

NYNEHEAD NEWS

NYNEHEAD CRICKET CLUB

Cricket Nets

Another Spring fast approaches and Nynehead Cricket Club is preparing for the new season. We are hosting a series of three "Nets" or practice sessions and we'd like to invite anyone interested to come and have a go. There is no minimum standard (which is lucky or none of us would get a game) and we will offer a warm welcome anyone who wants to come along. It's a good opportunity to meet a few of the Club Stalwarts, introduce yourself and have a go without the pressure of a game situation. Nets will be held at 7.30pm at Wellington School on 7th, 14th and 21st March. Please feel free to just turn up or let us know if you're interested.

Quiz

We'd like to extend a broad invite to the Nynehead Cricket Club Winter Quiz. It's on **Friday 1 March 2019 at 7:30** – Nynehead Village Hall. Teams are made up of 4-6 people, but anyone can come along as we always make up teams up on the night too. A Supper of: Ham, Cheese, French Bread, Pickles and Fruit is included in the price of £7.50 per person. There will be lots of food, so think: Proper meal not just a snack.

If you are interested in either Nets or the Quiz, please contact David Raybould 07967 657122 or daraybould@btinternet.com

Note for your diary – There will be a Club barbeque, with band, on the 29th June to which everyone is invited.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

We have started to apply for grant funding from Viridor Credits for the replacement of the heating system. This will include improvements to the current pipe system into the Church and the removal of the asbestos flue next to the Church Tower. The stage 1 grant application has been accepted by Viridor. The stage 2 application is far more detailed and amongst other things it requires us to secure evidence of support for the project from the local community. We are encouraged to gain 'as many letters / emails or petition of support' as we can, and we are scored on our response.

The Church (in parts 13th C) is the oldest Grade 1 building in the village. It faces a period of gradual deterioration in its fabric if we cannot replace the current heating system. An efficient heating system will enable us to maintain the ambient heating required for the long-term protection of this wonderful historic building. The costs are so great that we are entirely dependent on securing grant funding to achieve this.

The Church provides a valuable source of ministry and religious support to residents in the village should they wish to use it. The Church building can also be used for other events including harvest and flower festivals. We are actively looking into the possibility of a small music festival in June. Consequently, a simple letter of support recording support for our project would be much appreciated and it should help to secure the funding that we need for this particular project.

Tim Sylvester Jones
PCC Secretary

Easter Services in the Church

The East Group’s joint Holy Communion Mothering Sunday service will be on 31st March at 10.00 am .

A Holy Communion service will be held on Easter Sunday at 11.15 am.

FOOTPATHS

There have been reports of cyclists using some of the footpaths. This is not legal (the clue is in the word ‘footpath’!). Some of the cyclists have been rude when spoken to by pedestrian users of the paths that are already very muddy without being cut up by bike tyres. I don’t think it’s Nynehead folk doing the cycling.

On a lighter note, the ground is slowly drying out. The strimmer has been serviced and will soon be delivered back to me and we hope to start strimming before the vegetation starts to get too long.

*Joe Frost
Footpath Liaison Officer*

HISTORY SOCIETY

We have had some interesting speakers over the last three months. In December we were introduced to the Somerset painter Hans Schwart - a man with an interesting background rooted in the Jewish Holocaust. David Rabson took us down the River Tone from its source at Beverton Pond to its meeting with the Parrett at Burrowbridge in January. We then travelled on the West Somerset Railway both through time and place in February.

The spring series of talks are as follows:

Friday 8th March	Brian Standing on Dunkeswell in World War II
Friday 12th April	AGM and a talk on Bridgwater Cemetery
Friday 10th May	Members’ evening of talks with Bring & Share Supper

PARISH COUNCIL

Over the last three months, the Parish Council has been addressing a variety of matters ranging from the condition of our roads and footpaths to the provision of facilities for our local community.

The Community Public Access Defibrillator, sited outside the Memorial Hall, is a valued acquisition and it was pleasing to see so many people attend the seminar organised on how to use it. Discussions are now underway as to whether the Parish should adopt a Volunteer Emergency Telephone System to extend and facilitate the use of this potentially lifesaving apparatus. Anyone unable to attend the seminar but who would still like to be part of this VETS system is urged to contact the Clerk (nyneheadclerk@gmail.com). Additional full training will be given.

In addition, the Council has funded a new projector for the Memorial Hall. This, combined with the newly installed fast internet link, significantly enhances the facilities for Parish residents and users of the Hall in the future, be it in the form of illustrated talks or the showing of films. The Parish website is available for any information on forthcoming events that local societies and clubs may wish to publicise.

