



*Nibley Festival -
the final chapter...*

October 2026
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On The Edge

St Martin's Church

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October Services

Sunday 4th Oct - Family Service at 9.30am
Sunday 11th Oct - Communion Service in church at 9.30am
Sunday 18th Oct - Family Service in church at 9.30am
Sunday 25th Oct - Communion in church at 9.30 am

We have come to another crossroads in the life of St Martin's.

We have said goodbye to Rev Lesley Hewish as she retires after 4 years leading us as our Priest in Charge. We are very grateful for all that she has done in the last 4 years. She remains, of course, living in the village but has to step away from any involvement in the life of our church.

So we are officially 'in vacancy' and are beginning our search for a new vicar. Being the Church of England, there is a formal process we have to go through, but, in essence, it is no different from any recruitment process. One of the first steps is articulating what we want, both in terms of our aspirations for the church and the community as well in the qualities of our next incumbent.

So please do let us have your thoughts.

You can speak to **John Hay** as church warden - or send an email. 07973 327881 or admin@northnibeychurch.uk

OR send them to **Kate Cropper** in the Benefice Office and she will feed them to the team preparing the *Parish Profile*. office@tyndalebenefice.co.uk

Our new vicar is out there somewhere - but neither they nor we know it yet! We pray for that person and for our 'selection team'.

In the meantime, everything carries on as close to normal as possible, except that John and Kate are your first contacts for questions or needs.



JOIN ST. MARTIN'S FLOWER ARRANGING TEAM!

Do you have a love of flowers and **some** experience in arranging them?

We are looking for enthusiastic and creative people to join St. Martin's Church flower arranging team from January 2027.

You'll be helping to create beautiful floral arrangements for Sunday services and special occasions throughout the year, working as part of a welcoming and friendly team.



If you would enjoy using your creative skills to help keep our church looking beautiful then *we would love to hear from you!* For details, please contact

Rossi Howe: rossihowe@icloud.com

07774223560

Thank you

Rosie's Ramblings

In the middle of July, I found myself talking to the Year 6 leavers at their Farewell Service in the Church. I was reflecting on the values that Nibley school has specifically adopted and how relevant those would be in and for their time at secondary school and beyond. Those values are curiosity, positivity, resilience, compassion, responsibility, and justice – a striving for fairness in the world. It's a well chosen selection, isn't it! What's more – looking at those young people, I was seeing a bunch of wonderful individuals (by now Big school Attendees) who have been immersed in those values and, in many ways, formed by them. Embracing and exemplifying those values is a part of the culture which helps to define the whole school community – staff and pupils.

Now I'm not good on contemporary popular music (not curious enough, perhaps, so I shall have to give that some thought) but, by chance, I have discovered Maisie Peters. She's a singer-songwriter, born in 2000, and there's a track of hers which has real resonance for me – not least because she hails from a part of Sussex very close to where I was raised. It's called *This is the Place We were made*. Growing up, living in, or being connected with North Nibley, is very special. It is a village with a big heart – full of the Right Stuff.

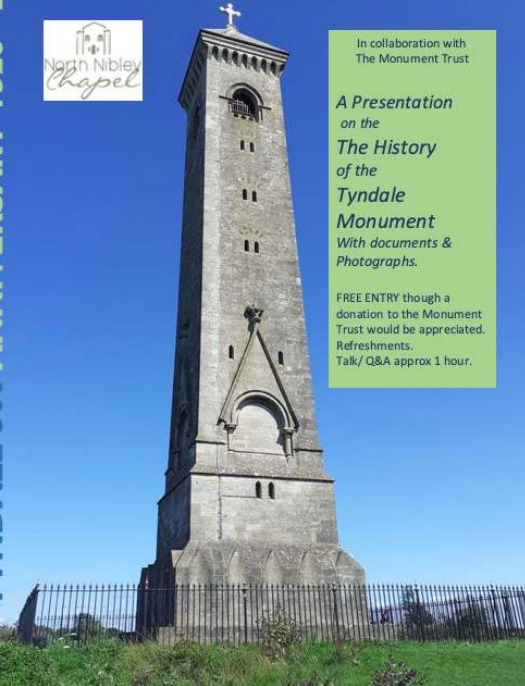
Last month's edition of *On The Edge* was brimming with things to celebrate. There's the Chapel's new garden, the positivity and curiosity displayed by the Bioblitzers, the resilience of the church in preparing for another vacancy, as well as the amazing plans for the new Play Area. And then, of course, there's the legacy of the fabulous Music Festival and the responsible and thoughtful distribution of the remaining funds. Although we don't often stop to focus on them, these are the values and influences that affect us daily.

