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SYBIL BRUCE

The Town Council was deeply saddened to hear of the death of Councillor Sybil Bruce on 3 July. She served on Nailsworth Town Council from 1999 to 2003, and in addition she was a regular contributor to Town Council meetings throughout her whole time as County and District Councillor for Nailsworth, up until her recent illness. It came as a great shock, as although we knew she was unwell, she had struggled with ill health on previous occasions and had always won through, and we firmly hoped and believed that she would on this occasion too.

Sybil had an excellent record of attendance at Town Council meetings, not just during the time she was a Town Councillor, but also when she came to give her thorough reports on activities at the County and District Councils.

She was also a regular attendee at Chamber of Trade meetings, where she passed on knowledge and took on board the concerns of Nailsworth's commercial sector. Her respect for her colleagues and members of the public, regardless of political colour, was constant, and her probity in her work and life as a councillor was an example to all. The Chamber of Trade wish to add their condolences and regret at Sybil's passing.

Particularly during my time as Mayor, when Sybil was Chairman of Stroud District Council, we met regularly at social as well as at official meetings. Sybil and her husband David were positively delightful company, and we had some happy times. Linda Meletiou, Town Clerk, and I fondly remember one particular evening when, after a long and stressful meeting, Sybil and a few of us (by chance all women), remained and shared a bottle of fair trade wine; it was a great tonic, and we shared stories and laughter.

Beyond her official life, which is well recorded, she will be remembered as a raconteur with a sense of fun; a lover of good food, company and dogs – how many of us used to stop and chat when we saw her around town with her Dalmatian?

Our thoughts go out to David and the family, and particularly Sybil's daughter Yvonne, who was also a Town Councillor at the same time as her mother. The town of Nailsworth has suffered a great loss, and on a personal level we shall all miss Sybil very much.

Lesley Williams-Allen
former Mayor and President Nailsworth Chamber of Trade

DORCAS BINNS WRITES:

Councillor Mrs Sybil Bruce, JP has died aged 68 years after 24 years service to our local community.

Born in Dundee in 1938 to John and Marguerite Wallace, the eldest of three girls, Sybil was educated at Dundee High School from where she joined D.C. Thompson Publishers Ltd as a trainee and later as a journalist.

Sybil's great love of music caused her to join the Broughty Ferry Operatic Society at an early age where she enjoyed performances including Gilbert and Sullivan. In latter years, her devotion to brass bands led her to become Vice Chairman of the Stroud Brass Band Festival.

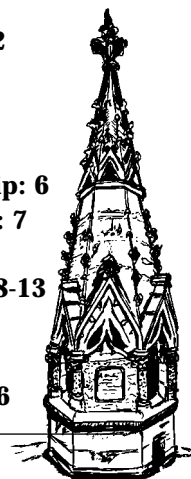
On the 7th August 1963 Sybil married David Bruce of Carnoustie at St. Margaret's Church, Broughty Ferry. Sybil and David came to Nailsworth on 29th September 1971 and Yvonne, the youngest of their four children, was born the following day.

Sybil was first elected to Stroud District Council in 1983, serving initially in Kings Stanley. She also served as Chairman of Stroud District Council for nearly ten

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TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

Sybil Bruce

We were so sad to hear of Councillor Mrs Bruce's death in Scotland in July. Elsewhere in the Fountain we have a heartfelt tribute to her life. I well remember Sybil when we were both Stroud District Councillors. At that time we were sparring partners from different political corners, but we held a mutual respect and recognised our common ties, that we were each striving for our local communities. I was very fond of her. She will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and wishes go out to her husband David and her children.

Our Vision

It is now a year since together we compiled our Action Plan for Nailsworth. This was the fruit of much work by many individuals and groups in the town and it followed on from the town's Healthcheck exercise.

With my election as mayor and one year on, it is an opportune time to review and reflect on some aspects of our progress.

- We now have a Nailsworth Community Partnership (NCP) comprised of interested individuals and many groups and associations from the town of which the Town Council is part. It has set up a number of work groups to pursue specific aims. Bill Affleck, its vice-chair writes elsewhere in The Fountain about NCP and its achievements so far. It has incorporated a number of the aims we set out in the Action Plan, including the production of a Design Brief for the town. We also want to list the areas of open land – agricultural, amenity and play areas – in and adjacent to the town that we want to ensure will remain undeveloped. The objective is to include these areas and the design principles in the District planning and development guidance.
- We have had an unfortunate experience with the McCarthy & Stone sheltered housing development on Old Market. We vigorously opposed the proposals as out-of-keeping with the town. As you know the developers succeeded in their application. We shall welcome the new residents of this development to our town, but it has taught us that we need a town 'Urban Development Brief' which exerts recognised authority as part of the District's Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG). Such a Brief could be used to guide future developments.

Following public meetings and consultation, and in partnership with Stroud District

Council we are planning for a renewed and refashioned town centre, especially along Old Market. Consultants have been appointed to present options that can be adopted for SPG purposes.

Where are we now? A Report has been received which needs fundamental reworking. Once we have a suitable document we shall hold a town consultation meeting and then proceed to the next stage of setting down detailed development plans. As we recognised from the start, this is a long term objective and our vision for the town centre spans a period of 15 to 20 years.

- We are soon to acquire a parcel of recreation land adjacent to the KGV Playing Field on a long lease. Once this has been achieved we shall consult with the town and its clubs how best to use the area.
- Meanwhile the town will gain a small area of land at Forest Green on the Nymphsfield Road from the Redrow Homes development. Plans for a possible Community Centre on this site have now gained outline planning permission and the developers have agreed to run services to the site. Recently we sponsored a member of the Forest Green Residents' Association on a fact-finding trip this summer. The next step will be to set up a planning group of local Forest Green and Nortonwood residents with the aim of engaging local public support to bring the plans to reality.

This is only a sample of projects and initiatives being progressed. As you can see we have come far, though there is still a great journey ahead. A journey that is filled with possibilities and promise.

