Day’s Mill - the end of an era!

Day’s Mill has had many changes in its long history. Most recently it has been in the hands of the Davis family who have looked after the mill buildings’ various functions. We wish them well for the future. We hope to see some new developments alongside the familiar businesses which will remain in its rambling interior.

Forest Green Rovers v England!!!

At the official opening of the new stadium on 5th September Forest Green Rovers will be playing the England National Game XI. Apparently the FA saw the top class facilities and superb playing surface as ‘too good a chance to miss’. Surely, too good a chance to miss for anyone in Nailsworth who’s interested in football.

This issue concentrates on ‘Footpaths’

Nailsworth is interlaced with a tremendous variety of pitches, alleys, lanes and footpaths with strange names and ancient origins. We try to tell you a little bit about them in this issue but, do remember, we’re always glad to hear from you, and any further information you may have will be gratefully received!

It’s time to go walking!
Community News

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**All Saints Churchyard, Shortwood**

As part of an annual ‘duty of care’, representatives of the Nailsworth Town Council and the Nailsworth Parochial Church Council jointly conducted a "manual push test" on the gravestones in the above Churchyard on 14th August. This was to identify any memorials which appeared to be unstable and could be a safety hazard. All the graves were checked and some headstones (including end panels) and large stone crosses were consequently laid flat on the graves.

Commemoration details of those stones lowered to ground level are as follows:

- **‘New’ Churchyard Area**
  - Dorothy STOKES (1892-1983);
  - Frederick William STOKES; George Henry IND, died 13/08/71;
  - Margaret Jane WRIGHT 1881-1969;
  - Arthur George WRIGHT (1832 1922);
  - Lewis John PONTER, died 13/10/79;
  - Elizabeth PONTER, died 22/12/85;
  - Reginald William FOWLES, died 24/02/67;
  - Lily Mary FOWLES;
  - Laura ALLAN, died 27/06/66;
  - Elizabeth Mary HARRISON, died 16/10/76;
  - Stanley George HARRISON, died 13/10/94.

- **‘Old’ Churchyard Area**
  - Margaret Ann WORTERS, died 10/02/24;
  - Henry James SMITH, died 4/11/38;
  - Sarah Ann SMITH died 04/04/39.

- **North Aisle side of Church Area**
  - Arthur Edward PARK, died 03/03/44;
  - Florence Ellen PARK, died 25/05/59;
  - Arthur DEACON, died 10/10/43;
  - Catherine Hodge STEPHENS died 25/09/73.

- **South Aisle side of Church Area**
  - Hilda Muriel WORTERS, died 1958;
  - Theresa Mary WORTERS, died 09/11/65;
  - Frederick Morley TREMAYNE, died 15/08/57;
  - Gertrude TREMAYNE died 25/09/73.

Families of the individuals listed above, are invited, if they so wish, to have the respective memorial(s) re-erected safely upright at their cost by a professional monumental mason.

Under no circumstances are any memorials laid flat for safety purposes to be re-erected without this professional work requirement being met. No liability for any accidents caused by this requirement being ignored will be accepted by either of the above Councils.

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**Postscript!**

It might seem sad to lose those touching images of slightly leaning gravestones in old country churchyards but apparently they are often perfectly safe. It’s the modern ones, with less massive construction, which can topple.

**Post Postscript!**

The day after the shaky stones were laid down some (helpful?) person re-erected them. They have now been laid to rest again.

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**Road-works planned**

Tinkley Lane in Nympsfield will be closed from 18th September to 8th October for re-surfacing.

**Bus time-tables**

Gloucestershire County Council have written to say that they will no longer be producing time-table booklets. Leaflets will still be available from the Information Centre, the Library, some post offices and on board local buses. Timetables can be downloaded from www.gloucestershire.gov.uk and up-to-date information is available from Traveline by phone on 0870 608 2608 or from their website www.traveline.org.uk

**The Stroud Night Bus** has been relaunched with a good season-ticket offer.

Details from Graham Stanley on 07885 042785.
Sue is on holiday and has asked me to provide a brief report to you.

**Memorial Stones at All Saints Churchyard**

In mid-August the Town Council and the Parochial Church Council jointly examined the memorial stones at All Saints Church, Shortwood. There were concerns that a visitor might be injured by an unsafe memorial stone and it is a requirement that an annual inspection is made. Indeed, in other places there have been serious injuries.

We advertised this testing in advance widely. In the event a small number, fourteen, were found to be unsafe and were gently and with respect laid in a horizontal position. Elsewhere in Nailsworth News there is a notice that lists the memorial stones affected and the action needed to make sure that visitors will not be at risk of injury.

