

Nymet St George Church

George Nympton & Queensnympton

April 2021 Newsletter



Diary dates for April

Friday 2nd	Good Friday
Sunday 4th	Easter Sunday
Every Sunday	(Except Easter) Church is open 9am-5pm for prayer
Thursday 15th	The Castle starts serving outdoor meals!!
Saturday 24th	10:00– 1pm Plant Sale in Village Hall Car Park

Dates for May

Tuesday 4th	Parish Council AGM on Zoom
Thursday 13th	Christian Aid event (details next month)

We are still only delivering our newsletters by email. Contact me at ibateman2021@gmail.com to get on to our distribution list or, indeed, to remove your name! *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/>

In our prayers we think of all our families, friends and neighbours especially during this pandemic. We pray especially for Dalveen and Tony, for Dick and Sally, for Revd David Coleman and for all NHS staff and the people in their care.

So Spring appears to have Sprung!! Plenty of sunshine, Wordsworth's golden daffodils defying the rules of social distancing and symbolising new birth and new beginnings. Blackbirds singing (if you can hear them over the incessant raucous screeching of the less-welcome rooks!) and the soft dusting of green beginning to dress bare branches. And the gradual easing of lockdown – something to be welcomed equally joyfully, if cautiously. With the success of the vaccination programme and providing we all respect the limitations still in place, it hopefully won't be too long before The Castle will gradually begin to re-open and life will slowly return to normal. Shielding ends on Thursday so, after more than a year of "house-arrest", I've totally forgotten how to get around supermarkets, so I'll carry on with home-delivery and spend time in the fresh air!

A very Happy Easter to everyone. *Pat*

Mothering Sunday. A huge thank you to Annabel for the flowers that she so kindly delivered to everyone on Mothering Sunday. They were beautiful. And I understand that, once again, she is planning to put an Easter Garden in Richard's best wheelbarrow on the Village Hall green. We really appreciate it, Annabel, so many, many thanks in advance.

Village Hall Fifty Club. Last month saw the final draw for 2020's Fifty Club—winners were Alan Baker £50, Pat Bowden £20, and Richard Holloway £10. We will be starting the 2021 Fifty Club from this month, with the usual 4 draws though the year. Cost to enter is £10 to cover all 4 draws and prizes are £50, £20 and £10. I will send out entry forms to all past participants, but contact me if you didn't enter last year but would like to now. The Club is a welcome source of income for the Village Hall and last year raised £610, so a big thank you to all who contributed. *Ian Bateman*

Broadband. This has successfully reached George Nympton and most of Queensnympton. I am connecting up on 6th and, as a result, am changing my email address to ibateman2021@gmail.com. Please update your contact lists. *Ian*

Plant Sale for the Church

As things ease up after our lock down we are hoping to have a fund raiser for our church which has suffered financially over the last year. So on April the 24th we will have a Plant Sale in the village hall car park from 10am to 1pm and would be very appreciative of any donations of plants for the event. Hopefully you will all have some seedlings over or plant divisions from the garden and if you could pot them up now and name them if possible (but not essential). Preferably bring them along on the day, or drop them off to Carole Hurst at Broomhouse Lodge (we will pick up if necessary) or at Englefield any time before. We will be as careful as possible on the day distancing and, although masks may not be mandatory as we are outside, it would be lovely to see faces again—the choice is yours. Please come along for bargains for your garden and support your local church. *Carole Hurst 574751*

Village Hall

We are still looking for a few more people to join the Village Hall committee. It is not onerous, but will help to keep the Hall as a vital part of our village. If you are willing to help, please email Adele at poolea@live.co.uk

Culverhill Farm

Since I last wrote we have had a change in our fortunes with plenty of winners and good runs in big races. The highlight of the jumps season is the Cheltenham Festival and Chester and I had a lovely runner in the juvenile race. We finished 11th but Chester and the horse Bingo enjoyed themselves! The experience of the Festival is quite unique.

The season is now coming to an end with the ground getting quicker and the soft ground horses now finished. The next issue will be finding enough grass for them to be turned out full time.

We really need the weather to warm up to get the grass growing. I look in the hay barn and feel very worried as it's almost empty. The peculiar weather last year made hay making difficult with very light crops. We could do with a good cut this year to replenish the stores.

The ewes and lambs are doing a good job of cleaning the pastures. The cows are still in and are taking a long time to calve this year. Still a few to go! *Jane Williams*

From Lizzie

My new life as a Mummy has begun! We've been very lucky to have Hugo in our lives and we're incredibly excited. I've obviously had to retire from race riding but I've started working for Racing TV, a subscription channel on Sky, as a 'pundit'. It's a great job and gives me the same lifestyle just with more food! I'm incredibly happy to never have to step on a set of scales again!



Church Services

George Nympton church continues to be open for private prayer each Sunday 09:00 to 17:00 **except Easter**, when there is a service for those already signed up!

There is a Holy Communion service each Sunday at 9:15 at St Mary Magdalene, South Molton—if you would like to attend, please email Michael at m.grandey@talk21.com

There is a also service each Sunday at 11:00 on Zoom which is well attended, and all are welcome. Email Michael to get log-in details. Further information is at www.missioncommunity.weebly.com

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