Norman Kay

NAILSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES 2007-08

Bill Affleck: *Deputy Mayor, ex-officio on all committees*

John Bratby: Planning, Property Management

John Byrne: Environment, Recreation and Amenities, Town Newsletter

James Eddyshaw: Planning, Property Management

Brian Jayes: Property Management, Recreation and Amenities, Town Newsletter

Norman Kay: *Mayor, ex-officio on all committees*

John Nicholson: Environment, Recreation and Amenities, Town Newsletter

Stephen Robinson: Property Management, Recreation and Amenities

Joy Way: Environment, Planning,

Alan Wheeler: Environment, Planning,

Town Councillor Profiles



Dr W.S. (Bill) Affleck. Born in western Canada, Bill has lived in the UK since 1945. He is married with 3 children and 7 grandchildren, and moved with his wife Joyce to Nailsworth in 1993 after retiring as a Research Manager for Shell in 1992. "Probably the best decision of their lives". Bill and Joyce are concerned with the preservation of Nailsworth's environment and character; that it is a working community and not just another Cotswold tourist destination. Bill has been involved with 'Nailsworth News' pretty much since its start and supported Joyce in editing the paper for the last 5 years. Bill has been a councillor since he was co-opted in 2004 and has been chairman of the Planning Committee.



John Bratby. John has lived and worked in and around Nailsworth for 31 years. As an Independent member of the council he aims to "do my best to serve and promote our town, community and businesses.



James Eddyshaw. "I consider myself to be part of an amicable team working together in the best interests of our town folk but reliant on positive input from the residents we represent and on what they wish us to achieve for them."



Brian Jayes. After 10 years in the army followed by a career in industry, mostly in the management of car rental businesses, Brian is now semi-retired. He is married to Clare and has 2 children and 3 grandchildren. He has lived in Nailsworth since 1984. Brian feels his involvement in the town council will give him a new focus and he feels ready to take on the challenge. He has some property management experience and in addition hopes to bring to the council balanced views on a broad range of issues.



Norman Kay. "I have now lived with my wife in this brilliant town for twenty-five years, and love it. However, I was born and raised in London until I went to college, where I met my wife. My career has been with social care, and I managed a team of child care social workers before my retirement. At home we keep a small flock of rare breed Cotswold sheep and I am the Royal British

Legion poppy appeal organiser for Nailsworth. I also worked with the Youth Club to ensure we have a full-time dedicated youth worker. My special interests are the young people and the older population of Nailsworth. I was Deputy Mayor for the last two years and since May 2007 I serve as the Town's Mayor."

John Nicholson. John has served on the council for the past 16 years and had the honour of being Town Mayor from 1999–2002. He has at some time chaired nearly all the council's committees and was particularly involved with the establishment of the Town Information Centre, the plans to develop the Highwood site and the appointment of Nailsworth's first full-time youth worker. He is 59 and has lived with Sue in Shortwood for over 20 years.

Stephen Robinson. Steve was born, educated and lives in Nailsworth. He is married to Liz, has three daughters and one grand daughter. Steve has worked in the Youth Service for forty years, both in a part-time and full-time capacity. He currently works in the family butchery business in Minchinhampton and in his spare time enjoys playing bowls in Nailsworth. Steve looks forward to serving the local community as a councillor.

Joy Way was attracted to come and live near Nailsworth 5 years ago, and has found it has lived up to her expectations. She is married with two grown up children, and had a career in social work for 20 years. She comes new to town council work, but has learned much about the town through her involvement with the Festival for 5 years, and with the TIC for a year. She is particularly interested in 'sustainability' issues, and in supporting efforts to care more for the environment, which ultimately affects us all.

Alan Wheeler. "I was born in London and have lived in Nailsworth since 2001 after taking early retirement from BT in 1998. I have worked on various parish councils since 1991 and enjoy taking part in community affairs and have a keen interest in planning issues. I want to help preserve the working town character of Nailsworth and really enjoy all the facilities it offers. My main interests are sailing, walking and playing table tennis in local leagues."

The council is currently completed by Cllr John Byrne.

Abolition of Slavery – the Nailsworth link

Thomas Burchell

The most prominent Nailsworth person involved in the abolition of slavery was Thomas Burchell (1799-1846), who was a member of Shortwood Baptist church (now part of Christ Church, Nailsworth). Burchell was a leading Baptist missionary and slavery abolitionist in Jamaica in the early nineteenth century. It is not uncommon for Jamaican parents still to name their children 'Burchell'; indeed it is almost as popular a Christian name as Manley.

In 1819 Burchell was recommended by the pastor, deacons and fellow members of Shortwood Baptist Church as a suitable candidate for the ministry and went as a student to Bristol College, where he studied for four years. He and his wife sailed for Jamaica in 1823, and his time as a Baptist missionary in Jamaica spanned the most notorious years in the history of slavery abolition in the colony, which included the persecution of Burchell and other Baptists after the Christmas Rebellion of 1831.

The Christmas Rebellion

In mid-1831 Burchell left his chapel in Montego Bay for home leave, to return at Christmas. He was the one, the slaves said, who would bring the "freepaper" from the King. Although Christmas Day 1831 fell on a Sunday, the Jamaican authorities announced that the slaves would not get an extra day's holiday. The governor released a Colonial Office proclamation saying specifically that the King had not freed the slaves. The militia was put on alert. Just after Christmas the storm broke.

Born in 1801 in Montego Bay of African parentage, Samuel Sharpe was chief deacon in Thomas Burchell's Baptist chapel in Montego Bay. Literate, widely respected, and a mesmerising speaker, he was leader of the rebels. Sharpe preached at prayer meetings on plantations and persuaded slaves to refuse to work after Christmas unless the planters freed them and met their demand for half the going wage rate. He seems to have originally planned something like a sit-down strike. Only if the slaves were attacked would they take up arms and destroy plantation property. But in a society ruled by the whip and the gun, the slaves could not build the organisational network necessary for an effective, coordinated strike.

Instead the rebellion took on a momentum of its own and swiftly became the greatest slave uprising the British Caribbean had ever seen.



Sam Sharpe

Planters had long liked to build their great houses on ridges and hilltops for the cooling breezes and the views. As these were set alight, the flames acted as signal beacons that spread the revolt. More than twenty thousand rebels seized control of a wide swathe of territory, and it took almost all of January 1832 for the troops to subdue the rebels and to take Sharpe into custody.

In the search for outside agitators, the colonists targeted the missionaries, who had preached that all men and women, black and white, slave and free, were equal in the sight of God. A hissing, spitting white mob surrounded Thomas Burchell, Samuel Sharpe's pastor, when he returned from England, and he had to fall back on board his ship. His colleague Bleby was beaten and covered with tar; only the arrival of black supporters rescued him from being set on fire. Several other missionaries were jailed, and white mobs or the militia burned down some twenty Baptist and Methodist chapels. Burchell only escaped death because he was given sanctuary by the captain of a ship in the harbour. Returning to England, he was active in the movement for the total abolition of slavery.