**Market Street Corner**

We have previously reported on plans to improve this small but visually important part of the town. During August we held a consultation meeting on site with local traders and residents, when we discussed the possible options. The consensus was that we would like to:
- keep the existing four trees and up-light them.
- create a level area in the central part, with the parts above and below planted with shrubs and ground cover.
- rebuild the Cotswold stone wall fronting Market Street.
- provide for seating in the levelled area and a metal seat on Market Street against the wall.
- erect a suitable fence at the upper level against Bath Road.

*Keep existing trees*
*Provide level area for a market stall*
*Keep excavation to a minimum*
*Wall seating round B for amphitheatre effect*

There is an opportunity to site a suitable piece of artwork or sculpture on the corner.

**Our Neighbourhood Warden**

From August 1st Ashley Nicholson has been working as our Neighbourhood Warden. This is a trial partnership arrangement with Phil Sullivan of Stroud District Councils Community Safety section. Ashley’s first task is to forge contacts with local groups and individuals such as the Forest Green Residents Association, the Youth Club, our police officers and the sheltered housing schemes for older people. A particular focus for Ashley will be in relation to anti-social behaviour. We welcome his presence and we shall review the effectiveness of the service later this year.

**The Town Annual Meeting**

After this year’s meeting last April we consulted the town’s organisations and clubs to find out whether, in addition, they would welcome some kind of information fair where they could involve the wider community. The overwhelming response was positive so we shall organise such a fair in 2007. One reason why Nailsworth thrives is because of the energy, imagination, and efforts of our many local clubs and organisations.

**Re Puzzle Corner (NN No. 64)**

Route 45? It’s part of the National Cycle Network

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Jeff Green pays tribute to Heather Beale

Every so often our community is blessed with the presence of a very special person; someone who adds that extra spark brightening the surroundings in which they live. This was so with Heather, extraordinarily caring, flamboyant, forthright and entertaining, whose life ended after a mercifully brief final stage of cancer on the 5th of July at her home in Downend. Her great spirit stayed with her right to the end.

Heather affected, and gave a lot of joy to, people across a wide spectrum. With an iron will to serve others, she radiated a caring concern and interest for all. She had a ready smile and was full of humorous and animated anecdotes… there would always be a story to tell.

She was a gifted poet and actress and of great pride were her grandson, who is on Broadway with Alan Bennett’s ‘The History Boys’ and a granddaughter training for opera at the Guildhall School of Music.

Heather and Cliff lived in Nailsworth for a long time. They are well known as the originators of Heathcliff picture framers, Market Street, for helping to start the Emmaus shop for homeless people, and for working tirelessly for Amnesty International, Christian Aid and many other causes for over 40 years. They also ran a health-food shop together in Painswick.

Heather had a great commitment to living out her spiritual conviction which touched me, and many others deeply. She passed on to me her awareness of people’s pastoral needs. Heather and Cliff were wardens of ‘Nailsworth Friends’ Meeting House for ten years and Heather was actively involved in Quaker affairs for many years, at the same time supporting many inter-faith initiatives. Together with Cliff, Heather gave support, in a quiet way, to all those who needed it.

Our love goes out to Cliff, daughter Madeleine and family (Newmarket) and their other five children. All of us who came into contact with Heather, at whatever level, have been moved by her and I am sure we will all hold dear the remarkable impact she had on us.
**Events**

**A drink and a prayer**
A special All-Age Family service (which includes everyone!) will be held on the first Sunday of each month at 11am in the bar of our new Football Stadium by Rev. Steve Earley, by kind permission of the management. It will be fun, joyful and uplifting - and the bar will open at 12! What a good reason to pop down to the pub!

**Nailsworth Film Club**
New season starts 8th September
The new season of films from Nailsworth Film Club starts with ‘Kolya’, a warm and poignant comedy about a middle-aged bachelor who finds himself looking after a young boy during the fall of communism in Czechoslovakia.

This should set the scene for the next nine films being shown between September and March 2007, all different, all interesting and all chosen to give you something to talk about afterwards. They are: Cockles and Mussels, Capote, The Beat that My Heart Skipped, Offside, Confetti, Grizzly Man, Familia Rodante, The Wind that Shook the Barley and by popular demand, Priscilla, Queen of the Desert.

If you’ve not heard of some of these it’s because many of the best films never reach the multiplex cinemas. Our aim is to bring these to you here in Nailsworth. The first film is FREE! so come along on the 8th September, have a glass of wine and join us for the new season.

Membership is great value at only £20 per person or £35 per couple for the whole season. Or you can be an “Occasional Member” for £5 per film.

