



New plans for T&Cakes

Tarragon writes...

I can't quite believe it's already been 2 and a half years since we first opened the doors to the public on this little venture. Even through the last year and a bit through the pandemic I was really concerned the effect this would have on my little business as it is well known that 60% of businesses fail within the first 3 years; chuck in a global pandemic and I was left thinking

what on earth am I doing.

I am very proud and confident to say that we have survived despite everything that has gone on! This of course would never have been possible without the support we received from the village and surrounding areas. So firstly, I'd like to say thank you to all of our customers who continuously supported us and made it possible for us to succeed. I said many times during the challenging times we have been through in the last year or so, coffee and cake might not solve all the problems going on, but they certainly are an essential to help!

It is now time for a little change. Sadly, as the Village Shop is closing this presented me with a fantastic expansion opportunity. When the Committee initially presented the idea to me of taking over the whole building, I was super excited for the new opportunity. It gave me the next steppingstone I need to develop my business.

So, what is going to happen?

- In a nutshell, the kitchen as it is now is going to get bigger, with more work surface space, a new revamped counter display area and an opportunity for a new oven so we can make more treats to keep up with our ever growing demand through the different services we offer. This will also allow me to take on more celebration cakes so I won't be getting booked up so fast! (hopefully).
- The current seating area will be totally regenerated to allow for more customers to be seated and have a completely different look and feel to the space.
- Primarily, the space will be a coffee shop, however, I will continue to sell the basic provisions of bread from Walkers the Bakers, eggs from Bradley Green farm, and milk from Cotteswold dairy. We will also be stocking the delicious local Forthay Granola. This could expand as and when we get back up and running again.
- I will still be taking pre-orders for these on the same email (<u>orders.nibleyhub@gmail.com</u>) that is currently used so this service can continue.
- Our NEW opening hours are now 10am-5pm Thursday Sunday
- In time, we plan to extend our opening days too keep an eye on our social media pages @t.and.cakes and our website www.tandcakes.org for updates.

I can't wait for you all to see the new look to the café and I hope to see lots of you when we reopen. Thank you again for all the support - this really wouldn't be possible without everyone who comes in and supports us. There really is always time for T & Cakes.

The team is expanding

We need some extra pairs of hands!

We have part and full time positions available so please send a CV and register your interests to tandcakes19@gmail.com for more information

Carolyn looks back...

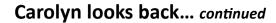
It was a chance conversation whilst planning the crew catering for the Music Festival in March 2019 that the idea for the Hub arose. With Tarragon about to take her A levels we mulled it over for a few weeks whilst Alison Beer convinced the shop committee that it would be a great idea! Just before the festival I stood up at the shareholders AGM with the ideas we had and then we really started to make it a reality. I called upon many people to help transform the tired, dingy shop building, ripping everything out. I then enlisted local tradesmen to help create our vision for the new Hub. We ran out of money at least once, but the Parish Council and the Music Festival were very supportive. We held a pop-up café in August to show off Tarragon's talents, raise yet more money and recruit volunteers. It was a great success. (Continued on Page 3.)







Fiona



We continued to get the Hub ready, borrowing tables, chairs, shelves, fridges from locals and then just a few weeks later we were ready to open, 24th October 2019. It was a slow and steady start, but we increased our ranges. and we had a good number of loyal customers. Then in March 2020 everything changed. We suddenly became The Hub of the village! We stepped up our offerings as the village locked down, new volunteers were recruited, and we started to do deliveries. The volume of orders quadrupled, and we were super busy. We had queues of shoppers outside and even managed to secure a fruit and veg stall for a few weeks. The Hub really came into its own and was pivotal in that first, strange and scary lockdown, a real lifeline to many, and much valued. We then adapted to the new Covid requirements and regulations over the following 2 years, changing and evolving as necessary, but were still there for the village, courtesy of a tremendous team of volunteers.

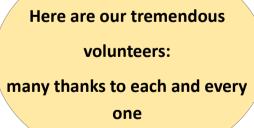
Sadly, as things have got back to normal the footfall and sales in the shop have dropped and we've had to look at changing the way we run things, whilst still keeping the building open and part of the community. Meanwhile

Tarragon's business has grown! She adapted to takeaway and online business during lockdown and now she is often overflowing with café customers. Therefore it seemed a natural move to offer her the opportunity to expand her business whilst keeping a small amount of our bestselling retail items. We wish her well and really hope that the community get behind her and support her.