Samuel Sharpe was hanged: in prison he had said to Bleby: 'I would rather die upon yonder gallows than live in slavery', a sentiment for which he was made a national hero of Jamaica in 1975. Sharpe's owners were paid £16 10 shillings, in compensation for their loss of property.

Thomas Burchell's memorial erected in 1992 at Abney Park cemetery by two of his great-grandchildren



The Rev. Thomas Burchell and his wife Hester (or Esther) Crocker Lusty (who had been a member of King Stanley Baptist Church and who died in 1856 at Mt. Carey, Jamaica) had one daughter, Esthrana

Louisa Burchell (b. Falmouth, Jamaica, 1827; d. 1903, Kingston, Jamaica), second wife of Rev. Edward Hewett (b. 1819, Norfolk, d. 1883, Mt. Carey, Jamaica) and twelve grandchildren. Thomas Burchell is buried at the non-denominational Abney Park Cemetery in Stoke Newington, London, where a relatively modern memorial commemorates his life.

Sam Sharpe Square, Montego Bay, Jamaica

In the northeast corner of Sam Sharpe Square, Montego Bay, Jamaica, stands a group of statues by Jamaican sculptor Kay Sullivan, depicting

Sharpe preaching to some of his followers. The sculpture blends into the commuters, street people and idlers who customarily throng the square.




The Cage nearby was once used as a lock-up for runaway slaves.



Within walking distance of the square is the Burchell Memorial Baptist Church, which was established in 1824 by Thomas Burchell and rebuilt in 1834 after it had been burnt down by an angry mob. The church and congregation at Shortwood Baptist Church contributed £107 for the rebuilding. The Jamaican National Heritage Trust, founded in 1958, now looks after the building.

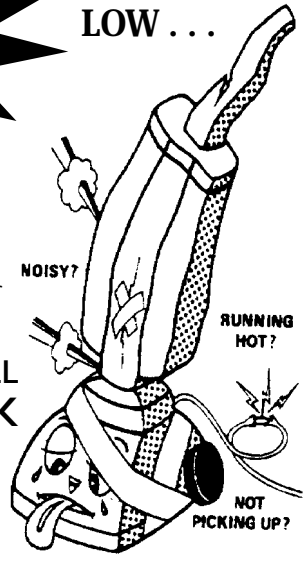
Sandy Bay was founded as a Baptist Free Village for emancipated slaves on the initiative of the Rev. Thomas Burchell, and today its playing field is named Burchell Field.

Seren Wildwood



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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Permanent Memorial King George V Playing Field

At a public meeting convened by the Urban Council, it was recommended that The Enochs, a field of eight acres at present leased to the Council as Playing Fields, and which they have the option to buy for £500, be purchased for the benefit of the town. It is expected that a considerable grant towards the cost will be made by the King George V Playing Fields Fund. The committee appointed at the public meeting now appeal for at least £300 for the permanent Memorial.


Signed: G H Pavey Smith, Nailsworth May 1937

Nailsworth Coronation Celebrations – 12 May 1937

On 12th May 1937, Nailsworth joined in with the rest of the country by celebrating the coronation of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. The day's events culminated in Enoch's Field, later to be named King George V Playing Field in honour of the new King's father.

The programme for the day's events was as follows:

**NAILSWORTH
CORONATION CELEBRATIONS**
MAY 12th, 1937



9.25 a.m.	Civic Parade assemble in Britannia Square and March to Church.
9.30 a.m.	United Service in St. George's Church.
1.15 p.m.	Carnival Entrants assemble for Judging—Professionals in the Market, Vehicles in George Street.
CARNIVAL CLASSES:	
1.	Best Decorated Vehicle or Vehicle.
2.	Fancy Costume.
3.	Giggle Costume.
4.	Aldermansham.
5.	Historic Costume.
6.	Children's Nursery Rhymes.
1.30 p.m.	Judging.
1.50 p.m.	Crowning of Carnival Queen.
2.0 p.m.	Assemble School Children and Carnival Entrants, headed by Band and proceed to Enochs for Sports.
	Presentation of Prizes to Winners in Carnival.
PRICE: ONE PENNY	



Nailsworth. It's our place. We live here, some grew up and went to school here, some are recent incomers, and some transients. We work here. We shop here. We come here to eat and drink. We come here for sport and festival; for theatre

and film; for doctors and dentists, for lectures and sermons; to visit and, for some, to pass their last days. It's our community. We like it here but that doesn't mean that we see the place as perfect. Almost all of us would like to see some things done 'better' or at least differently. We all know of various channels through which it should be possible to achieve change – and many of us have experienced the frustration of discovering the impotence of some channels.

Some years ago I worked with a manager who, each day, would survey the mass of stuff in his in-tray and divide it into three piles. The first pile was 'not my problem'; he spent no time on this other than to redirect it. The second pile was 'my problem but I can't see how to fix it'; he spent a bit more time on this but not too much. The third pile was 'my problem; I can fix it – and I will; now'. And he did. I've worked with other managers who've spent so much time worrying over things that weren't their problems or which they hadn't a hope of solving that they never seemed to get round to what they actually could solve.

We see the same thing in this community. There are things the Town Council can do – but there are many more things that it can't address because, crudely, they're not the Town Council's problems. Similarly there are things that the District Councillors can do but others where they're beholden to the County. There are things the Chamber of Trade can do – but they too have their limits – and the same can be said of every organisation (and individual) in the community.

Almost a year ago we set up a thing called the **Nailsworth Community Partnership**. The idea was to bring together people from different organisations and layers of local government. The hope and intent was that when an issue was raised, although there might be many round the table for whom this was 'not my problem' and others who might accept it as their problem but beyond the ability to solve, there would be someone who could fix it and would fix it, if not now then very soon. Long lines of referral and 'buck passing' would be short-circuited and things could be made to happen, if not at once at least reasonably quickly. We hoped to capitalise on face to face contacts and real-time discussions rather than

memoranda and conversations with answer-phones with the inevitably unfulfilled promise to call back.

The Town Council – and particularly the then Mayor, Sue Reed – were instrumental in setting up the Partnership (and the Council will continue to support its work, offering meeting rooms, photocopying and the like) but the Partnership was never intended to be a creature of the Town Council. The Town Council is and will remain just one of the partners. As a partner the Town Council will, naturally, be represented both in the Partnership itself and in the Steering Committee and Working Groups that contribute to the working of the partnership.