All films are shown at Nailsworth Primary School (8pm start) approximately every 3 weeks. A full programme with dates will be available at the front desk on the 8th. Further information from Tony Anhoury 860671 or Clive Singleton 835594

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**Fay Reynold’s School of Dancing**
Children from 3-13 have been learning to dance in Fay Reynold’s classes since 1997 here in Nailsworth and in Chipping Sodbury. She has over 100 pupils and this year 66 took exams and all of them passed although many of her pupils go along just for the fun of it! The school specialises in Modern Theatre Dance and Jazz & Tap. Classes are in the Town Hall on Thursday evenings (older pupils) and Saturday mornings. 01454 323094.

**Nailsworth Dramatic Society**
This excellent group is setting up a Music Hall Troupe with a view to producing a series of stand-alone acts linked by an Old Time Music Hall theme. They want it to have an Edwardian/Victorian feel perhaps covering a period from when the Music Hall started in the 19th Century to around the end of World War2 or perhaps a little bit longer!

They need to assemble a group of interested people whose various talents could be put together to make a show. Basic needs would include actors/dancers/singers/comedians/magicians, a Chairman (m or f), suitable material, a good pianist or small orchestra, backstage crew, publicity person/s, etc., etc.

If you’d like to get involved, come to the meeting on 13th Sept., 7.30pm in the Town Hall (lower room). And, If you’ve got an act, or you’d like to perform something, please bring it along and show us!

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- 10.30 am Christ Church, Newmarket Road
- 10.30 am Priory Church, Inchbrook
- 10.30 am Quakers’ Meeting House, Chestnut Hill

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**Nigglesworths**

Some of our local streams are greatly overgrown. We’re not sure whose responsibility they are but they certainly need some attention.

Newmarket pond - we featured it when it was a sea of mud and complained; we praised it when it looked so beautiful in the Spring; then the dam broke and now it’s a mess again. A pity!

Mini-moto We can see these must be fun to ride in the right place but ….

**Five Valleys Walk**

Once again it’s time to get your boots on and take part in the Meningitis Trust Five Valleys Walk. This is its 19th year and in recent years about 2,000 walkers have taken part, some doing the whole 21 mile circular route but most doing one or more of the 12 sections - the shortest is less than a mile long! Stagecoach provides free shuttle buses, with volunteer drivers, co-ordinated by bus driver John Evans, to get people back to their own vehicles when they’ve done all they can.

To ease the pain, Water Warehouse is once again providing water for participants, Waitrose is offering sandwiches and Attwoolls is helping with Marquees, Tables and Chairs. If you finish in Nailsworth between 10 and 4pm you can get cakes and coffee at the Olive Tree.

Other supporters include Nailsworth Mills Estate who are allowing the use of Somerfield Car Park for the Nailsworth Checkpoint, with car parking to the rear, Stroud College providing the base for Stagecoach to run the bus service and Solographik who designed this year’s poster.

To take part register by phone on 769034 or by email at fvw@meningitis-trust.org. Registration costs £4 (adults), £3 (children) in advance (£5/£4 on the day). Groups of 10 get 1 free adult place.

Last year the walk raised £55,000. 99% of the Trust’s Funds come from donations. About 3,000 cases of meningitis are reported in the UK each year; in June there were 35 cases including 3 deaths.

To find out more about their work see their website www.meningitis-trust.org

**Reminder - College Courses**

Last month we published details of Stroud College courses starting in September in Art Therapy, Drawing & Watercolours, Tai Chi, Basket Making, French and Spanish. All in Christ Church Hall. For details ring 763424

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**Project Thistledown at Nympsfield**

Richard Kelly will be talking about this exciting new environmental development at the meeting of the Local Studies Group, Nailsworth Society. 7.30 Mortimer Room on Monday the 25th September.
A hundred years sounds like a very long time when you’re 17 like me, so I was very interested to meet Mrs Holbrow, of Shortwood, who will be 103 years old on 31st December this year, to find out how much life in Nailsworth has changed since she was a teenager.

Mrs Holbrow remembers the town as a happy, quiet place with a variety of traditional shops. ‘I used to do all the shopping in Nailsworth for my father. I knew all the shopkeepers!’ she said. Shops such as Price’s Stores, Smith’s and Morris’s, which is now HSBC bank, sound very different from some of the more modern shops we have now.

So, what did young people do with their time in the 1900’s?

‘We found our own amusement,’ Mrs Holbrow said. ‘I knew Nailsworth like the back of my hand.’

Trips with friends to the millpond by Johnson’s factory, used as Nailsworth’s open-air swimming pool, were one of the highlights of her social life.