This is the place we were made.

Aren't we lucky!

TYNDALE 500 ANNIVERSARY 1526 - 2026

8th OCTOBER 7.30

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With documents &
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SAVE THE DATE!

Christmas

Monday Lunch

Monday December 7th

12.30 for 1pm

VILLAGE HALL

More details next month

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07891 232 684

CLEARANCE Sale!!

We still have an 'air hockey'
table and a snooker table...
from upstairs.

Available for a very
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Contact Jill by phone or
email.

upcoming:

8th Talk 7pm The Building of
the Tyndale Monument.
Dave Palmer.

11th Monthly Service
10am Gareth Davies.

14th Filmshow!
'The Ghost Train' comedy/
drama.

17th Messy Church 10-12
The inspiring story of young
Mary Jones.

25th Bible Sunday
Cafe Church 10am.



Jill Stephens

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jillrstephens@aol.com

REGULARS



MONDAYS Term time.
7.30-9pm. No auditions.

WOMEN'S CIRCLE
Oct. 6th 7.30-9pm



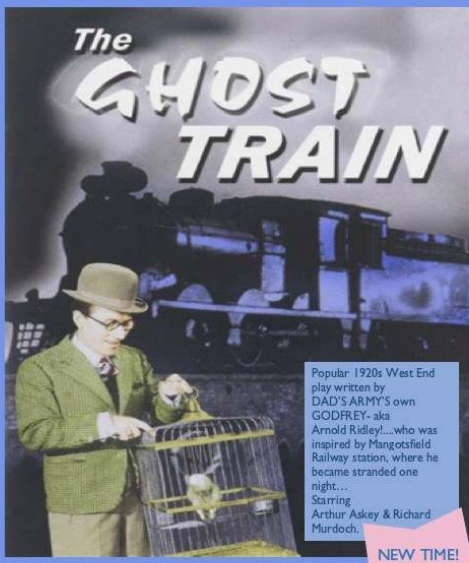
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NEW TIME!
2pm

October 14th
North Nibley Chapel Barrs Lane



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events. If you have queries
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free, others ask a modest
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Summer holidays are well and truly over, and along with it, the weather! However, we needed rain. September for preschool started well with plenty of happy children, and some new families have joined us. It has been lovely getting to know them all and lovely to see smiley little faces. Whilst some of our children take a little while to get back to routine, some behave as if they have never been away. Our younger ones are now the older ones, and they really do enjoy looking after the 2-year-olds. However, they feel when they return, it is ok because we know everyone feels different. We hope that all the children that left in July are settling well into primary school. We have had some walks in the rain, in the sunshine and played in the garden and have also had some new toys arrive over the holidays. The children are particularly enjoying the new pizza oven and ice cream shop! We even have a hair salon corner complete with a dressing table, brushes, a dryer and hair accessories. Do not worry, nothing is plugged in! These new resources have sparked lots of conversations, and they have really been using their imaginations to create all sorts of stories.



Role-play is essential for preschool-aged children as it supports their cognitive, emotional, and social development.