So, has the Nailsworth Community Partnership lived up to the aspirations of its creators? Not quite a year in; it's not too surprising to find a mixed answer. It is up and running, under the able chairmanship of someone who is not a Town Councillor; with a web-site and its own secretarial support. Working Groups have been established in several areas. The Partnership is getting good, constructive, support from partners in the District and County Councils. The face-to-face thing is happening and some good relationships are being built up and contacts developed. Very often 'I can't - but I know a man who can' represents a real and constructive contribution.

There is an ever present risk that a venture of this sort degenerates into yet another talking shop with little to show at the end of the day but minutes of meetings and action items which haven't yet been actioned. Let's be honest, there's been a bit of that and it's hard at the moment to point to any achievement under which we could draw a line and write 'completed'. But there are good things coming. We will have a Youth Forum to provide a channel for young people to voice their concerns and suggestions. We will have a blitz on disabled access, both in the town centre and in the residential areas; we're talking dropped curbs and textured pavement for the partially sighted. We will have a Design Statement, a key part of a future Town Plan. We will have some things to help pedestrians and cyclists move about the town centre in safety. And we've lots of ideas about car parking, about a better coordinated bus service, about decreasing our dependence on the car; we're driving hard to progress some of these to the point where there's something concrete to show for it. It is early days but we feel things are moving and in the right direction. Watch this space!

The Partnership and its Working Groups are open to anyone who feels they have a contribution to make in the community. If you'd like to be involved come forward. We don't bite! You can find out what's going on by looking at the web-site (www.nailsworthcommunitypartnership.co.uk) where you'll also find contact details. *William Affleck*

JEAN-PIERRE RESCHOEUR MAYOR OF LÈVES 2001-2007



Born March 1940 – died April 2007

Following his retirement in 2000 from the Fondation d'Alluyes, working with disadvantaged children, Jean-Pierre entered politics. In March 2001, his party "Re-Lèves et Démocratie" won the municipal elections in Lèves after a short campaign. Jean-Pierre was a very popular mayor (which in France is a full-time job) and took a great interest in the twinning relationship between our towns, attending every function in France, as well as joining his citizens on the coach for visits to Nailsworth. He was a man of depth and learning and always made a great effort to speak English. Despite discovering he had pancreatic cancer early in 2006, he carried on with his mayorial work until the end.



Above: Jean-Pierre with Lesley

Former Nailsworth mayor Lesley Williams-Allen probably knew him best on a personal level, as they stayed several times in each other's houses during the twinning visits. The new mayor of Lèves has recently been appointed – he is Nicolas André, who was one of the deputy mayors and a former teacher.

Lesley adds the following comments –

"Richard and I were extremely saddened to hear the news of Jean-Pierre. We heard from Suzanne at New Year how ill he was, and we were praying for better news than this. Jean-Pierre and Suzanne have two daughters, both married. One lives and works in Africa, and the other in Paris. They were a close family and will be distraught. Jean-Pierre had health problems following his participation in the war in Algeria.

We shall retain very fond memories of our visits to each others houses and countries, and we very much hope our friendship with Suzanne will continue. He was a lovely man with a great sense of humour, a lover of art and music and a man of great conscience.

We shall miss him very much."

We also met Nicolas André and his wife on several occasions during our visits to Lèves. They are close personal friends of the Reschoeurs, and Jean-Pierre spoke highly of Nicolas and of his potential to achieve great things in the future. Nicolas will be deeply saddened at the



reason for his becoming Mayor of Lèves, but we wish him well for the future."

Left:
Nicolas André

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MORTIMER ROOM EXTERNAL FACELIFT

Earlier in the year, the white fascia board around the lobby between the Mortimer Room and Library was repainted, and during the May visit from Nailsworth's French twin town, the anniversary stone plaque was unveiled in its new setting in the wall. The Christmas tree bracket was repainted and moved to line up with the new Mortimer Room name plaque. All providing some much needed improvement for a rather dull building!

REPORTS FROM NAILSWORTH CLUBS & ASSOCIATION

NAILSWORTH WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

"What a friendly group. You seem to have so much fun". A recent speaker summed up the welcome to be found at Nailsworth W.I.

Along with regular meetings, those who wish, may take advantage of various activities arranged in the county. Recently seven members attended the spring meeting in Cheltenham with a wide range of speakers. Many other opportunities arise for classes, outings, campaigning or just days out.

We join in the County Quiz and Skittles tournament and are doing well, so far, this year. When possible we join in local projects. Recently some members have participated in the knitted "Fruit and Vegetable" stall organised by Liz Lancashire (see more at Farmers' Markets locally.)

Thinking about joining? - all ages welcome - ring 01453 833966 for more information.

NAILSWORTH MILLS BOWLING CLUB

opened for the 2007 season on Friday 13th April. The Club has 90 members and offers lawn bowling for all levels and ages. It has a varied programme of men's, ladies and mixed matches, both friendly and competitive, throughout the week. Club nights are every Friday evening for socialising, playing bowls, or both, and a

comprehensive range of club competitions is organised with finals being held in September. If you have not tried bowls before and would like to give it a try, or have played and would like to see what the Club has to offer, then why not contact us to find out when we are holding a taster day. Call in any Friday evening, we are on the Nailsworth Mills Industrial Estate, Avening Road close to the Garden Centre, or *telephone Bob Gartan (01666 504266) for more information.*

NAILSWORTH CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

April 2006 - April 2007

Chris Raymond, head teacher

Nailsworth Primary School is a thriving and vibrant community school. The last year has seen the children, staff, governors and parents work extremely hard to build up the reputation of the school and raise our numbers on roll. With a totally committed and united approach we are actually achieving our vision.

Following previous years of falling numbers, they have stabilised and are now beginning to rise. We have invested in fantastic facilities giving our children a real sense of pride in their environment. The staff have worked tirelessly on pro-



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viding an enriched and more varied curriculum that centres around raising standards.

The incredible pace of the past year has seen the school grow further as one committed to providing opportunities for children to develop in confidence and ultimately love coming to school.

We are proud to be able to say that we have children that are happy, challenged and motivated willing to enjoy the whole experience that primary school life has to offer.

THE NAILSWORTH PROBUS CLUB

We are a club of retired professional and businessmen who meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month in the Mortimer Rooms from 9.45 to 12.00. We have coffee and a chat until 10.30 when we deal with club business and then have a talk from outside speakers or one of our members.