‘We’d go anytime we could, even up at 6 o’clock in the morning, to go for a swim!’ In those days, boys and girls weren’t allowed in together, and had to swim separately!

As a life-long member of Shortwood Football Club, she enjoyed watching the football near her home at the Rising Sun Inn, which her father owned and she and her sister helped to run when they were old enough.

A film at the Nailsworth Cinema, which is now the Old Boy’s Club, was always good entertainment.

Of course, everyone had to go to school even in the early 1900’s. Although Mrs Holbrow didn’t particularly enjoy lessons at school in Nailsworth, her favourite class was reading.

Later on in life, Mrs Holbrow joined the Nailsworth Friendly Circle and was a dedicated member for 30 years. She and her husband, Charlie, were married for almost 60 years, and he was the chairman of the Town Hall. She has two children, Rex and Hilary, and four grandchildren.

Asked for the secret of a long, healthy life, Mrs Holbrow said, ‘I have no idea. I eat very well but there is no explanation. I feel very lucky to keep as well as I do!’

I don’t think entertainment for young people has changed that much in 100 years. Despite computer games and television, we still go and see the odd film, watch and play sport, and meet our friends in town. Whereas Mrs Holbrow remembers the days of the horse and cart, transport has made a big difference to the lives of young people nowadays. Having said that, when Mrs Holbrow was our age, she didn’t need to go very far - with a swimming pool and cinema on her doorstep!
Focus on Youth

Scouts
Nailsworth Scouts fly high
At the end of July five Scouts from Nailsworth reached new heights as they took part in a day of aeronautical activities at Kemble Airfield. The event was organised by the Scout Association working in partnership with the Philip O’Dell, the Chief Test Pilot for Rolls-Royce, and aimed to introduce the Scouts, aged between 12 and 16, to the skills and experiences associated with aviation. During the day the Scouts learnt about safety at airfields, the basic principles of flight, aircraft instrumentation, aircraft controls and handling a plane. The highlight of the day for each scout was a flight in a two-seat light aircraft during which the Scouts were able to take dual control of flying the plane, and enjoyed experiencing some aerobatics, including loops and rolls.
When talking about the event, Nailsworth Scout Leader, Chris White, said "Scouting aims to provide young people with a varied, challenging and enjoyable programme of activities to help them really get the most out of life. This day gave them the opportunity to try something new. Some of the Scouts taking part had never been in a light aircraft before, and for them it was a real adventure, while for others it has developed an existing interest in powered flight."
For more information about Scouting contact Kevin Brewer, 01886 880017 or 07790 806787 or E-mail: kevin.brewer@gloucestershire-scouts.org.uk

Youth club
Over the summer break we have had the sports hall refurbished. This has included removing the suspended ceiling and going back up to the original roof beams that are there from when it was the old school room. It certainly has made a real difference to the hall and the young people will now be able to take part in a wider variety of activities. We have also had new storage installed to house the sports equipment.
The Youth Club reopens on Tuesday 5th September under the new name, ‘The Junction’. Many people will remember the Youth Club was called The Junction many years ago, and some still refer to it by that name. After many discussions, debates and endless meetings with young people to decide a new name, they chose to go back to the name of The Junction. We feel it’s very apt because it is situated at a junction and the young people who use the club are often at a junction in their lives!
We will be updating our memberships and all our members will be issued with a funky key fob with our new logo.
We need some more help.
A Coffee Bar Assistant: Wednesday 5.30-7pm and Friday 6.30-8.30pm.
An Assistant Youth worker: Tuesday 6.45-9.15 and Wednesday 5.15-7.30. Excellent training opportunities available.
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**Cricket**

Nailsworth’s Alfie Godden was the top scorer with 44 and took 2 for 16 playing for the Commoners vs Nibley on the 30th July. Commoners had an easy win by 6 wickets.

On Sunday 13 August at the Commoners Eights, Commoners scraped home for the third successive year when they pipped Nympsfield by two runs on the last ball of the match. In spite of dismal weather, 993 runs were scored and 44 wickets taken on the day. Timmy Godden presented the awards with Torrell, Newman and Stevie Godden winning individual gongs.

**Football**

The season is well under way and it was great to see over 1000 at the new ground on the opening day. Unfortunately the 0-1 defeat by Dagenham was very much against the chances made by the team. Afful and Russell (pictured) were brilliant up front and Russell could easily have scored three except for some outstanding keeping by their goalie! The defence looked sound as well and, bearing in mind the team is just starting to play together, it was a very creditable performance. The stadium is wonderful - great, uninterrupted views of all the pitch and plenty of food outlets as well - let’s see a regular 1000 plus up there every match!

