

# Not (quite) the Nailsworth News



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## Spring Clean



*Rubbish collected at last year's Spring Clean*

**Y**es, it's nearly the time of year when those of us who hate litter spoiling the lovely town we live in, get out and about clearing it up.

This year it will be happening on **17th April**, so put that date into your diaries - we need as many volunteers as possible! More details will be published in the April Nailsworth News.



*Members of the Stroud Samba Band at the 2009 Festival*

## Get ready for the 2010 Festival!

**W**e will all have busy schedules when spring finally arrives, but now is the time to make some space in your diary for the **Nailsworth Festival**. This year's event will run from 22nd to 30th May, with drama, talks, music, poetry and family activities to suit all tastes. Brought to us entirely through the hard work of a group of volunteers, the Festival is one of the jewels in Nailsworth's crown. Don't just take our word for it – go along and see for yourselves.

Inside the front cover, you will find a few details of what has been arranged so far, to whet your appetite. Watch out for the full programme, which will be in the April edition of this paper.

## Nailstock is back.

**N**ailstock 2010 will be held at the King George V playing fields at the end of April. It will be a three day event, from Friday 23rd April to Sunday 25th. The event aims to showcase local choirs and community projects, orchestral music, folk, country, blues, jazz, cabaret, solo performers and of course the traditional rock and pop bands. For more details see [www.nailstock.com](http://www.nailstock.com).

## NNews Survey

**W**e have already had a great response to our survey: if you haven't responded yet, there is still time, as you have until the 13th March. Fill it out on-line at [nailsworthnews.org.uk/survey](http://nailsworthnews.org.uk/survey).

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**Our apologies** to St Dominic's School, which was inadvertently renamed St Margaret's in our last edition. We don't intend to make a habit of changing the titles of local educational institutions!

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## Nailsworth Festival – a taste of things to come

On **Festival Saturday (22nd May)** the programme will commence at 10am with events and activities for all ages around the town. The focus will then move to the King George V Playing Field during the afternoon for more activities for all the family. In the evening, Nailsworth's first ever **Poetry Slam** will take place, with budding performance poets competing (with audience encouragement!) for a prestigious prize.

Following their recent debuts at both the Purcell Room and the Wigmore Hall, the **Finzi Quartet** will be playing in Nailsworth on Sunday 23rd May. This acclaimed group of young women musicians started out at the Royal Northern College of Music and are fast building a reputation for themselves across Britain and Europe.

**Chris Wood** will appear at Ruskin Mill on Tuesday 25th May. Chris is an uncompromising writer whose music reveals his love for the unofficial history of the English speaking people. With gentle intelligence he weaves the tradition with his own contemporary parables. In 2009 he was awarded 'Singer of the Year' and 'Best Album' in the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards.

**Kasai Masai**, a highlight of Nailsworth Festival in 2006, will return by popular demand on Saturday 29th May. Kasai brings the traditional sound of remote equatorial Africa but with a modern twist; a night not to be missed!

Other activities across the week will include a talk from weather forecaster **Richard Angwin**; a concert by the **Bristol Gasworks Singers**; two short plays from **Nailsworth Dramatic Society**; a **craft morning**; and a number of exhibitions.

## Save energy, save MONEY!

How to reduce your energy bills by being more energy efficient. There will be a meeting on Wed 10 March at 7.30 pm in the Primary School, to consider how we in Nailsworth can reduce our carbon footprint, and improve our energy efficiency. Not only will residents of Nailsworth, be they owners or tenants, benefit directly from this on a personal basis, but it will also help us collectively by contributing to the UK's energy security in the longer term.

The meeting is a joint venture between the Town Council and SWEA (the Severn Wye Energy Agency), and follows on from the Energy Savings Trust Questionnaire in the January edition of The Fountain. Incidentally, if you have not yet completed yours, now is the time to do so.



## FOREST GREEN ROVERS FC MARCH FIXTURES at The New Lawn

Saturday 6th - k.o. 3pm

**YORK CITY**

Saturday 13th - k.o. 3pm

**BARROW**

Saturday 27th - k.o. 3pm

**ALTRINCHAM**

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Adults:	£15 seated	£13 Standing
Concessions:	£10 Seated	£8 Standing
Juniors (under 16):	£7 Seated	£5 Standing

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## New exhibition by local artist

When Anne Neal opened The Blue Door Company in George Street one of her aims was to provide space for artists to mount exhibitions. From 27th February for two months the exhibition room will be given over to paintings by **Rosalind Wise**.

After university and training at Goldsmiths College Rosalind taught art in secondary schools before coming to Gloucestershire in 1980 and settling down to paint seriously; she still teaches part time. Her inspiration comes very much from nature and particularly the interactions of colour and light in fields and gardens. She likes to paint large – ‘I would like looking at my work to be an experience rather than looking at a little pretty picture!’ Go and see!



## From the Mayor

We shall be calling another Town Meeting in Spring, as last year. There will be a specific item on the Community Hall for report and discussion. We did answer fully to the town at the last meeting and this helped in the eventual decision to proceed.

**Do you need a Hall!?** The Temporary Hall must be removed before the work on the permanent hall starts. **It is available free of charge** to a local community group (priority to those in the Nailsworth area). Enquiries to me please at 833458 and a definite letter of confirmation to the Council by the end of March.

## Town Council Elections

Elections for the Town Council are to be held on 25/03/2010. Two positions are available due to the resignations of Alan Wheeler and John Bratby.

Both councillors have made it clear from correspondence with the local newspaper that they have resigned on the issue of The Forest Green Community Centre.