Our A.G.M (Annual General Meeting) will be held on Sunday 4th October in the village hall at 10 am. We welcome parents and anyone else from the community who would like to join the committee. Please ask if you are interested in any specific roles, or as a general committee member. You do not need to be a parent to join us on the committee. Please contact dyerj321@gmail.com for more information or contact any of our committee members. The lovely staff at the preschool will guide you to the right person.

If you are thinking of coming to join us, let us know sooner rather than later so we can ensure that we have a space for your child. For more information, you can find us on Facebook or on our website www.northnibleypreschool.co.uk

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A NEW CHAPTER FOR OUR VILLAGE SCHOOL

If you have walked past North Nibley C of E Primary School over the summer holidays, you may have noticed that it has been anything but quiet! While the children have been enjoying their summer break, the school has been a hive of activity, with builders on site each and every day

carrying out one of the biggest transformations to our building in many years.

At the heart of the project has been the transformation of our central glass atrium. Previously, this was essentially a space that everyone simply walked through. It has now been completely reimagined to create a new Headteacher's office and, most excitingly, a wonderful new school library.

The library is something we are particularly excited about. Once the shelves are in and the books have found their new homes, it will provide a beautiful space where children can read, explore new authors, share stories and develop a lifelong love of books. We also hope that, in time, it can become a space that reaches beyond the school gates. As a village school, we are very much part of the North Nibley community, and we would love to explore ways in which local people can come in, enjoy the space and make use of our growing collection of books too.

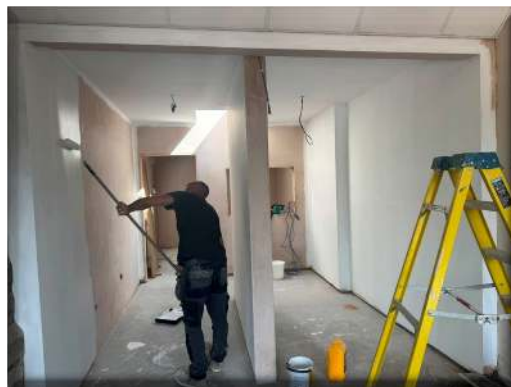
There is also a completely new way of arriving at the school. A new accessible ramp leads to our reception and into a purpose-built entrance area, providing a much more welcoming arrival for children, families and visitors. From here, children can make their way into school via the existing Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 corridors.

Taking pride of place in the new entrance will be our LEGO model of the William Tyndale Monument – a rather special celebration of one of the landmarks that makes North Nibley so distinctive and a lovely link between our school and the history of our village.

The improvements have not been confined to indoors either. Work is also taking place near our pond to develop a new outdoor area for our Key Stage 1 children, providing further opportunities for learning, exploration and play.



It has been an incredibly busy summer. Our contractors, DDT, have worked throughout the holidays, including evenings and weekends as we approached the start of term. With a project of this scale, the timetable has been incredibly tight, and not absolutely everything was finished when the children returned. The first week back has therefore involved a fair amount of juggling as the final jobs and finishing touches have continued around us!



I would particularly like to thank our families for their patience and understanding while those final pieces have fallen into place. I am also hugely grateful to the

Diocese for its support, including the SEA grant which has helped make this ambitious project possible, and to our staff and contractors for the enormous amount of work that has gone on behind the scenes.

When you are in the middle of a building project, it can sometimes be difficult to see beyond the dust, deliveries and snagging lists! But when we stand back and look at what has been achieved, it is incredibly exciting. This has been about much more than changing a building. It is about investing in our children, creating inspiring spaces for them to learn and ensuring that our village school continues to be a place that North Nibley can be proud of.

We are not quite ready to throw open the doors yet – there are still books to shelve and those all-important finishing touches to complete – but as soon as everything is ready, we would love to invite the community in to see it for yourselves and celebrate with us.

After a very busy summer, we are looking forward to beginning this new chapter for our village school – and we hope the whole North Nibley community will be part of it.