**Dan Robinson**

Dan took part in the Marathon in the recent European Championships in Gothenburg. We’ve seen him training around the town and we all wished him well. Success was close at hand as he pushed himself in to the leading pack with just 5 miles to go. Unfortunately, he didn’t run to his race plan and slipped back to 20th place at the end. He was hugely disappointed by his own performance but he knows that he has learnt from this race and will go for greater things next time.

**Photographs by Martin Stone**
Scrambling around Nailsworth

In the June edition of Nailsworth News there was an article that described Pigeon Flying as the silent feature of Nailsworth. Scrambling, or as it is officially known, Motocross, must be the noisy feature of Nailsworth. However, what is undeniable, is that it is a very popular activity in the town and of the 55 members of the Stroud and District AMCA (Amateur Moto Cross Association), about a third live in Nailsworth and the sport, believe it or not, has been popular in the area for nearly 100 years!

Motocross is, basically, off-road racing for motor bikes, the racing performed on special tracks of which there are two in the area, one on the road to Nympsfield, and the other at Horsley - both in earshot of Nailsworth, so you know when they’re racing! It’s a proudly dangerous sport and my neighbour Neil Seville, at the age of 40 - and after a broken leg, dislocated elbow, torn ligaments and several broken ribs, two from last weekend - is still (much to the disgust of his wife) as enthusiastic as ever! ‘It’s an addiction’, he said, ‘it’s probably the adrenalin rush you get’. But the racing is only a small part of the involvement in the sport, the equipment is expensive and its preparation between races, and cleaning and polishing afterwards, is a great commitment. ‘It may be noisy’, says Stroud and District AMCA Chairman, Clive Bashford from Horsley, ‘but it keeps the youngsters off the streets!’

The sport is broken down into races between people of equal competence, there being classes for juniors, which means beginners of whatever age, juniors under 18, (some as young as 6!), seniors, the more experienced, and experts. There are also classes for up to 125cc and 250cc. There are 8 Clubs in the North Avon and South Gloucestershire Group - each with their own track. The Stroud and District Club has the track at Horsley, which also hosts the British Bike Bonanza for pre 1965 bikes.

It certainly is a thrilling sight and the skill of the riders beggars belief - you wonder that any finish the race in one piece! Anyone interested in starting the sport should contact Clive Bashford on 833380 - but you must be over six!

Trevor Horsley

We wish a speedy recovery to Trevor Horsley who recently stood down as FGR's Chairman. Trevor's enthusiasm for the club has been the major factor in FGR's rise to Conference football and the building of the new stadium. His input will be key to their staying away from the relegation zone this season.

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Feedback & Letters

Jane Mace writes
Reading reports in the local paper of the parking problems that Forest Green supporters had for their first match in the new stadium, I did sympathise. It must have been frustrating.

But this is an opportunity for some creative thinking. Car sharing, for one. Buses, for another.

Twice an hour, every day including Saturday, a good double-decker bus service stops just outside the football ground: the 46 from Cheltenham; the 93 from Gloucester. It’s such an easy way to travel.

Supporters from anywhere on those routes could try a different approach: think ahead, think bus. By leaving their cars at home, they would not only be reducing their own parking stress they would also be doing their bit to reduce carbon emissions.

(Forest Green Rovers tell us that they now have 200 parking spaces with separate areas for a) staff & players, b) Season Ticket holders with parking passes and c) others. Better than before but a bit thin for a 5,000 seater stadium. If you take the bus you could celebrate/drown your sorrows in the Green Man afterwards. Ed)

Timothy and Victoria Glazier write
We would like to offer our congratulations to Mayor Sue Reed and the Town Council for their vision in initiating the Nailsworth Town Plan, with particular reference to Old Market. As relative newcomers to the town it has been a joy for us to arrive in a community that is so actively involved and has such a sense of identity and purpose: this has particularly been expressed by coming together in such a focused manner to decide on how we would all like the see town develop in the years ahead.

Stephen Earley writes
I noted a comment in the last “News” about filling the stadium. I would be delighted if the first occasion was the Gospel Concert on September 10th, followed by a Carol Concert planned there for December. Of course I would also be delighted if the team started winning and the stadium was packed regularly with supporters!

Miss C. Newport writes
Have you ever found any interesting items when renovating your home? (shoes, animals, letters, thimbles?) However small I would like to hear from you for my research. Photo’s would be a help. Please write to Miss C. Newport at Kantara, Mason Road, Stroud, GL5 1HT. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Thank-you.

Mr. Jim Clarke of Woodchester writes
You wanted comment about the new Nailsworth News front cover and mine are positive. It’s cheerful, bright and relevant and it gets the paper noticed and ‘localised’. Perhaps it may be in colour one day? That would be very good indeed!!!