The work done by so many people to make the Hub what it is has been amazing. The shop committee who allowed me to run with this idea, the people who helped to transform the building, the volunteers who have kept the shop running for the past 2½ years and the loyal customers who have stuck with us.

Thank you all. The Hub has created many new friendships and has given people a sense of belonging within the community.

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Julie





St Martin's Church

www.northnibleychurch.ul

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Sue Devine and John Hay, Churchwardens, 01453 543748 and 544965 admin@northnibleychurch.uk

Kate Cropper,

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Conductor

David Moss



Friday 15 April 2022





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Rosie's Ramblings

Broccoli was the starting point for an in depth conversation in our house the last time Pat's daughter was visiting us. For those well acquainted with Calendar Girls, I can put your minds at rest that it did not proceed along the lines of the infamous WI talk entitled

'30 Things to do with Broccoli' but rather it triggered her recollection of deeply disliking the vegetable as a child but finding that now it has become one of her favourite components of the requisite 5 A Day.

There is no doubt that our tastes, our views and our attitudes develop and change throughout our life time. I was reminded of this when challenging myself to read The Chronicles of Narnia in advance of our Lent discussions this year. Peter Marsh has always been an enthusiast and spoken eloquently about the way in which they have formed and informed his Christian beliefs and understanding. I, on the other hand, did not enjoy them as a child and did not make much progress beyond deciding that The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe was not for me. However, I dutifully put a copy of the book in my handbag to accompany my train journey to Worcester a few days ago. With no alternative reading matter, I knew I would be sure to give it another go. I am so glad I did. It was a thoroughly good read and I am looking forward to picking up the next in the series.*

This led me on to wondering about The Easter Story. It is definitely a tough read and will, for many people, be something they have dismissed as absurd and irrelevant – and just too difficult to believe. If you are one of those people, I would urge you to give it another chance. The story of a man who is the embodiment of goodness and love being persecuted and reviled is not so difficult to accept. His death was an inevitability. The power and endurance beyond the grave of those life affirming qualities of forgiveness, grace and love is something else. It is a message we need to hear more than ever in these difficult days and it is a message that will take us straight to the heart of God. Don't be tempted to say The Easter Story is not for me – because it absolutely is.

*Apologies to Peter and the Purists. TLTWandTW is, apparently, number 2 and The Magician's Nephew should be read as the first. www.northniblevchapel.org.uk

The Chapel



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the Pancake Lunch and £164 from the Ash Wednesday Service at St Martin's was sent to the Christian Aid Appeal for Ukraine Refugees.

Thanks to all who came to the World Day of Prayer –the collection raised £120



Join us for a family procession with

Noddy the Donkey

Friday 15th April 2022

Procession starting from the Chapel @ 10am

leading to St. Martin's Church

Short service to follow at the Church and hot cross buns & coffee

All ages welcome

SEE YOU THERE!

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Come join us at the Chapel **Sunday 24th April**

@ 10am

Service led by Rev. Jill Stephens

Everyone welcome SEE YOU THERE!

PRESCRIPTIONS

Hopefully as of **30th March** Village prescriptions will be able to be collected from the Chapel on **Wednesdays** between

9.30am and 12.00pm.
Identification will be needed.
This is to be confirmed.

RECYCLING

From 1st April the Chapel will be collecting blister packs from the bench or to be left under the table in the porch.

Easter SUNRISE SERVICE

Join us on Nibley Knoll!

Service led by

Rev. Jill Stephens & Rev. Peter Marsh

Sunday 17th April 2022@ 6.30am

Transport from the bottom of the hill available if needed @ 6.15am

Bacon butties to follow at the Chapel

Everyone welcome

SEE YOU THERE!

REGULAR COMMUNITY EVENTS at the CHAPEL



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DANCEFIT Classes have resumed

every Thursday morning!!!!!!!