The William Purnell Educational Charity gives small grants to students meeting the below criteria, the next meeting is due to take place 12th November and the trustees invite applications from students in higher education before that date. The application forms can be obtained from anitajfletcher@hotmail.co.uk or from Mrs Bunn in Barrs Lane.

The Criteria:

The charity makes grants to young people (male or female) who are not yet 25, are residents of the parish of North Nibley, or who have for not less than two years before been educated in the parish of North Nibley and who in the opinion of the trustees, are in need of financial assistance for a vocational apprenticeship or further education.

NORTH NIBLEY CRICKET CLUB



The season is drawing to a close and at the time of writing we have just two (possibly three) games left. We've had a pretty good season; having lost our first few games we hit a winning streak which has mostly continued through until now. One of the main challenges facing us this year was the lack of rain throughout July and August. Trying to maintain a useable and safe surface on which to play has been tricky this year. Fortunately, with some diligent work and careful preparation by a few of the members and under the careful guidance of chief groundsman and fixtures secretary, Ewan Green, we managed it.



Our Vice Presidents' Day was a great success and the weather was as good as it's ever been. This event is the club's opportunity to pay our thanks to our VP's and supporters that donate so generously to the club. This year we faced a youthful side assembled by Henry Patteson and featuring players that are connected to

the village either as former or current residents or friends of residents. I'm glad to say that many friends and family came along to watch and enjoy the day. As is customary at this annual event a spectacular tea was provided for the VP's and players. Unfortunately, Nibley's winning streak faltered in this match and Henry's side came away victorious but it was terrific game played in an excellent spirit.

In the last issue I reported that we had won all of our twenty over Pratt Cup games and were through to the final where we faced Kingswood. In case you missed the result on the Nibley Facebook page and various other media outlets, nineteen years of hurt came to an end on July 22nd 2026 and we won the final. Kingswood posted 116 runs after their twenty overs and the Nibley openers set about chasing the total at a scorching pace and we reached the winning runs with six overs to spare. Very well done to the team and thanks to those of you who turned up at Hawkesbury Upton to watch.



Chris Artingstall - Chairman NNCC





Village Eye 2

Cinnamon Bun Making

As usual, we took a break in the summer holidays so there was no Village Eye 2 meeting in August, but in September...

Last year, Danielle Ellis led the very first meeting of the newly introduced Village Eye 2. She came to share her passion for floristry, providing a demonstration of sustainable flower arranging. Following this, she shared with me the fact that her real skill was in baking, and her speciality was cinnamon bun making. Immediately I thought that this would make a good focus for a future meeting. And so it was!

On 14th September, members enjoyed an opportunity to knead and roll out some ready-prepared dough, which they then spread with cinnamon paste, folded, cut and twisted before placing in tins, brushing with egg, allowing to rise and finally baking. Once the cinnamon buns were made and left to rise, Danielle gave a demonstration of the dough making process, giving lots of helpful tips. It turned out that she undertook her bakery training in France and what's more - all in French! She even demonstrated French kneading which involved throwing the dough down quite forcibly on a board and picking up again, all without taking your hands off the dough. That proved to be real challenge when a couple of members had a go!

Once the buns came out of the oven, we all had a taster with our regular end of meeting cup of tea or coffee. We also each took a bun home with us. They certainly were delicious!

Danielle actually runs bread/bun making classes.
For more information her website is:

www.severnbites.com



Our next meeting will be on Monday 12th October at 2.30pm in the Chapel.

Laura Rea is an experienced farmer who breeds cattle and sheep down the road on Middle Wick Farm. She often enters these into local shows but also has a sideline in selling beef and lamb. She will be coming to talk to us about her farming life. Dawn Shepherd will also be there as someone who sources her meat from Laura. Maybe you will in the future too? We look forward to seeing existing and new members at this meeting. It would be great to see some more men join us too. Val Guest.

TYNDALE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

NEW SEASON

THURSDAY 1st OCTOBER 2026

We meet at North Nibley Village Hall, GL11 6DP
Thursdays, 7:30 to 10:00pm, October to April

All levels welcome!

