 - 7.30 pm. Info 07715 445729 or www.mystic-eagle-tkd.com		Yoga, Christ Church Hall, 5.45-7.15pm and 7.30-9pm. Info Sally Deacon 751937
Tue	Phoenix Playmates Mother and Toddler Group, Primary School Gym, 9-11am. Term time only. £2.50 per child. Info 833511		Pilates (experienced and beginners), Mortimer Room, 6.30 and 8.00pm. Info Bea 07717 472129
	Yoga, Christ Church Hall, 10-11.30am. Info Sally Deacon 751937		Tae-Kwon-Do, Five Valleys Leisure, 7.00 - 8.30 pm. Info 07715 445729 or www.mystic-eagle-tkd.com
	Nailsworth 'Lightwaves' Shintaido, Christ Church Hall, 1.30-3.30pm. Info David & Nagako Cooper 750598. 1st 'taster' session free	Fri	Country Market, Mortimer Room, 8.45-11am
	Health Walk (30-60 mins). Start Nailsworth Library, 2.00pm. Info 832907		Pilates, Arkell Community Centre, 9.45 & 11 am, mixed levels. Info Jo 873229
	Yoga, Christ Church Hall, 6.30pm. Info Chris Hewett 834304		Awareness through Movement - Feldenkrais Method, Sawyer Hall, 11 am. Info Iraina 832027
	Circuit class, 7 - 8 pm, FGR Gym. Info Liam 07815 187632		Nailsworth Community Workshop session for home educated children 7 yrs upwards. 9-11am and 11.30am-1.30pm. £10 per session. Info Pam Brown 07971 737626
	Table Tennis for all, Subscription Rooms, 7.30-10.00pm. First session free		Little Angels, Singing and Music for Parents & Toddlers, St. Georges Church, 9.30-10am
Weds	Arkell Community Drop In session, 2.20 - 4.15 pm. Info Angela 834260		Singing Sisters, songs from around the world for Mothers and children, 10-11.30am. Info Bella 835923
	Pilates on the Ball, Christ Church Hall, 9.30am. Info Tina 753895	Sat	Playcircle, Christ Church Rooms, 10.30-11.30am. Creative play session for parents and children under 3's. Term time only. £3.50 per adult (taster free) inc. free tea and cake. Info 07930 136075
	Croc'n'Roll children's music class (6mths - 4 yrs), FGR football club, 10.00 am. £3.50 per class. Info Stephanie Urquhart 07957 235413 or stephanie@crocnroll.co.uk. Term time only		Archive Office open, Town Hall, 10 am-12 noon
	Stroud Valleys NCT Bumps and Babies Coffee Morning, Tubby's Café, Waterside, 10 am - 12 noon. Info 0844 243 6286		Bingo, Arkell Centre, 6.30 for 7 pm
	Stroud Valleys Credit Union, Arkell Community Centre, 2.30 - 4 pm. Info 298785 or www.svcu.org.uk		Table Tennis for all, Sub. Rooms, 10.00 am - 12 noon. First session free
	Yoga, Christ Church Hall, 7 - 8.30 pm. Info Sally Deacon 751937		
	Iyengar Yoga, Mortimer Rooms, 7.30pm-9pm. Info Alison Griffin 752249		



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February

1	Wed	<i>Doll-making Workshop</i> , Mother Goose, Market Street, 10am – 1pm. Info 298725 <i>Flower Club</i> , Town Hall, 7.30pm, <i>Sallying Forth</i>
2	Thu	<i>Rotary Club meeting</i> , Egypt Mill, 7 for 7.30pm. Info Joan Goldsmith 885373
3	Fri	<i>Vintage & Collectors Fayre</i> , Town Hall, 10am – 3pm <i>Doll-making Workshop</i> , Mother Goose, Market Street, 10am – 1pm. Info 298725 <i>Taverners FC v Kings Stanley</i> , 2pm
4	Sat	<i>Family Service</i> , Nailsworth Primary School, 11am. All welcome
5	Sun	<i>Mobile Police Station</i> in car park of current Police Station, 13.30 – 14.15 <i>Motor climb up Nailsworth Ladder</i> , 13 stage event. Info 883930 and see page 24
6	Mon	<i>M.E. Support Group</i> , Scrumptious Café, 11am. Info Richard 07814 223567 <i>Learn to Crochet</i> , Mother Goose, Market Street, 6 - 9pm. Info 298725 NSoc Arts, Crafts & Music Group, <i>The Bronte Sisters</i> , Mortimer Room, 7.30pm, Info 835540
7	Tue	Stroud District Council and Job Centre <i>Advice surgery</i> , Arkell Centre, 9am – 12 noon <i>Needlefelted Hearts Workshop</i> , Mother Goose, Market Street, 10am – 1pm. Info 298725 <i>Shortwood Utd FC v Flackwell Heath</i> , 7.45pm
8	Wed	<i>Sheepskin Slippers Workshop</i> , Mother Goose, Market Street, 10am – 1pm. Info 298725 Ideas for the future of the <i>Woodchester Convent</i> , meeting 7.30 St. Mary's Hill House.
9	Thu	<i>The Tinkers Knitting Group</i> , Mother Goose (Market Street), 10am – 12 noon. All welcome. Info 298725
10	Fri	NSoc Theatregoers, Book and pay for <i>Cinderella on Ice</i> on 28 th March; and <i>Marriage of Figaro</i> on 14 th April. Info 833857
11	Sat	<i>FGR v Luton Town</i> , 3pm
12	Sun	<i>Norton Wood Orchard Project</i> working party. Meet Jovial Foresters car park, 2pm. Info Marilyn Miles 832974