The talks covered a range of topics that entertained, informed and extended our knowledge. Subjects covered were 'Global Warming', 'Pig Farming', 'The Longbow', 'King John', 'The Forest of Dean Railway' and 'What's in a Name'.

On the social side we organised 4 day trips and 1 four-day, three-night trip, skittle matches, a summer party, a Christmas lunch and a ladies' lunch in the Spring. There is lunch at one of four local pubs on the first Wednesday of each month.



ABBEYFIELD HOUSE offers comfortable, secure and affordable residential accommodation with meals for active elderly people. The house is owned and managed by an enthusiastic volunteer committee but extra help is needed with DIY and gardening. The cost of a room is less than retaining your own home and without the worries. Visitors are welcome, or to join residents for lunch. *Tel 834987.*

ST DOMINIC'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL has this year gained Healthy School Status and National Accreditation for Early Years Class. Our main thrust has been on refining teaching and learning in line with new research and initiatives from the DFES, in order to put children in control of their learning by helping them to understand how, what and why they need to learn. Another initiative has been to install a server to extend our ICT provision, and a trolley of laptop computers so that a class of children can access online learning at the same time. The school moves forward steadily and each person is valued as an individual and offered opportunities to develop their spiritual, moral, intellectual, physical, emotional and social gifts to their full potential.

NAILSWORTH ARCHIVE OFFICE, Town Hall
Ann Makemson has retired and moved away, having started the archive collection with a display in the Mortimer Room 15 years ago. Since then, having moved twice to accommodate the growing collection of artefacts, and with the help of a band of volunteers, Ann spent a great deal of time doing research for articles, working with other history-related organisations and answering letters from all over the world. Her vast knowledge will be greatly missed but we wish a warm welcome to Allan Beale who has become our new team leader. Last year there were 130 visitors, and the Office is now on the internet and has an email address.

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS - QUAKERS

The Society was established by a group of Christian dissenters led by George Fox 1621-1691. Our meeting house in Quaker Close, Chestnut Hill was converted from a farmhouse and farm buildings in 1685 and our burial ground near to Shortwood Green dates from 1683. As well as housing our own meetings for worship and learning groups, the meeting house has been used in the past year by a variety of non-Quaker groups, and is available for hire (832684). During Nailsworth Festival, we organised an exhibition with the theme "War and Peace"; last September we opened our doors for Heritage Open Day, which we will do again this year and are encouraging other interesting historic buildings in Nailsworth to join us.

Meetings are held on Sundays, 9.15-9.45 and 10.30-11.30, and Wednesdays, 11-11.30 and the meeting house is open every day of the year.

NAILSWORTH GUIDES

In June 2006 1st Nailsworth Guides celebrated its 90th birthday, the second oldest unit in the county. The Guides spent their annual summer camp on Bubbs Hill at the county HQ in Cowley. This year we went back to basics and had no showers and only portaloos and we cooked on a wood fire. A musical was performed earlier in the year with a fantastic performance by the 38 girls in the group.

1st Nailsworth Brownies went on a pack holiday to Cowley, where activities included grass sledging and wooden play equipment. 2nd Nailsworth Brownies bought a 4ft helium balloon and used it to fly the Brownies around the world visiting lots of countries. They have learned to knit and have used their new skills to knit a blanket for an orphanage in Malawi, and sock puppets which were displayed in Starshine as part of Nailsworth Festival.

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1ST NAILSWORTH RAINBOWS

will be celebrating with groups from all over the county this year as Rainbows are 20 years old. The group of 18 has been working on its Roundabout badges, enjoyed a teddy bears' picnic in the park, nature study in Mortimer Gardens.

As a district, we attended Remembrance Sunday Parade with a phenomenal turnout from the girls, and celebrated Thinking Day by travelling around the world in the Town Hall. We celebrated Trissa Jones having been Brown Owl for 40 years and Francis Little for 30 years. The units between them have raised over £500 for charity, and Georgina Mansell, a Young Leader from 1st NW Guides represented us in Finland.

As ever, we urgently need more help and if anybody has any skills they could offer us, please get in touch, 832727.



NAILSWORTH CHAMBER OF TRADE

NW Chamber is considered to be one of the most lively in the district. A number of members work hard in different areas to benefit, not just the traders, but the commercial viability and success of our town. Some of its initiatives: Nailsworth in Bloom, Farmers Market, Market Street Market, Chriskindl Evening, late night opening, Chamber dinner dance, Christmas Lighting for Market Street, Joint Networking Breakfast, Five Year Plan, Golf Tournament.

NYCE: NAILSWORTH YOUTH COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE at the Subscription Rooms

A feasibility study has been commissioned on the future of the building, involving extensive public consultation, to help in matching our objectives with the needs of the community and the building's potential. As part of the study, architects are being invited to tender for a three-phase renovation of the building and proposals are being prepared for a recording studio. Once the feasibility study results are published and we are in a position to inform the public exactly how NYCE will move into the future, the committee will be inviting both individuals and groups or organisations to apply for membership. Meanwhile, any donations towards the ongoing work would be gratefully received; *please send to our chairman, Mike Conroy, c/o NW Youth Community Enterprise, Bath Road, Nailsworth, GL6 0HH (registered charity no: 301581).*



ST GEORGE'S AND ALL SAINTS CHURCHES

St George's continues to be an active church in our town with attendance at our weekly service usually in the order of 50-70, with larger numbers attending at special services. We host increasingly



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well-supported Leavers, Harvest and Christingle services for NW Primary School as well as the Beaudesert Annual Carol service. There are weekly mid-week communion services and a weekly Mums & Toddlers service called Little Angels. While numbers in our Sunday School fluctuate, our Open the Book teams continue to take Bible stories into both NW and Horsley Primary Schools and are much appreciated by pupils and staff.

We had 6 baptisms, 5 weddings, 7 funerals and a further 13 at the crematoriums. The Parish Rooms are well used by a variety of organisations, including a weekly Christian Aid lunch. As well as actively supporting Christian Aid, the church tithes its income and last year gave over £6000 to 22 charitable organisations.

While the graveyard at Shortwood is closed, the Garden of Remembrance is increasingly used to inter ashes. We hold 2 services a month at Shortwood but attendances are small and the long-term future of All Saints will need to be discussed at some time.

We launched a new monthly service at the Green Man pub in Forest Green which attracts about 30 people each month, and our first carol service there with the Nailsworth Silver Band was attended by about 60 people, including our excellent and supportive MP David Drew.