The roads and footpaths remain a source of concern with adverse weather conditions at this time of the year. Caution is urged when walking on the footpaths which are not only muddy and slippery but also, in places, have deep ruts caused by youths riding Moped type vehicles in fields around the village. Dog walkers are reminded to keep their dogs under close control in fields where there are sheep and, as ever, to dispose of waste responsibly.

With the financial cutbacks, the Somerset County Council Highways Department is no longer able to provide free rock salt to grit the roads, but it has agreed to undertake clearance work of the drainage system along Nynehead Road before the end of March and to patch and carry out a drainage- improvement scheme at the junction of the Poole Road with Nynehead Road. This should reduce the collection of water and damage to the road surface.

After outstanding service to the community, Mrs Rosalind Shepherd has now stepped down as Clerk to the Parish Council and has been succeeded by Mrs Judy Jones.

On the 2nd May 2019 there will be Parish Council elections. Further information will be circulated as it is made available from Somerset West and Taunton Council but expressions of interest should be made to the Clerk as soon as possible (nyneheadclerk@gmail.com) so that application packs can be dispatched accordingly.

In the meantime, you are urged to raise any matters of concern and to share your views at the meetings, held every third Monday of the month at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall. Your support is much valued.

Judy Jones
Clerk to the Parish Council

NYNEHEAD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

This has now been formed and will meet on the second Wednesday of each month at Nynehead Court Orangery starting at 2.00 p.m. A committee has been formed and you will not be pressurised to do anything but do come and have some fun, a chat, meet some new friends and drink tea with cakes or biscuits!

For further information, please contact the Court: 01823 662481.

NYNEHEAD COURT

Nynehead Court had their usual busy December and welcomed the New Year with a Bagpipe player. Burns Night was celebrated with traditional food, and the event was well attended.

This year we have already celebrated a 100th birthday, as resident Katalin Shirley-Smith celebrated her birthday in February.

We have also held the inaugural meeting of Nynehead WI, which takes place on the second Wednesday of every month at 2.00 pm in the Orangery. Please come and join us!

From 12th February 2019, Nynehead Court is offering a range of recreational games and activities in the Orangery on Tuesday afternoons between 2.00pm – 6.00pm. Games will include draughts, scrabble, whist and other card games as well as the opportunity to play table tennis and skittles. Additional games could be made available upon request. Everyone is welcome – a lovely opportunity to socialise and have fun in a warm, spacious facility with tea provided and ample parking. For further information or suggestions, please contact Annette Cosgrove at the Court on: 01823 662481. Come and join in – all ages welcome! We look forward to seeing you!

Please look at our Facebook page for details of the Fete on Saturday 29th June.

SOMERSET WEST AND TAUNTON COUNCIL

As you probably know, the local authority districts of Taunton Deane and West Somerset are to be replaced by the new council of Somerset West and Taunton which will come into existence on 1st April 2019, ahead of elections to the new council on 2nd May 2019

The Bradford-on-Tone ward will be abolished and Nynehead will go into the new Milverton and District ward (Nynehead, Milverton, Langford Budville and Halse) with one councillor.

BOOKING SECRETARY REQUIRED FOR NYNEHEAD MEMORIAL HALL

After many years of tireless service, Mr John Sparks has decided to retire from this position and a replacement is now sought to promote and optimize the use of the Memorial Hall. The main responsibilities include:

- Taking bookings
- Liaising with regular hirers and showing facilities to prospective new hirers
- Explaining and ensuring the completion of the hiring contract
- Collecting payment and passing that on to the Hall Treasurer
- Providing list of hirers to other interested parties (cleaner and key holder)
- Ensuring the Hall is ready and fully equipped for each hirer
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This position would suit someone who has a little surplus time, enjoys meeting others and who is enthusiastic and reliable. Basic IT skills would also be an advantage.

For further information please contact Mr Gary Sparks (Chairman of the Hall Committee): 01823 663745 or gm.sparks@talktalk.net

NYNEHEAD CLUB

The annual children's Christmas party was great fun; a visit from Father Christmas with presents for all and was followed later in the evening by the adults' party.

The carol singers raised £150 for the Children's Hospice South West. Thank you to the villagers who make the junior singers' evening with sweets! A big thank you to David Raybould for providing us with drinks and mince pies and a chance to count the money!

At New Year a party was held with our Scottish members keeping us entertained with singing, followed by fireworks and 'Auld Lang Syne' sung on the car park at midnight.

Our friendly skittle matches are very popular and very well attended. The skittle team has surprised us all by winning several matches – well done to them.

Easter bingo will take place on the 30th March – doors open at 6.45 pm with 'eyes down' at 7.30 pm.

Thanks must go to all our volunteers and to the people who support us. Membership remains at £2 a year.