12	Sun	<i>Churches Together Service</i> , Arkell Community Centre, 6.30pm. Info 834996 <i>Shortwood Utd FC - FA Vase</i> tie at home to Ashington, 3pm
13	Mon	<i>Nailsworth Knitters</i> , Arkell Community Centre, 10am – 12pm. Info 834996 NSoc Local History Research Group, <i>Stonehouse High Street</i> , Mortimer Room, 7.30pm, Info 832228 W.I. meeting, <i>The Wonder of Antiques</i> , Parish Rooms, 7.30pm. Info Rosemary Davis 833966
15	Wed	<i>Peg Loom Weaving Workshop</i> , Mother Goose, Market Street, 10am – 1pm. Info 298725 <i>Stroud & District Macular Society</i> , Christ Church Hall, 10am – 12 noon <i>Mobile Police Station</i> in car park of current Police Station, 13.30 – 14.15
16	Thu	<i>Pop-up Puppets Workshop</i> , Mother Goose, Market Street, 10am – 1pm. Info 298725 <i>Rotary Club meeting</i> , Egypt Mill, 7 for 7.30pm. Info Joan Goldsmith 885373
17	Fri	<i>Sheepskin Bag Workshop</i> , Mother Goose, Market Street, 10am – 1pm. Info 298725 Film Club <i>Meek's Cutoff</i> , Nailsworth Primary School, 7.30 for 8pm
18	Sat	<i>Doll-making Workshop</i> , Mother Goose, Market Street, 10am – 1pm. Info 298725 <i>Taverners FC v Chipping Sodbury</i> , 2pm <i>Shortwood Utd FC v Ardley Heath</i> , 3pm <i>FGR v Gateshead</i> , 3pm
20	Mon	<i>Needlefelting Workshop</i> , Mother Goose, Market Street, 6 – 9pm. Info 298725 NSoc Gardening Group, <i>Herbaceous Borders</i> , Mortimer Room, 7.30pm. Info 834046
21	Tue	<i>Town Council meeting</i> , Town Hall, 7pm Trefoil Guild, Info 873297 <i>Home-Start training course</i> starts. Info 759911
22	Wed	<i>Learn to Crochet</i> , Mother Goose, Market Street, 10am – 1pm. Info 298725
23	Thu	NSoc <i>Rambling Group</i> , Meet at the Library, 9.30am, Info 832911 <i>The Tinkers Knitting Group</i> , Mother Goose (Market Street), 10am – 12 noon, All welcome. Info 298725
25	Sat	<i>Farmers Market</i> , Mortimer Gardens, 9am – 1pm

25	Sat	<i>Mobile Police Station</i> in car park of current Police Station, 13.30 – 14.15 NSoc Theatregoers, <i>Neighbourhood Watch</i> , Everyman, Cheltenham. Info 833857
27	Mon	<i>Learn to Knit</i> , Mother Goose, Market Street, 6 – 9pm. Info 298725 NSoc Local Studies Group, <i>Gloucestershire Almshouses</i> , Mortimer Room, 7.30pm
29	Wed	<i>Sheepskin Slippers Workshop</i> , Mother Goose, Market Street, 10am – 1pm. Info 298725 <i>Alzheimer Café</i> , Christ Church Rooms, 2 – 4pm. Info 834714

March

1	Thu	<i>Rotary Club meeting</i> , Egypt Mill, 7 for 7.30pm. Info Joan Goldsmith 885373
2	Fri	<i>Vintage & Collectors Fayre</i> , Town Hall, 10am – 3pm
3	Sat	<i>Sheepskin Bag Workshop</i> , Mother Goose, Market Street, 10am – 1pm. Info 298725 <i>Peg Loom Weaving</i> , Mother Goose, Market Street, 2 – 5pm. Info 298725 <i>Taverners FC v Berkeley Town</i> , 3pm <i>FGR v Cambridge Utd</i> , 3pm
4	Sun	<i>Family Service</i> , Nailsworth Primary School, 11am. All welcome
5	Mon	NSoc Arts, Crafts & Music Group, <i>18th century Hornpipe Music</i> , Mortimer Room, 7.30pm, Info 835540

The next Nailsworth News will be published at the beginning of March, please send entries by 15th February.

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