NAILSWORTH FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

NW Fire Station is currently manned by 18 men and women, who also have full time day jobs including electricians, photographers, prison officers, personal trainers, teachers, writers, lorry drivers and more. Each person responds to 999 calls via their pocket alerters which are activated by fire control staff at Quedgeley no matter what time of day or night. Some calls take about 15 minutes whilst others can last up to 8 hours or more and at the end of it, we just carry on our normal lives, which also means going straight to work if you've been out all night on a job. We train once a week on Tuesday evenings from 7-9pm. Last year we responded to a total of 262 calls. Prevention being an important initiative, the service has introduced free home fire safety checks which can be requested on 01452 753 333. New recruits are always needed, so pop down to the Station on training nights or contact headquarters direct on the above number.



24TH NAILSWORTH FESTIVAL

The Festival has grown from small but ambitious beginnings, ever striving to meet the changing needs of the town. This year it was shorter but with some exceptional performances. Festival Saturday's usual entertainers and musicians were joined this year by Crafts in

Action with local craftspeople demonstrating their skills. During the afternoon, a procession comprising giant figures Father Winter and Summer represented by the Green Man concluded on KGV field with Winter being chased away by Summer to provide the opening of the popular Nailstock concert.

The annual Festival is one of the town's highlights and the committee is always looking for new members. Next year a new treasurer and secretary will be needed as well as others to help plan, publicise and run the Festival – a wonderfully rewarding way to contribute to the community! *If you can help, contact Rosemary Langston on 833270.*

NAILSWORTH & FOREST GREEN SCOUT GROUP



The NW & FG Scout Group has 78 members and our Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts and Young Leaders have taken part in a huge range of activities this year, including 5 days camping at the National Scout Water Activities Centre at Longridge, summer camp at the Gower Peninsular, winter camp at Gilwell Park, Christmas camp, and for older Scouts, a training course in leadership skills.

Cub Scouts enjoyed a summer camp at Pennwood and took part in district water activities camp; Young Leaders attended a 24 hour camp for 14-18 year olds at Gilwell Park and played a key part in organising most of the camps of the Scout Troop.

NW Scouts won the Stroud & Tetbury District Camping & Camp Cooking Competition, the District Swimming Gala, Scout District Chess Competition and came second in the District Orienteering Competition. NW Cub Scouts won the District Orienteering Competition and took part in the District Chess Competition, and Night Challenge Hike. Scouts from the group took part in BBC Radio Gloucestershire broadcasts, went rock climbing, hiking on the Malvern Hills by Moonlight, flew in light aircraft with the chief test pilot at Rolls Royce. During the year, 3 Scouts have gained the Chief Scout's Gold Award (the highest award for the Scout section), Ashley Cooke gained the highest of the Chief Scout Awards: the Chief Scout's Diamond Award – the only Scout in Gloucestershire to gain the award in 2006, and Oli Hale completed the same award last March. Both also gained the Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Award and are working towards the Queen's Scout Award.

In this, Scouting's centenary year, Ashley Cooke and Henry von Wahl have been selected to be part of the UK Contingent at the 21st World

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Scout Jamboree when 50,000 Scouts from 216 different countries camp together for 12 days. Many other activities are planned to celebrate our 100th birthday.



THE JUNCTION YOUTH CLUB

is one of the busiest clubs in the Stroud District, opening 3 evenings a week, as well as another evening when youth workers come out onto the streets and into the estates, which means that each week the youth workers meet with approximately 150 young people. Tuesday night is for 13 year olds and over, Wednesday for juniors, 8-13 year olds, Thursday for outreach work, Friday for 11-14 year olds. Over the last year members have taken part in many activities, such as circus skills, problem solving, karaoke and creator sessions, activities provided by

Young Gloucestershire Road Show which visits the Club. This summer we organised our second summer scheme – including open days at the Club, trips to places like Alton Towers, a Cotswold ramble and Girl’s Only day.

Last year we came runners-up at Watersplash, a county watersport event, and won the Dragon Boat Race on the same day. We won the County football tournament and went on to play for the County in Taunton. One of our members won the under 14’s UK pool championship representing the County in Norwich.

The Youth Club has a strong members committee which meets on a regular basis and is consulted on issues that affect the people who use the Club. They are involved in running the club, interviewing staff, raising funds, purchasing equipment and having input into the programme.

The Club has recently taken back its former name of the Junction, and a competition was held to design the logo which is on the front of the building and on membership key fobs. As well as providing activities and information, more importantly, the youth club is a safe place for us to meet and chill out with friends in a non-judgemental environment where we have the opportunity to form positive relationships with peers and adults.

NAILSWORTH DAY CENTRE

Although we will very much miss the five members who have passed away, we have had another enjoyable year. We were very touched when donations in lieu of flowers were given to the Day Centre by the family of Betty Barnes, who had been coming to the Centre for three years and always looked forward to her Monday visits. Social Services and local health visitors know we have

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vacancies, so we are sure to build up numbers soon. Last summer we went for a scenic ride and meal, and visited Hardwicke Castle for our Christmas Lunch. Margery Woodward has retired after helping at the Centre for 15 years, but we hope to see her at our coffee mornings. We have added Scrabble to the usual Craft Table and game of cards.

FOREST GREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The project to regenerate a play area, started in September 2004 and moved a step closer to completion with a new roundabout installed at Easter. Funding in the region of £9500 is now being sought for a scramble net. This year we have started to set up an action group specifically to help our 13+ age group and are working with several agencies to find an area where games can be played and meetings held, ideally away from the small children's area. Sukki and Bob at the local One Stop Shop won £1000 in a competition which will go towards play equipment. We came 4th out of 750 applications in the Taking a Stand Awards, which Colin Peake of SDC put us forward for.

NAILSWORTH SOCIETY

Despite the sad loss of four long-serving members this

year, the Society continues to flourish with all seven groups remaining active and well-supported. Theatregoers Group in particular, enjoyed 14 events during the year, mostly with a full coach load. Four of the groups organise monthly talks on Monday evenings and run outdoor events in the summer – Arts, Crafts & Music, Local History Research, Gardening and Local Studies. The Rambling Group and Luncheon Group run monthly events throughout the year.

One annual event is aimed at bringing the whole of our membership together, and with the waning popularity of the Christmas Lunch, this year we arranged a boat trip from Upton-on-Severn. Membership is maintained at just over 300 and we are grateful to Nailsworth News for including our forthcoming events and to the Fountain for publishing our quarterly reports. We have had a stand at Chriskindl evening, a notice board in the TIC window and participated in the first Clubs & Associations Fair in June.

