

Nymet St George Church

George Nympton & Queensnympton

September 2020 Newsletter



Diary dates for September

Tuesday 1st	Library outside the Village Hall 10.50 – 11.10am
Tuesday 8th	Village Hall Meeting 7.00pm via Zoom
Every Tuesday	09:00– 17:00 The church is open for private prayer
Wednesday 17th	Parish Council Meeting via Zoom
Tuesday 29th	Library outside the Village Hall 10.50 – 11.10am

We are still only delivering our newsletters by email now. Contact me at ibateman@waitrose.com to get on to our distribution list. *Ian*

Other sources of important or local information are:

- The Parish Council website at <http://georgenympton.org.uk>
- The church website at www.missioncommunity.weebly.com
- George Nympton facebook @georgenymptondevon and @GeorgeNymptonVillageHall
- Devon County Council at <https://www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/>
- Tim Watson in Alswear ([tim.watson@hobbyhousefarm.com]) is distributing many COVID-related bulletins

SEPTEMBER – Already? Apologies for missing the newsletter last month. However, August went quickly and without the Annual Horticultural Show! That didn't seem right. Now, hopefully the schools will be re-opening and as long as commonsense prevails, maybe things will slowly get back to normal – even if it's a New Normal.

In our prayers we remember all those who have not been as lucky as many of us in George Nympton. So many lives have been lost and the recovery from Covid 19 is not straightforward, leaving many people with complex problems. We pray that our families and friends in other places stay safe and well. We think also of Sally and Dick and of Tony and Dalveen. We also wish Sadie a speedy recovery.

We were all sad to say goodbye to **Roger and Jackie Mead**. Both have done a great deal for both our church and the village. They have moved to Gloucestershire to be nearer to their family but have promised to come back and see us all when they can. Many thanks to Lynne Miller for arranging their farewell and presentation at the Castle.

(Picture courtesy of Carole Hurst)



Horticultural Society. If you won a Cup at last year's Horticultural Show, Trisha Ford asks that you either hang on to them until next year or, if you prefer, return them to her. Highly polished, of course!! Oh – and if you do decide to keep it, you will still have to earn it again next year, so don't get too used to having it! **Pat**

Broadband

The project seems to be well underway with contractors in the village and surrounding areas putting the infrastructure in place so hopefully this will be in place before the contracted end date of the end of the year. **Adele Poole**

Culverhill Farm. Racing has started again, thank goodness, albeit in a very different style than normal. Two owners per horse may go to the course, which isn't great for the syndicate horses, but at least we are up and running again!

It was very odd to go racing without Lizzie riding. She had her first ride the day after her 16th birthday and that's 11 years ago. However Chester has taken up the baton and we have had several runners recently running into places, just looking for the first winner of the season!

It's good to have a shed full of hay for the coming winter, and plenty of fodder for the cows. The grass seems to have caught up the lack of early growth. *Jane Williams*

Village Hall

The village hall remains closed for the present as we don't believe that there are any activities we can currently carry out safely. We were lucky enough to receive a government grant due to the pandemic and we have quite a reasonable amount of reserves so we are taking the opportunity to make some improvements which will stand us in better stead going forward if we decide to open with social distancing and one way systems in place. These include opening out the bar into the main hall and improving its facilities and replacing doors and windows in the hall so that when we decide to open, we will have further improved facilities. Thank you all for your support of the 50 club as this will probably be our only fundraiser this year. *Adele Poole*

Church Services

George Nympton church remains closed except for private prayer each Tuesday 09.00 to 17:00.

South Molton (St Mary Magdalene) has a service each Sunday at 9.15 but telephone Rev Michael Grandey to book attendance as numbers are limited.

There is a service each Sunday at 11:00 on Zoom. Again, phone Michael to get log-in details.

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Ian and I are still more or less shielding. My hair is longer than it's been for 30 years – I have a ponytail that must measure at least an inch! And to add interest, it is in the not-so-firm grasp of a bag clip. Ian's hair is tending to curl but starts a lot further back on his forehead than it used to. Probably just as well – he really would be mistaken for the Wildman of Borneo if it didn't. It's not that I am obsessed by hair styles of course, but has anyone else noticed that Tomasz Schafrenaker's hair is as luxuriant as ever?



Pictured—An IBM 370/30 computer console with 32k of memory in 1970, with hairy operator on night shift!

That is about it for this month I think. I've heard vague rumours of people experimenting with strange diets but as I can't get out much to "investigate" I'm unable to substantiate the rumour. As yet, anyway! Stay safe and stay well. **Pat**



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