Every Thursday, 10.00 - 11.00 am
£5 a session pay-as-you-go

Stroudwater History Website Wins National Award

268 Issue of OTE carried a piece about the Stroudwater History the website and involvement of North Nibley residents Mark Bailey and David **Palmer**

The website

stroudwaterhistory.org.uk has won the Alan Ball Award for the best local

history e-publication in 2020 (The announcement was delayed because of Covid).

Charity and was developed by Eastface Technology. The award was made by the Local Studies Group of Chairman of SNAC, David Thrackray, said 'This the Chartered Institute of Library and Information

Professionals who support local history collections

and their staff in libraries across the U.K.

One section of the website features facts and stories about locks, bridges and buildings to be seen along the towpath - including a story about how lock gates were found to be leaking in 1803 after over-enthusiastic militia men had used them for target practice and some of their musket balls had passed through the woodwork.

Another section features the lives of traders. maintenance workers and administrators who were associated with the canal - including a story about a boat that sank while carrying salt in 1852 and did not have to pay any toll as its cargo was recorded as 'unsaleable'.

A third section features short stories and longer award is a fitting tribute to the dedicated work of all studies about selected aspects of canal life - including those volunteers who repeatedly travelled to how the annual Stonehouse Regatta in the 1890s Gloucestershire Archives to transcribe ancient handfeatured rowing and swimming races alongside canal written documents and to those who worked from capers and 'Bovril Bombs'.



As well as the pages about places and people, the site presents images of over 10,000 pages of original documents from the remarkably rich archive of the Stroudwater Company which is now held at Gloucestershire Archives.

images of documents, encouraging community been painstakingly prepared by volunteers from the engagement in support of a lottery-assisted project to Stroudwater Navigation Archive Charity (known as restore the Stroudwater Canal. The website is SNAC). A simple search facility makes it easy for managed by the Stroudwater Navigation Archive anyone to find information about ancestors, buildings, local businesses or whatever.



home to compile pages for the website.

The Stroudwater Navigation Archive Charity was set up in 2010 by the Company of Proprietors of the Stroudwater Navigation, the owners of the canal, to make their archive more accessible to the public. The Charity is a partner in the Cotswold Canals Connected project to complete the restoration of the Stroudwater Canal, with financial support from the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

For further details, contact

research@stroudwaterhistory.org.uk.

The Company of Proprietors of the Stroudwater Navigation which was established in 1774 is now recognised as the oldest surviving canal company in the country.

Dave Palmer



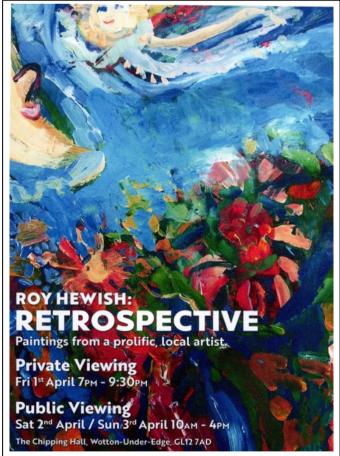
NEW HOME AVAILABLE IN NIBLEY

You may have read in recent PC minutes of the intention to encourage owls to nest in the Cemetery. Work on this project has been going on behind the scenes with Peter Kirmond and Steve Orchard making 3 owl nest boxes - one for the Cemetery and the others for a local farm. As a result one bright, sunny

and, importantly, calm afternoon during February the local barn owl population were provided with their new 'des res'. The nest box was fixed to a sturdy oak by Peter and lined with a layer of woodshavings to make it more inviting. He was helped with this task by 'winchmen' Aileen Kirmond and Chris Marlow. So fingers crossed that the new nest box will attract some occupants.







Roy Hewish was a prolific landscape artist who lived in Nibley from 1950 to 1974 and still has family here in the village. Following his death in March 2020, aged 91, this free retrospective exhibition at The Chipping Hall is, somewhat belatedly due to the pandemic, an opportunity to celebrate his life and work. Roy interpreted the world using many differing mediums, and his work continues to hang in the homes of many of his followers and friends.