NAILSWORTH & DISTRICT FLOWER ARRANGEMENT SOCIETY

We meet at 7 for 7.30pm on the first Wednesday of each month at the Town Hall, where we watch a National or Area Flower Demonstrator, at the end of which the arrangements are raffled, followed by coffee and chat. Visitors are welcome to attend a meeting before deciding to join.



Various activities are arranged throughout the year - practice classes, flower festivals (19 – 21 October - Flower Festival, Christ Church, 40th Anniversary), and outings to gardens, etc. (22 – 26 June – Dublin; 6 October RHS Wisley).

Dates to note: Christmas Demonstration 14 November, Nailsworth Primary School; Open Day at Wycliffe College, 9 April 2008. *For more information please telephone 01453 873413 or 01453 833952.*

NAILSWORTH FILM CLUB

Nailsworth Film Club's new season will open with **'Black Book'**, an exciting Dutch film set during the second world war and directed by Paul Verhoeven. The film will be shown on **Friday 7 September** at Nailsworth Primary School, starting at 8pm, and is free. Club membership rates for the season have been held at £20 (£35 for a couple) for the 4th year running – excellent value for 10 top films. *Further details from Tony Anhoury on 860671.*

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Arts, Crafts & Music Group. The group did not hold a meeting in May. In June Tim Porter made a welcome return to talk about 'Music of the Celtic Twilight'. In July Jane Ford gave a talk entitled 'Textiles'. *Contact Janet Gower on 835540 or Jean Wiltshire on 832815.*

Local History Research Group. There was no meeting in May. In June David Smith talked about his '40 years in Archives: Attics and Basements I have known'. There was a group visit to the Gloucester Archive and County Library Collection. The group has also prepared an exhibition of Nailsworth's Sporting Heritage which is on show in the Gloucester Record office during July and August. *Contact Nick Peters on 834000.*

Gardening Group. In May the group welcomed Miss Jones to speak about Scented Plants. She brought with her a variety of plant samples so that members were able to actually see them in the flesh and also appreciate their various scents. In June gardens at Hidcote and Kiftsgate were visited. Hidcote is celebrating its centenary this year. Unfortunately, parts of the garden were a little unkempt and have obviously been affected by the weather. However, Kiftsgate was glorious. In July, Steven Harley-Sloman, who writes for the SNJ, proved an entertaining speaker. *Contact Kath Nielsen on 834046.*

Local Studies Group. Our first outdoor event this year was the Geology Walk on a fine day around Leckhampton Quarry. Dave Green showed us the Jurassic strata and the fossil layers and gave us the definitive history of the Devil's Chimney. The start of the History Walk around Uley in July was delayed by a tropical storm but, fortunately, this soon cleared and members of the Uley Society were able to show us the many mills and pubs there had been and the many grand houses and charming cottages that can be found. Our only talk in this period was given by David Smith, former Custodian of Gloucestershire Archives. He spoke of the interesting finds he had made in attics and basements, mostly in peculiar circumstances. The highlight was the find of the 13th century financial accounts of Gloucester Castle compiled during a particularly turbulent historical period. *Contact Len Jarman on 832933.*

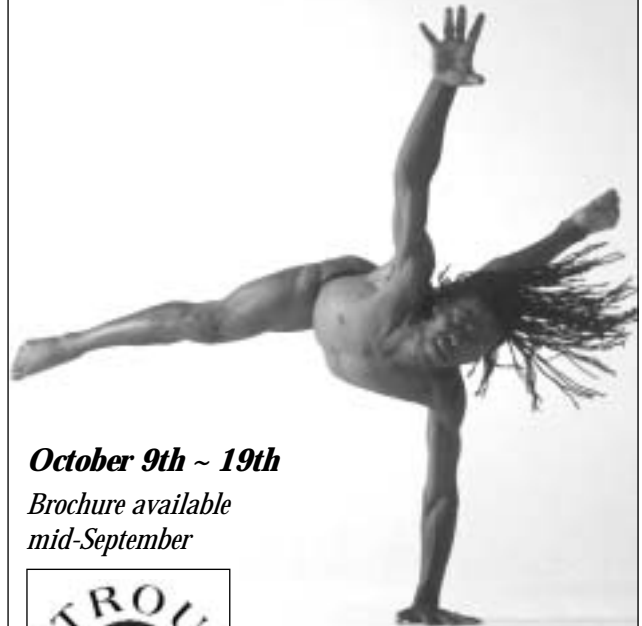
Ramblers Group. In May we returned to the Malverns for a walk up to Worcester Beacon (1395ft) with lunch at the Kettle Sings. Our ramble in June started from Cranham walking along part of the Painswick Stream and then over to Sheepscombe where we had lunch at the Butcher's Arms. We then continued from Sheepscombe through Lord's wood and Lady's wood back to

Cranham. The walk planned for July will be along the canal starting at Frampton Mansell with lunch at the Crown Inn. *Contact Alma Williams on 834049.*

The Theatregoers. The Theatregoers went to Malvern at the end of May to see a production of Noel Coward's 'Hay Fever' which recovered from a shaky start when the leading lady suffered a migraine attack and had to yield to her understudy. A planned trip to Cheltenham to see 'Il Travatore' was less successful; the company went into bankruptcy and the performance was cancelled – another first for the theatregoers! A fine evening, somewhat against expectation, for the Chavenage out-door production of Shakespeare's 'The Merry Wives of Windsor'. Last year's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' was a hard act to follow but once again the company provided a wonderful evening's polished entertainment. At the end of July to Bath, a theatre not visited for some time, to see Bernard Shaw's 'Pygmalion'. *Contact Ann or Jinny Marshall on 833857.*

Luncheon Group meets at Egypt Mill. At the May meeting Hazel Webb gave an entertaining talk on 'Family History without a Computer' with lots of photographs to illustrate. Lesley Williams-Allen talked to the June luncheon on the subject of running a B&B with the slogan 'Pets Welcome, Humans by Arrangement'. Ken Sheaver, who had previously talked to the group about water divining, returned to talk about 'Enjoying Wine'. *Contact Amy Underwood on 833945.*

STROUD ARTS FESTIVAL 2007 PRESENTS A CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY AND CULTURE



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NEW NAILSWORTH ROTARY CLUB LAUNCHED IN SPECTACULAR STYLE

The inauguration of the newly formed Nailsworth Rotary Club was attended by 85 guests at a dinner held at the Five Valleys Conference and Leisure Centre of the Forest Green Rovers F.C. Representatives from twenty four other Rotary clubs in the region were present, including the neighbouring clubs of Stroud, Stonehouse, Cheltenham, Gloucester and Severn Vale. The guest of honour was Peter Offer the National President of Rotary for Britain and Northern Ireland (RIBI).