Nailsworth News is great and relevant and very interesting and I always get it. I especially like the ‘Nigglesworths’ and the Police and Fire Station reports and the Forest Green Rover news. It is very good. Well done and keep up the good work!

(We have had quite a lot of feedback about the new cover - all positive. Thanks again to Julie Fortune.)

Don Luke, our new Distribution Manager, writes
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Corinium Care have moved into the Copper Kettle. Delays in getting the lift installed and some finishing of the outside approach (which is round the back; approach from George Street along the path outside The Olive Tree) still present a ‘work in progress’ rather than ‘finished article’ impression but they’re there and in business!

Coco’s opening is imminent but now looks as if it’ll just miss August. Julie Hawker and Sue King have done (with much appreciated help from their other halves) wonders with the interior which is bright and airy and welcoming. Definitely a place to visit! Both Julie and Sue worked in White Buffalo but rumours of its demise following their departure are unfounded.

Day’s Mill

The sale of Days Mill is now complete and the property is now ‘Day’s Mill Partnership’ owned by Michael and David Nichols. Both brothers have a wide range of business interests; Michael bought Hathaway Press some time ago and has other printing interests. Contact with the partnership will be via Barry Hathaway and the partnership office will be established in Barry’s printing shop.

With the sale, the long association of Day’s Mill with the Davis family comes to an end. Ray and Edna Davis were understandably too busy to give us a full interview at the moment.

The mill building itself probably dates back to early 1700’s and, by 1715, was ‘by far and away the largest building in Nailsworth’. In 1820 the business traded as Day & Davis; in 1824 Jeremiah Day died and it was Charles & Frederick Davis (not, it seems, related to the later Davis family) who ran the mill.

In 1810 an extension, currently occupied by Nailsworth Motors, had been built at the Davis’s instigation to accommodate power looms and, by the late 1830s, a steam engine had been added.

By the mid 1870s cloth making had ceased at Day’s Mill as elsewhere in the Stroud Valleys. For the next 20 years the mill had a range of tenants whose activities left much of the huge building vacant.

In 1892 Alphonso Davis bought the whole building for £1,300. Alphonso was the son of Emmanuel, a clock and watch maker trading in Market Street. Alphonso inherited the clock business and soon branched out, setting up in furniture and removals and it was this business he brought to Days Mill.

For Nailsworth, Alphonso’s major contribution was probably the modification of the two East end bays of the original ten bays of the mill building. He also developed a shop area suitable for furniture trading, erected the shop fronts set back from the line of the old end wall of the mill, and provided some first floor accommodation. By demolishing the part which extended towards the church he allowed Fountain Street to be transformed from a cart track into a much wider road thus by-passing the ‘proper’ route to Bath which went via Tabram’s Pitch and Church Street.

Alphonso’s son, Owen, was Ray’s father… (If anyone has any more information, records, etc. about Day’s Mill, Barry Hathaway would be very glad to hear from you on 833675 or barryhathaway@tiscali.co.uk.)

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The Baroque Glass Centre will be opening a ground floor studio quite soon. This will allow full disabled access and meet some criticism of the present, all upstairs, arrangement. Watch out for details of their courses at the Town Information Centre.

Nailsworth in Bloom.
There has been an extension to compensate for some of the difficulties of the summer and judging has only just occurred – too late for the results to appear in this month’s Nailsworth News, but we’ll keep you posted!

The Book Shop
If you think you haven’t been seeing as much of Sarah Rider, the charming and helpful manager of Nonsuch Books & Music, as you used to - there’s a good reason. She’s been dividing her time between Nailsworth and opening a new ‘Nonsuch’ shop for Alan Sutton in Bourton-on-the-Water. When Alan opened the Nailsworth shop almost a year ago he said that if it was a success there’d be others. You can draw your own conclusions!

Nailsworth and the Web
Forest Green Rovers
www.fgrfc.co.uk
This is a brand new site, almost complete, with an excellent front end showing the team and giving details of the next home match.

The menus are easy to use with access to accounts of recent games and other news and events. It includes information about players in the various teams including Ladies and Juniors with good Player Profiles.