Visiting speakers
Practical evenings
Social events
Club visits
Competitions



NEXT Parish Council meetings:

7th October

4th November

All meetings take place at 7.30

In the Village.

Please help keep the Cemetery tidy

Visitors to the Cemetery are asked to take all rubbish home and to remove dead flowers and unwanted items from the graves.

Please park considerably

Residents and visitors are asked to park considerably, taking care not to obstruct visibility, driveways, pavements, junctions, or access for larger and emergency vehicles. Please also avoid parking on the triangle opposite The Black Horse. Thank you for helping to keep the village safe and accessible for everyone.

SO MUCH dog mess around

Please can we renew efforts to pick up. Even if you can't bend, just nudge with a stick - so many around - the offending pile away from the main thoroughfare.

Thank you.

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If you have any queries at all about adopting any of these technologies, just give one of us a call!

If you would like to join the list, call Sarah (above).

PUBLIC MEETING
Friday 9th October 7pm
North Nibley Village Hall

This summer, local volunteers and wildlife experts came together to explore Nibley Knoll and discover just how much wildlife the site supports. The results have been fantastic, with hundreds of species recorded, including a remarkable diversity of plants, butterflies, birds, bats, reptiles and moths. Join the North Nibley Biodiversity Group to hear what we found and discover what makes Nibley Knoll such a special place for wildlife. We'll also look ahead to the future and talk about ideas for managing the Knoll, including grassland management, potential tree thinning and ways we could improve habitats for wildlife. Most importantly, this is an opportunity for the community to hear the findings, ask questions and share your views as we start thinking about how we can look after the Knoll in the future. Everyone is welcome, the bar will be open.



Thursday 19th November
7.30
Under The Edge Arts

'The Accidental Ecologist'



Join Julian Moss as he shares the story of learning to care for a smallholding in Waterley Bottom, and the unexpected joys he's discovered in the natural world around him. Julian first gave this talk in North Nibley last year, so if you missed it, this is your chance to hear the story - and if you were there, come along to hear the latest updates on how the project is developing.

Along the way, Julian has been guided by ecological experts, uncovering the rich history of the land, and begun shaping plans for a regenerative vineyard.

This is a personal and eclectic exploration of the valley's remarkable biodiversity, with plenty to discover about the land, its history and its future.

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Please email Dawn Shepherd mdcewshepherd@gmail.com.

Numbers are limited to the capacity of the Hall so tickets are on a first-come-first-served basis.

There is no specified price for Harvest Supper. Instead we ask you to pay what an entertaining and delicious night out would cost you. Pay on the night at the door. Cash or card accepted.



Harvest of hope

In South Sudan, as floods destroy harvests, farmer Anok is pushing back to provide for her family. With Christian Aid's support, her community built a dyke and she learned new ways to grow food. She says: 'This dyke has shown resilience and hope for the future.'

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Nibley Festival - the final chapter.

Following the huge success of the festival, raising hundreds of thousands of pounds for local charities, the directors of the festival decided earlier this year to close it down once and for all.

Each Festival Committee over the years has carefully put money aside from each event to ensure that there was a financial cushion when organising subsequent festivals.

The Directors gathered a group of former Committee members together to help to arrange the dispersal of these funds and then close the festival accounts for the final time.



After discussion, it was decided to make donations to the following groups:

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Nibley Swifts
North Nibley Chapel
North Nibley Play Area
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North Nibley Primary School
North Nibley Village Hall
On The Edge
Read With Me
Rednock School Music Department
Riding for the Disabled
Rory's Well
SARA
St. Martins Church
Talking Newspaper
The Flying Seagull project

The Keepers Community Hub
Teckels Animal Sanctuary
Under The Edge Arts
Wotton Scouts



There is also a very exciting legacy project in the pipeline in conjunction with the Parish Council and North Nibley Biodiversity Group which will appear in future editions of On The Edge!

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