Ron McKechnie, the District Governor welcomed the new Nailsworth Club to the international movement of Rotary, thanking the clubs of Stonehouse and Stroud for their positive help in launching the new club. In particular he praised the contribution of Rotarians Martin Grieves and Martyn Harwood. He told the twenty-one new Nailsworth Rotarians that they were joining the leading networking organisation in the world, with well over a million members in one hundred and eighty countries. Nailsworth will be joining a group of high achievers, 'that doesn't just throw down the gauntlet, but then picks it up and runs with it'. One of his earliest Rotary experiences was climbing Ben Nevis for sponsorship to fund the provision of false limbs for disabled people in under developed countries. Whilst the key objective was to enjoy Rotary fellowship and have fun, the challenge is to lead the way to serving the community through 'service and not self'.

Gillian Marshall the club secretary, a former member of Rotaract, (an associated organisation for young people (between eighteen and twenty years old), set out the club's inaugural resolutions. The club will be known as the Rotary Club of Nailsworth; it will be associated with the RIBI, and the club will meet alternate Thursdays



Members of the newly formed Nailsworth Rotary Club

at 7.30pm. The newly appointed club officers are Rob Cantell, (President), Robin Woods, (Senior Vice President), Gillian Marshall (Secretary), and Tony Pearson (Treasurer).

The Founder President Rob Cantle said that he was flattered and honoured to fulfil the role as President in a club, where each member was so highly talented. He was first attracted to the club when he saw an article in the Stroud News and Journal in February inviting interested potential members to come to a get-together. He liked what he saw and decided to join. In particular he thanked Liz Odell, who he called the 'Mother Theresa' of the club, and the 'Saint and Greavesie', (Martyn Harwood and Martin Greaves), for all their hard work in getting the club off the ground. He hoped that the development of the club would aspire to the things he admired in the town of Nailsworth, namely a small but growing community, a fun and friendly place, built on a solid foundation, and to make the club a pleasant place where people don't want to be anywhere else.

Anyone interested in further information about the club should contact Liz Odell at 01453 836151.

Stroud Arts Festival 2007 presents a Celebration of Black History and Culture



The 2007 theme commemorates the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the slave trade – but in a different way from other events. Stroud Festival has chosen to celebrate the achievements of black people in music, writing, performing arts and visual arts, as well as experiencing the rich culture and heritage of African and Caribbean people by including food, crafts and fashion. Events will take place between 9th and 19th October.

"I am thrilled that Stroud should commemorate the bicentenary of the abolition of slavery with its Stroud Arts Festival. It is an imaginative and memorable way of doing so especially the concentration on black achievements. I commend your efforts most warmly and wish I could attend some of your events, which I do not doubt will be memorable occasions. God bless you all richly."

Desmond Tutu, Archbishop Emeritus of Cape Town

Artists will include Tavaziva Dance, performance poet SuAndi, jazz saxophonist Andy Hamilton and gospel music from Kajans Women's Enterprise. Look out for a full brochure in September.

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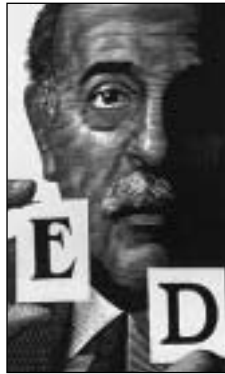
years as well as being a Town Councillor for Nailsworth. Sybil's many other duties involved directorship of the Citizens Advice Bureau, membership of the Friends of Stroud Hospital and the Cotswold Canals Trust. She was a County Councillor for the Nailsworth area for four years. Having joined the Dundee Young Conservatives in her early twenties, Sybil went on to become Chairman of the Nailsworth and Horsley Conservatives as well as Chairman of the Conservative Women's Organisation.

Outside politics Sybil served for over twenty years as a Magistrate for the South Gloucestershire Circuit. She was a popular and well-loved figure in Nailsworth to the service of whose community she was dedicated.

Sybil died on Tuesday, 3rd July in Ninewells Hospital, Dundee after a long and courageous battle against illness. Sybil is survived by her husband, David and their four children David, Anthony, Jacquelyn and Yvonne and their two young grandchildren, Emma and Katie. Her demise is a sad loss both for our local community and for her many friends and family.

Dorcas Binns

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ED BENGUIAT



born Ephram Edward Benguiat, October 27, 1927

Next time you choose a font, pause and consider whose pen created it. Influential American typographer Ed Benguiat has always loved to draw letters and has crafted over 600 typefaces including revivals of old metal faces such as Souvenir and Bookman. Others fonts are completely original, for instance Panache and the self-titled Benguiat which is used for headings in 'The Fountain'.

Born in Brooklyn, son of a Bloomingdale's display director, Ed had access to his father's pens, brushes and drafting sets. Too young to enlist during WWII, he used his innate talent to forge a copy of his birth certificate and join the Air Corps in Italy. On return to civilian life, Benguiat earned a music degree and made a name as jazz drummer 'Eddie Benart', playing with Stan Kenton and Woody Herman. But design and typography were always in the background, and after studying advertising art he went on to work as a designer, art director and teacher. For over 30 years students at the New York School of Visual Arts have been exposed to his wit, charm and talent, many going on to build their own typographic careers.

PENCILS FIRST, MACS SECOND. Benguiat isn't afraid of the computer but doesn't rely on one. "If you can't draw a shape that's pleasing on a piece of paper, how the hell are you going to do it on the screen?" He has "tailored" and "fixed" logotypes for hundreds of clients including The New York Times, Playboy and AT&T and refers to his typefaces as his "children".

MUSIC AND DESIGN. "What's the difference between music and graphic design?" Benguiat asks. "Music is playing sounds in a proper order so that they're pleasing to the ear. Whose ear depends on who's listening. What's layout and design? Placing things in their proper order so they're pleasing to the eye. There's no difference." He warns digital designers not to be fooled by the power of the computer: "A computer is a drum machine compared to a drum. A drum machine does what it's told. A drum feels it. And the computer will never be a drum."

Sharon Wells

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