There’s an interesting history section with some nice pictures and there’s a shop selling all sorts of things from football shirts and hoodies to pencils and rubbers.
Footpaths

Nailsworth has dozens of narrow footpaths that wriggle their way from the town centre past interesting cottages and on up through woodlands and fields. There are Eighty footpaths are numbered, but there are probably many more. Some of the paths follow the Nailsworth boundary and in the past it was traditional to ‘beat the bounds’ - once a year the people of Nailsworth would walk all round the boundary, a total of about eight miles. Most of the footpaths were created by farmers and workers walking to their place of work. There are also several bridle ways and packhorse tracks crisscrossing the hills that are still used as walking and horse riding routes. Some of these are Dark Lane, Barcelona Lane, Shiptons Grave Lane, Tetbury Lane and Whips Lane. Two paths right in the town centre have interesting names, Gunbarrel Alley (running from Church Street to Park Road) and Kettle Alley (from George Street to Station Road). It’s easy to see why one of them acquired its name as a very large kettle hangs over the entrance to it, but why, how and when the other got its name is a mystery!

Frying Pan Alley runs from Spring Hill to Fewster Road and Bacon Tump runs between Bristol Road and Bath Road, where pigs were once reared. Fairy Glen (from Holcombe Mill to Pensile Road) and Snake Lane (from Dunkirk Manor to Pinfarthings) both speak for themselves!

Most people know about the Ladder, the steep track running up the hillside from the bottom of the ‘W’ to the Hollies entrance which was used for testing cars, including the locally made Hampton car. Members of The Cotswold Car Club still use it once a year for testing their cars’ capabilities.

“A clock in a kind of wooden tower, half a lighthouse and half a windmill, can be seen at the side of Nailsworth Church, to be passed and commented on by all strangers and visitors to the town. Not far from this wooden clock stands a beautiful stone fountain, which would be a credit to any a town.”

“The walk along to Avening is worth taking because of the wooded valley that goes all the way and the silver swan often seen swimming on the dark lakes below.”

He very often went on circular walks because it meant that he would have different scenery all the way around. When it was sunny he would wander anywhere, and lean on every stile or country gate he passed. He could not tell anyone where he had walked because many of the little green lanes and paths were not named. He wrote, “One of the lanes I have called by a name of my own, after my little dog ‘Betty’. When my little pet died I didn’t go there again for over two years. If anyone enquires for ‘Betty’s Lane’ they will never know where it is unless I show them.”
Nailsworth folk: - Sue Bateman
by Mike Brinkworth

Sue came to Nailsworth in 1975 when husband Graham took up a new College appointment. Having previously been a member of Operatic & Drama Societies, she soon joined Nailsworth Dramatic Society, taking part in an Old Tyme Music Hall. Sue then decided to try her hand at directing. Her first production, “The Wizard of Oz”, was a completely new venture for the Dramatic Society involving local recruitment for a very large cast. Since then she has directed four more Music Halls and diversified into Stage Management. She has continued acting in various productions whilst admitting that she has a personal liking for comedy and pantomime roles. She has served several years as Society Chairman and is now its President.

For a number of years Sue was the Stage Manager for the Gloucestershire Drama Association’s Open Air Shakespearean productions which were performed in the wonderful setting in Painswick Rococo Gardens. During the 1980s she was a member of a small choir that performed Christmas Carol Concerts at Yatesfield, Watledge in aid of the NSPCC. While her daughters attended Nailsworth C of E Primary School she served as PTA Secretary, organising the Annual School Fetes in May. This event grew in size from year to year and raised valuable funds for the school. Sue was also the Treasurer for the 1st Forest Green Guides for many years.

One specific Community project that Sue particularly enjoyed doing – at the request of the Chamber of Trade – was to create a Father Christmas Grotto for the Kristingle Evening, and this was adapted many times over the next few years.

In 1988 Sue undertook one of her most exciting challenges. She was invited to direct a youth production of ‘Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat’ to be staged in St. George’s Church. Auditions were held and a large cast assembled from all the local churches and schools and the Backstage and Front of House teams were set up. She especially remembers the preparation work; ‘Setting up stage in God’s House taught us all self-discipline in language control’, she added with a chuckle. All profits from this production were divided between the churches and the Fire Service who had assisted in blacking out the church windows. For her efforts in organising and directing this musical extravaganza, she was presented with the Mayor’s Award for Outstanding Service to the Town.

Sue intends to continue being an active member of the Dramatic Society, but admits that her new grandson, Edward, now offers a major diversion.
This map shows most of the named footpaths. There’s a good map showing all 80 numbered local footpaths in the library hallway.

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Stella Knight writes about the footpaths at Ruskin Mill

One beautiful walk can be found just outside Nailsworth starting and finishing at Ruskin Mill. The walk takes you alongside the lake and fish ponds, through the market garden, and on to the beautifully landscaped gardens, with unexpected sculptures, delightful pools and all sorts of wildlife, including ducks, fish, butterflies etc.

The development of the land has been based on a biodynamic agricultural scheme which takes into account the forces of the earth and the cosmos and sees the land as an organism made up of soil, plants, animals and human beings which need to be kept in balance to create harmony.