This is your opportunity as Nailsworth Residents to have your voice on the Council on this and all the other issues in Nailsworth.

## Old Market off licence re-opens

By the time you read this the Old Threshers store in Old Market should have reopened as ‘Nailsworth Wines and Spirits’. This is ‘Jazz’ Mann’s baby and we wish him well with this enterprise.

The store will not be part of any chain but a fully independent retailer. We hope to bring you a more detailed introduction to the business in a future issue.

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**Theatre:** Preparing for Elizabeth Sat 6 March 8pm £8 / £6  
**Storytelling:** Tales from the Old Mill Sat 20 March 8pm £6 / £4  
Drop in **storymaking workshop** with Heads & Tales Sat 20 Mar 2-5pm  
**Children’s Storytelling** with Fiona Eadie Sat 27 March 10.30am  
**Exhibitions:**

John Playfoot, Maria Albiez & Ivon Oates to 21 March

Greg Tricker *Revelation* Wed 24 March–Thurs 15 April

### Workshops:

Textiles with Margaret Docherty Saturdays 6 March, 17 April  
Call 01453 833320 for booking & info

Woodcarving with Fiona Valentine 01453 836321 for details  
Saturdays 6 & 27 March 10am - 4pm

Plant Spirit with Nathan Hughes  
Sat 20 March 9.30 - 5pm £50 investment/exchange

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# What's On - March 2010

To include events,

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**April What's On Deadline – 15th March**

## March

- 1 Mon NSoc Arts, Crafts & Music Group, Mortimer Room, 7.30 pm
- 3 Wed Flower Club Meeting, Town Hall, 7 pm AGM, 7.30 pm 'Dawn till Dusk' demonstration
- 4 Thu NSoc Luncheon Group, Egypt Mill, 11.30 am.  
Canasta, Hanover Gardens Community Room, 7.15 pm. All welcome. Info Jane Hobdell 835937
- Sporting Dinner with Steve Kindon, from 7 pm.  
Info: 834860
- 5 Fri Open University Drop-in session, Library, 11 am – 1.30 pm
- 6 Sat Fair Trade Fortnight Tea Party, The Tea Lounge Fountain Street, 11 am onwards  
Shortwood Utd v Hook Norton, 3 pm  
FGR v York City, 3 pm
- 7 Sun Family Service, Nailsworth Primary School, 11 am  
W.I., Meeting, St. Georges Parish Room, 7.30 pm  
NSoc Local History Research Group, Mortimer Room, 7.30 pm, Info: 832228 or 837807
- 9 Tue Library Club for older people. Library, 11.15 – 12.30 Info 832747. Transport can be provided
- 10 Wed Energy Saving and Carbon Footprint meeting, at the Primary School, 7.30pm

11 Thu Support Group for Parent Carers of disabled children. Info Serena Green 07794 009663

13 Sat Gigg Mill open, 10 am – 12 noon  
FGR v Barrow, 3 pm

14 Sun Mothering Sunday lunch, FGR, Info 833295  
Honeymoon Trio at The George, Newmarket, 8 – 11 pm

15 Mon NSoc Gardening Group, Primulas & Cyclamen, Mortimer Room, 7.30 pm. Info: 834046

16 Tues Trefoil Guild, Community Safety Officer, Hanover Lounge, 7 pm. Info: Maureen Embrey 833772

Town Council meeting, Town Hall, 7 pm  
Shortwood Utd v Malmesbury, 7.45 pm

17 Wed Stroud & District Macular Society, Christ Church Hall, 10 am – 12 noon

FGR St Patrick's Day special, Guinness £2.50 a pint + free chips and Irish music

18 Thu Royal British Legion meeting, Nailsworth Social Club

19 Fri W.I. Fashion Show, Comrades Club, 7.30 pm.  
Tickets £5 from Yvonne Bryant 833581, Ann Ward 832756 or the Friday Country Market in the Mortimer Room

Mystery Film, Film Club, Primary School, 7.30 for 8.00 pm. Info: 549661

20 Sat FGR v Cambridge Utd, 3 pm

22 Mon NSoc Local Studies Group, Mortimer Room, 7.30 pm. Info: 832034

23 Tue Nailsworth Primary School children will be Experiencing Easter, St. George's Church, 9 am – 12 noon. Displays can be viewed in the afternoons all week.

24 Wed Blood Donor Session, The Green Man, 1 pm – 3.15 pm and 5 pm – 6.45 pm  
Alzheimer Café, Christ Church Rooms, 2 – 4pm. Info: 834714

25 Thu NSoc Ramblers Group, Meet outside Library, 9.30 am. Info: 834907  
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26 Fri Evening of Reflective Music by the Tallis Singers, Quaker Meeting House, 7.30 pm.  
Tickets £7/£5 from Trevor Furness 767953 or on the door.  
Complete Soul Out, soul music at FGR, 7.30 pm Info: 833295

27 Sat Farmers Market, Mortimer Gardens, 9 am – 1pm  
FGR v Altrincham, 3 pm  
Disco at The Green Man

29 Mon NSoc AGM, Town Hall, 7 pm followed by talk by local author Sue Limb

## April

3 Sat Shortwood Utd v Kidlington, 3 pm

4 Sun Family Service, Nailsworth Primary School, 11 am  
Honeymoon Trio at The George, Newmarket, 8 – 11 pm + curry evening

5 Mon FRG v Tamworth 3 pm

9 Fri Flower Club Open Day, Wycliffe College, 9.30 for 10.30 start. Tickets £27.50 include morning coffee and two course lunch. Info: 833952 or 834414