GARDEN CLUB

We meet at 7.15 pm on the second Monday of each month at the Memorial Hall for a cuppa and chat followed by a speaker at 7.30 pm.

The meetings cover a wide range of subjects and there are a couple of summer garden visits so why not come along with a friend or neighbour and give it a try. The first spring meeting is on the 11th March with a talk on 'Daffodils and All Year Round Bulbs'.

The speaker at the April meeting is to be confirmed and in May Mr. Hutchison will speak about 'Plants for Shade'.

This year's Annual Flower Show will be on the 10th August. Remember that the 'Spud in a competition is open to all. The Garden Club supplies the buckets and spuds and you grow them and then have your potatoes back to eat! Buckets are now available from Keith at Lift Cottage.

If anyone is interested in helping with the Flower Show or has any suggestions, please contact Louise and Keith at Lift Cottage (telephone 461667).

STABLE ARTS AT NYNEHEAD COURT

What a great start to 2019 for Stable Arts! Our January Introduction to Printmaking with local artist Louise Waugh was fully subscribed, as was the Willow Weaving workshop on 14th February. Our monthly Drawing with Coloured Pencil sessions are very popular, with a different subject at each session. 'Garden Mosaics and Letter Carving in Stone' are in March followed by Green Man (*or Green Woman*) plaque in Ceramics in April, another Printmaking Course on 11th May and Making Books on 22nd June. Leigh Cripps from Nynehead will be running further sessions of The Secret Artist, please visit www.stablearts for details of all courses.

Our January exhibition in The Orangery is coming to a close and will be followed by 'The Willis Family' from the 6th March to 5th May. Stable Arts is delighted to curate this exhibition of work by The Willis Family – father, Richard, and his daughters, Lucy and Tilly – a trio of well established, talented artists living and working in Somerset. Dick and his family have lived for many years near Wellington and he now resides at Nynehead Court where he has his studio. A 'Meet the Artists' event will be held in The Orangery at Nynehead Court on 10th March from 2.30 to 5.00pm. All welcome.

This is followed by 'Nynehead Painters' from 8th May to 30th June This exhibition shows the work of leisure artist who attend art sessions in The Orangery at Nynehead Court. Please contact Nynehead Court for further information on these sessions.

Finally, Stable Arts is looking forward to facilitating gardening courses in The Stables led by Jenny Short, garden designer, and Nynehead Court's Head Gardener Justin Cole. Courses on the timetable so far are: Trees - 2nd May, Herbaceous Perennials - 6th June, Organic Fruit and Vegetables – 4th July.

For further information on courses and exhibitions please visit Stable Arts website - www.stablearts.co.uk and follow us on Facebook at Stable Arts at Nynehead Court. Please contact Mary Kembery, the Arts Coordinator for Stable Arts at stablearts@hotmail.com or telephone 01458 251640 or mobile 07835 957898.

AVON AND SOMERSET POLICE

I had an enquiry recently about a possible drink driver travelling through the village and throwing twisted Stella Artois cans out of the vehicle. Unfortunately, I have no other details- no times or dates, make, model or VRM of the alleged vehicle but wanted to highlight in the next available edition of the newsletter the

penalties of drink driving and consequences and how to report any witnessed activity of this kind via 999 (as it is happening) or by ringing 101.

Drink-driving penalties

You could be imprisoned, banned from driving and face a fine if you're found guilty of drink-driving. The actual penalty you get is up to the magistrates who hear your case and depends on your offence.

Causing death by careless driving when under the influence of drink

You may get:

- 14 years' imprisonment
- an unlimited fine
- a ban from driving for at least 2 years
- an extended driving test before your license is returned

Louise Fyne

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VILLAGE AGENT

This month sees a focus on finances. We are all aware there is increasing strain on all our finances – individually, county and countrywide. Universal Credit has again been in the media. Martin Lewis Money saving Expert.com discusses how universal credit causes debt through changing payments from advance to arrears. If you are struggling financially, it is important to seek help and not to ignore it. Advise utilities/rent providers of your circumstances to see if they can support you. It is vital that rent and council tax are paid but repayment plans for other debts may be available. Christian's Against Poverty can support in finding repayment solutions (telephone 0300 328 0006), and cheap and safe loans are available through credit unions www.findyourcreditunion.co.uk

Useful websites include www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk and www.moneysavingexpert.com for budget trimming advice on savvy buys and money saving, www.turn2us.org.uk to see if you are eligible for more financial support, and Citizen's Advice can support with benefit claims, debt advice and food bank vouchers. If you need support in regaining skills to get back into work, do ask us about the Positive People Programme where you work alongside a navigator who help overcome obstacles to finding work.