All the food is processed by the students, from the planting of seeds, to picking, cooking and finally eating the products. As well as feeding the students and staff at Ruskin Mill, it’s also used to make lunches and cakes for sale in the coffee shop. This is definitely worth a visit with vegetarian lunches and delicious home-made cakes served between 11am - 4pm Monday to Saturday and just cakes on Sunday until 5pm. Alternatively, the vegetables can be bought at the Nailsworth Farmers’ Market along with freshly caught trout from their fisheries. Enjoy!

Walking the paths

Most of the paths are used by local people to get somewhere but you might want to walk them simply for pleasure. It’s a good way of getting to know your town.

There are two useful leaflets, one with 4 walks and the other with 6, to guide you on your way - 50p each from the Town Information Centre.

If you get a taste for walking, remember that the Nailsworth Society organises a number of rambles through the year. There’s one on 28th September. There’s also an evening walk, led by the Cotswold Warden, on 8th September. (See What’s On, p20). If you want to go further afield, try the Ramblers’ Association. They have a good website with information about local groups on www.ramblers.org.uk

Footpaths

On page 16 Ann Makemson discusses some of the extraordinary names of the footpaths, alleys, lanes, pitches and banks which mark the Nailsworth area.

Many of them are like small oases in an essentially urban setting. Their edges are similarly varied - hedge, post-and-rail, fence, bank and, of course, dry-stone walls confine them. Most of them are hard surfaced to a greater or lesser degree and all of them are home to wildlife, mainly plants, birds and insects.

A significant number of them run at right angles to our deep valleys. When the streams were fuller and less tamed than they are now, before the car was king and every household had abundant piped water, the valley bottoms were swampy and difficult to follow on foot or horseback. Main routes cut across them, linking the various small settlements and hamlets on the higher ground to the mills.

For us they offer pleasing short cuts and places to walk.

If you haven’t yet discovered them, you will see some of them set out here. There are many more. A map showing the 80 numbered paths is on display in the hall of the library. The definitive map is held at Shire Hall in Gloucester. You can consult this any day of the week, Mon-Fri from 9-5pm. (Telephone 01452 425577).

From time to time we get complaints about litter, dog mess and overgrown bushes or trees along these paths but in the main they are surprisingly well looked after, often by the people living close-by. This willingness of people to look after their environment is one of the things which characterise this part of the world and make it so pleasant to live in. Sometimes, however, the mess and litter left by the few, or simply the vegetation, gets out of hand, and things need fixing - get in touch with the Gloucestershire Environmental Helpline - 01452 425500 or helpline@gloucestershire.gov.uk

A winding path with hedges green
And stony cart ruts in between,
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The simple gladness of existence.

Cyril Fox Harvey.

Delights of the Footpath.

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Devil’s Bowling Green

Snake Lane

Whitecroft Pitch

Photographs by WSA
Nailsworth Theatregoers
Sat 28th October, matinée, Cheltenham, “Pirates of Penzance”.
Sat 11th November, matinée, Malvern, Felicity Kendall in “Amy’s View” by David Hare.

What’s On – September
For free listing ring Maire Jarman 832933

1 Fri Country Market, every Friday, 9-10.45, Mortimer Room.
2 Sat ‘Any Questions’. A panel including Bishop John of Tewkesbury answer questions from the audience on life and faith. Buffet & wine provided. Town Hall 7pm. Free.
5 Tues Youth Club re-opens after summer break. 833212.
5 Tues Official opening match. Forest Green v National Game XI. 7.45pm. Adults £10, conc. £5, children £1.50.
6 Wed Visit to Hanbury Hall, National Trust. Coach at 9.45am returning at 5.30pm. £15 (refund of admission charge to NT members). Arts, Crafts & Music Group, Nailsworth Society. Contact 835540 or 832815.
6 Wed Story time for 3-5 year olds in the Library. 2-2.30pm.
2 Sat ‘Any Questions’. A panel including Bishop John of Tewkesbury answer questions from the audience on life and faith. Buffet & wine provided. Town Hall 7pm. Free.
2 Mon ‘Mini-Breaks, Magic or Madness?’, Mrs S Marshfield. Nailsworth W.I. 7.30, St George’s Parish Rooms.
9 Sat ‘The Present’ + support.  Comrades Club. 7.30pm £4.
9 Sat Bacon butties, tea & a chance to pick up your tickets for Sunday’s Gospel concert. Mortimer Gardens. 7-9am. Free.
28 Thurs Rambling Group, Nailsworth Society. Meet outside Library. Phone 834714 for details.
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