EASTER EVENT AT HUNT'S COURT Sat/Sun 16th & 17th April 10am-4pm



Hunt's Court magnolia – a sure sign of spring After a 2-year absence, this enjoyable family event is back, including:

- An egg hunt with a chocolate egg prize *
- Easter crafts with Junkfish *
- Wren's Birds of Prey flying demos
- Tombola in aid of Many Tears Animal Rescue
- Pop-up cafe

* Small charge

Plenty of parking & toilet facilities available



PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Meetings **Planning** Road Safety Local Issues Grants Play Area

6th April **Annual Parish Meeting**

Fraud Awareness

GCC Highways update

Community Grants

Play Area ideas

GRCC on Neighbourhood Development Plan

Broadcasting PC Meetings

Some recent meetings have been informally recorded and shared, the response has been very positive so the PC has agreed to officially record and share future meetings. Until the right equipment and methods have been sourced informal recordings will continue.

County Councillor Drop In

County Councillor Cohen Has suggested a trial event at the Village Hub/Café. More information

follow

Next PC meetings:

4th April 9th May

In the Village Hall at 7.15pm

Mandy Rossiter –Clerk to the PC 07920 103953

FOOTPATHS

PC will allocate some money to improve those paths that are most used and most in need of improvement. Send your comments etc to John Hay johm@haymail.net

PLANNING See SDC planning portal: https://publicaccess.stroud.gov.uk/onlineapplications

Play Area featured in February OTE

at 2nd March Village meeting, attended by 20 members of the public, who provided thoughts, hopes and concerns on the plans.

Have your say

On Line survey www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ **FVLRRNG**

Public Consultation to follow

Thanks to Nick Riddiford for his hard work on the project.

IN MEMORIAM - a POST BOX

Local artist Jane Lampard has kindly given the editors permission to reproduce her wintry painting from 2007 as a fond remembrance of the once familiar scene in Waterley Bottom.

AND A FUNDRAISER FOR UKRAINE

Jane is painting another "postbox" picture, but in springtime, for sale by auction in aid of Ukrainian refugees. Details will be available on her



The new painting will be on display at the Fish out of Water Gallerv in Wotton-under-Edge.



POST BOX WATERLEY BOTTOM

It's gone!

Royal Mail replied to our MP:

"unfortunately the suggested location was found not to be a safe area for our vehicles to stop and collect mail from a postbox. I understand the surrounding area has narrow roads and is on a steep incline—these areas all prove to be unsafe to install a postbox. Due to this, and with regret, the postbox cannot be replaced. The nearest postbox on Pitt Court, Forthay is approximately 0.8 miles away. With this in mind should any constituent be unable to post mail in this postbox, letters bearing the correct postage can be handed to our postman and women when they are delivering mail."



HAPPENINGS AT THE HALL

www.northnibleyhall.org.uk





It was the Village Hall AGM on Monday 14th March and a time to elect trustees, receive formal reports for the last year, and look towards the future. I won't bore you with the minutes here in On The Edge, although they will be available shortly should anyone wish to read them, but here are some of the highlights from the meeting.

The first order of business was to accept the resignation of Dave Earle, who has done sterling service as the Chair of the management team since 2011, and the second was to ask the Trustees to confirm my appointment as the new chair. Which they did... so no escape now! David has led the Hall through some interesting times, so we're sorry to see him go, but he has kindly agreed to stay on as our Maintenance Officer and I, for one, will be glad of his experience. All the other trustees and officers remain unchanged.

The accounts for 2021 were reviewed and we were pleased to note that despite another challenging year, which included a drop in income due to COVID and some roof repairs, the Hall is in great financial shape. And even better for a recent Council grant for organisations impacted by the Omicron variant which covers our shortfall nicely (thanks Steve).

We were commended for the way in which the hall had managed the COVID crisis, especially with regard to signage, ever changing guidelines (thank you Theresa) and our introduction of CO2 monitors to help improve air quality. And you will be glad to hear that we passed this year's Health & Safety Inspection as well, all of which helps to make the Hall4All Safe4All. But on to the good stuff...

There will be no increase in hire charges for 2022 which means that the Hall has held its prices the same for 9 years now. We want to encourage people back to the Hall so if you're planning a special birthday party, family celebration, fund raising event, club meeting or anything else that needs a big space in the centre of the village with a kitchen and serving counter, then please give us a call. If you need somewhere quiet to 'work from home' that has super fast Broadband then give us a call and ask about the meeting room. If anyone wants to organise an event to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee then we'd love to be the venue. And if you fancy getting out for some entertainment again then our Events Officer is already looking at a range of options for later in the year, including an engaging American Folk Duo who will be touring the country in the Autumn. And lots more...