Surviving Winter grants are available for older people living in Somerset, who are unable to adequately heat their homes. If you are struggling to afford to heat your home this winter contact your Village Agent for more information.

Come along to a Talking Café on Monday mornings from 10am in St Mary Magdalene Church in Taunton or Wednesday from 10.30 at the Silver Street centre in Wiveliscombe.

Remember it is always better to talk and get ideas and support from others, rather than keeping it to yourself.

Cat Sweatman

Telephone 07746340546 or email cat@somersetccc.org.uk

SOMERSET SCIENTIFIC SERVICES

A Somerset farmer has recently been ordered to pay nearly £4,000 in fines and costs for polluting a stream with contaminated water. The incident near Stoke St Gregory was picked up during a routine Environment Agency visit. Water from a roofing drain had become contaminated by silage discharge. It emptied into a watercourse within a Site of Special Scientific Interest, impacting several kilometres of watercourse. All farmers, landowners and businesses should have measures in place to prevent pollution. However, ensuring that these measures work and continue to work is vital. Regular monitoring and testing can pick up any changes before the local environment is impacted. It can also avoid costly cleanup processes and help avoid accusations of negligence. Fines are unlimited and there is the risk of up to five years in prison.

If your business creates contaminants, or you have a consent to discharge from the EA, get your equipment and processes checked and tested on a regular basis. Contact Somerset Scientific Services, part of Somerset County Council for advice on 01823 355906 or SSSmailbox@somerset.gov.uk

NEWSLETTER

If you would like to receive the newsletter electronically, please send me your email address and include your postal address so that we make sure you don't get a paper copy as well!

You can also find the newsletter on the village website - <http://nynehead.org/index.php/community/newsletter> .

Rosemary Lea

DIARY

Event	Date	Venue	Time
Cricket Club Quiz	Friday 1st March	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
NGS Open Garden	Sunday 3rd March	Nynehead Court	2.00/4.30 pm
Ash Wednesday service	Wednesday 6th March	West Buckland Church	10.30 am
Exhibition – The Willis Family	Wednesday 6th March to Sunday 5th May	The Orangery	
History Society – “Dunkeswell in World War II”	Friday 8th March	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Garden Mosaics and Letter Carving in Stone	Saturday 9th March	The Stables at the Court	
‘Meet the Artists’ event	Sunday 10th March	The Orangery	2.30/5.000 pm
Garden Club – ‘Daffodils and All Year Round Bulbs’	Monday 11th March	Memorial Hall	7.15 pm
WI meeting	Wednesday 13th March	The Orangery	2.00 pm
Parish Council meeting	Monday 18th March	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Nynehead Club Bingo	Saturday 30th March	Nynehead Club	7.30 pm
Mothering Sunday service	Sunday 31st March	All Saints Church	10.00 am
Garden Club – speaker to be confirmed	Monday 8th April	Memorial Hall	7.15 pm
WI meeting	Wednesday 10th April	The Orangery	2.00 pm
History Society – AGM and talk on Bridgwater Cemetery	Friday 12th April	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Parish Council meeting	Monday 15th April	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Easter Sunday Holy Communion service	Sunday 21st April	All Saints Church	11.15 am
Garden course – Trees	Thursday 2nd May	Nynehead Court	10.00 am/ 4.00 pm
Exhibition – Nynehead Painters	Wednesday 8th May to Sunday 30th June	The Orangery	
WI meeting	Wednesday 8th May	The Orangery	2.00 pm
History Society – Members’ evening and Bring & Share supper	Friday 10th May	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Printmaking Course	Saturday 11th May	The Orangery	
Garden Club – ‘Plants for Shade’	Monday 13th May	Memorial Hall	7.15 pm
Parish Council meeting	Monday 20th May	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm

All Saints Church			
Morning worship	First Sunday each month	Nynehead Court	10.30 am
Holy Communion	Second Sunday each month	All Saints Church	10.45 am
Holy Communion	Fourth Sunday each month	All Saints Church	10.45 am

There is no service in Nynehead on the third Sunday each month and parishioners are encouraged to join the Family Service at Langford Budville at 10.00 am or Holy Communion at Bradford-on-Tone at 10.30 am.

If there is a fifth Sunday in the month, please contact the Churchwardens for details of services elsewhere in the Group.

Nynehead Club is open on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday each week from 8.30 pm.

For membership details please call at the Club during opening hours.

USEFUL CONTACTS

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The proposed dates for the newsletter for the next year are as follows:

Deadline for copy

Publication date

Tuesday 21st May 2019

Saturday 1st June 2019

Wednesday 21st August 2019

Sunday 1st September 2019

Thursday 21st November 2019

Sunday 1st December 2019

Friday 21st February 2020

Sunday 1st March 2020