We're open to ideas, but keep an eye on our programme of events as well. It's your Hall.



A Repair Cafe is a free, volunteer run meeting place where people can gather to work on repairing everyday objects. **This time it's garden tools**, but it could be clothing, bicycles, electrical and mechanical items. The general idea is to save broken and worn items from landfill, build a sense of community, and eat cake!



Our next meeting is on 11th April at 2.30pm.

The meeting will be - "Confessions of a Train and Tramaholic" with Martin Lee.

May 9th will be an outside meeting. This is a Boat trip on the Sharpness Canal with tea.

Our last meeting was very productive with different members offering to take on a variety of suggestions. We have ideas for more outside visits.

We would welcome any new members who would like to come and join us, it has been a long time between meetings. I hope everyone is well and will be able to come. We meet at 2.30pm in the Village Hall.

Pat Symons 01453 845154

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Qigong - Thursdays, 12 - 1pm. No booking required - just turn up. A one hour session combining meditation, controlled breathing and gentle movement.

The Keepers, Symn Lane, Wotton-under-Edge, Glos GL12 7BD

Tel: 07585 466418



Spring Concert

at 7.30pm on Saturday 23rd April at St. James the Great Parish Church, Durslev. Tickets £10

Music will include Requiem by Gabriel Faure, Mozart's Missa Brevis in B flat and Cantique de Jean Racine by Faure.

The Oriana Singers, conducted by David Moss, will be accompanied by organist Nigel Davies, and feature soprano, Gillian Wells and Baritone. Christian Jenkins.



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LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS

- So says our school vision, quoting the words found in the gospel of John. It certainly seemed like that in the first week back, when there was an abundance of activities to keep us both busy and entertained.

Monday – The first whole school assembly for a long while. Setting the groundwork for the coming term and the second half of the year. Staff meetings, diary meetings, parent meetings...

Tuesday – St David's Day! Assembly (and for the children, most likely, pancakes at home. A Governor's meeting late into the night. Wednesday – the arrival of the 'helipod' from Western Air Ambulance awareness raising team. Everyone got to sit in the cockpit and Class 4 took part in some first aid training! Also, our Panathlon Team attended an interschool event in multiskills – and came away with the first place! Staff 'twilight' training evening as well. A long day!

Thursday – World Book Day – lots of dressing up and book-related fun and games, as well as 'The Masked Reader' video. Can the children recognise themselves (and staff) on voices alone?

Friday - the first 'Friday Celebration' assembly in a long while with parents present. Certificates, Open The Book bible story presentation and then.. the return of the FONNS-run school disco!

Saturday – Premises work-party day, supported by a good number of parents and children. We tidied, repaired and improved aspects of the school and playground

Sunday – preparing the budget!

And in between, plenty of teaching and learning as we press on with our curriculum reforms.

Life is never dull at North Nibley!

Paul Batchelor Headteacher









April 2022: Another Term ends on 8 April - the time is really whizzing by. During Term 4 we have been looking at Transport, be it by foot, car, bicycle, aeroplane etc and the children

have been involved in associated activities. In addition, children and staff enjoyed World Book Day on 3 March 2022. Lots of reading and book

associated activities, especially with the book Superworm!

As April is, this year, the month of Easter, we have been talking to the children about this Christian event and the significance of Hot Cross Buns and the Easter Egg. The children have enjoyed being creative in this respect.

Our second Quiz and Booze fundraising night moved from February (due to COVID) to Saturday 23 April 2022. See our poster for how to book a table for a teams of up to 6. All monies raised will go to the Pre-school.

Waiting lists are in operation for 2021/22 as we are up to capacity, please still contact us if you would like a space in the future. Deposits are being taken for 2022/23 and for 2023/24. Which is great news as this secures the longevity of the Pre-school.

Follow us on Facebook or via our website, <u>www.northibleypreschool.co.uk</u>, to see what the children have been up to.

North Nibley Pre-school Team would like to wish you all a Happy Easter.







