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Jeff & Mike welcome you to this, their first edition of the Nynehead News.

Firstly, we would like to pay tribute to Kathy Boyd who has undertaken this task for the past few years. We know that her readers understand the effort, imagination and devotion that Kathy has given to her production.

Without her efforts Nynehead News might not exist today.

Kathy, please accept our thanks.

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Editorial Comment

Welcome to the first issue of Nynehead's new quarterly publication.

Our objective is:

To provide an information and communication service for all members of our community and act as a vehicle to enable Nynehead's residents to contribute their thoughts, experiences and ideas for the interest and benefit of all.

We have no wish to become censorial but retain the discretionary right to reject material or comments we consider to be directly or potentially inappropriate or offensive.

OK, so now you know what we aim to provide, but please remember, we are here for you, the people of the Parish of Nynehead.

This next statement might seem rather hackneyed but in many ways we really are in a period of change.

New legislation is being implemented by central government that may well change the way Parish Councils operate, not only in Nynehead, but also throughout the land. This includes a new 'code of conduct' for all councillors and a 'Quality Parish Councils' strategy that might result in more funds becoming available to Parishes meeting specified standards – one of which is the provision of a Parish Newsletter!

The Countryside Commission has introduced a 'Vital Villages' project and we have the celebration of the Queen's Golden Jubilee on the 3rd June.

In our next edition we hope to introduce a number of new sections which we hope you will feel free to use. These are just some of the possibilities, but others may be introduced if you can show they will be used:

'Small ads'
'Births Marriages & Deaths'
'Reader's letters'
'Children's Page'

We welcome special features from you that could range from personal profiles to cooking recipes! Only you can determine how wide-ranging this section can be.

To ensure an ongoing magazine that reflects the activities, problems and achievements of our community your interest and contributions are essential.

Thank you for accepting our first publication and we hope you will not only enjoy reading this and future issues, but also feel able to criticise and contribute.

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Email

It is our intention to ensure that a 'hard copy' of the Nynehead News is delivered to every household in our Parish. However, we recognise that many people now use Email on a regular basis and if you would be willing to receive the Nynehead News this way we will be happy to oblige.

If this is what you want please let us have your Email address.

VITAL VILLAGES

Parish and town plans grant.

The Countryside Agency is offering grant support and advice to help establish what issues affect members of a community. The main areas for which support is available are:

- ◆ **Parish Plan** – to help work out the main issues affecting the community. The plan provides a framework to produce an action plan based on local social, economic and environmental issues.
- ◆ **Community Services Grant** – to support projects that improve or introduce new services. This could for example, include setting up a new mobile service to visit the village or possibly establishing a childcare scheme.
- ◆ **Parish Transport Grant** – to support small-scale transport projects like Taxi-buses, car-share schemes and moped pools for community use.
- ◆ **Rural Transport Partnership** – to support and plan larger transport projects such as minibus brokerage schemes and to join up public, private and community transport services to benefit local people.

The first and most important stage is the development of a Parish Plan.

An initial meeting was held at Nynehead School on Tuesday 19th March to establish whether it would be appropriate for a 'Steering Group' to be formed.

Those present were:

Saveria Moss, representing the Community Council for Somerset;

Helen Tuck, representing Communities First in Rural Somerset;

Rev. Josie Harrison

Peter Pearson, Headmaster

Jenny Dodd, David Rabson,
Peter McLaren, Mark Reynolds,
Mike Briginshaw,

I am delighted to report that the group was unanimously in favour of exploring the benefits to the community further.

Saveria Moss indicated that in addition to an initial grant of £200, further funding on a 'matched' basis might become available.

Further substantial funding, up to a maximum of £5000, could be made available, but only with the approval of the Parish Council. In practice a community the size of Nynehead would probably require considerably less than £1000 to complete a Parish Appraisal.

Theoretically the Parish Council could be asked to contribute 25% of any actual cost beyond the initial £200. However, any time given by individuals towards the project may be costed against the 25%. In so doing the maximum liability to the Parish Council would be 5%, and possibly considerably less.

At the Parish Council meeting on 4th March, and after considerable discussion, the Parish Council voted against the project. Whilst this means that the substantial additional funding from the Countryside Commission will not be available, the group is confident that sufficient funds will be sourced to enable the project to commence.

The outcome of this initial meeting was that a 'Steering Group' has been formed under the chairmanship of Mark Reynolds, with Mike Briginshaw acting as Treasurer.

The first meeting of the group has been set for Friday 19th April, commencing at 2 p.m. at Nynehead School.

The objective will be to structure a way forward involving as many participants from our community as possible. This may well include public meetings at which everyone in the Parish will be welcome.

Details of any such meetings will be publicised in due course

At this stage however, the group would welcome as many new members as possible.

As indicated above, the first stage is to establish what our residents like and dislike about our community. What changes they would like and how they would wish to see them funded and implemented.

Once this information has been collected and analysed, meetings will be held to ensure that everyone is aware of the results.

Having ascertained the facts we, as a community, will be in a far stronger position to approach the appropriate development agencies for gaining assistance and funding for our projects.

If you would like to help drive this important project forward please contact:

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COMMUNITIES FIRST IN RURAL SOMERSET

Communities First In Rural Somerset, “CFIRS”, is a regeneration programme designed to enhance opportunities for local businesses and communities.

We want your views : -

What is good, bad or indifferent about your village?

What services and facilities have you got or do you need?

What issues are there that need addressing?

What project ideas do you have?

What would you like to see happen?

To explore matters further I have arranged a meeting at the **Milverton Village Hall on Thursday 9th May.**

The meeting starts at 6.00 p.m. and should run for about two hours. Light refreshments will be available.

Even if you are unable to make this evening we still want to hear from you. Please use the contact details below (preferably by e-mail) to see if we could make other arrangements

Although not essential, it would be helpful if you could let me know if you are intending to come along so that I can arrange catering for the evening.

Please contact me, Helen Tuck (Hattie)

Project Officer on : -

01823 667944 (phone/ fax)

or e-mail : -

h.tuck@tauntondeane.gov.uk.

Editor's Note

Many of you reading the Nynehead News may feel that CFIRS is covering the same ground as 'Vital Villages'.

In practice they work very closely with that project and Helen Tuck attended the formative meeting of the group at Nynehead School.

They are able to provide additional support and, in particular, will be able to help co-ordinate projects that may benefit from including other surrounding communities

A BRIEF HISTORY OF PARISH COUNCILS

Parish Councils have their origins in the development of villages throughout England 1000 or more years ago - during Saxon and Norman times. With poor communications and central government that was often weak, there was little national control. As a result the Lord of the Manor usually ruled villages. Eventually Parish Priests and sometimes Schoolmasters joined the Lord of the Manor to become a kind of ruling clique. Bear in mind that in small villages they were likely to be the only people who could read and write. In effect these leaders in the community became the first Parish Councillors.

By the Year 1601, Church Vestry Meetings were so organised that it was quite natural for legislators to give them the responsibility of levying the poor rate. These were the first effective local taxes. Everyone in the parish was entitled to attend Church Vestry Meetings but in practice the work fell to a few individuals, rather like Parish Councils today.

Although the 1834 Poor Law Amendment Act removed from Parish Vestries the responsibility for poor relief and handed it to Poor Law Unions (the origins of our present District Councils) parishes became responsible for administering local charities. As a consequence of the 18th Century Enclosure Acts they also became responsible managing commons.

In 1894 although the Squire, the Parson and sometimes the Schoolmaster were still the leaders in the village, popular education was spreading and more people wanted a say in managing local affairs.

The Victorian Prime Minister, W.E. Gladstone, piloted the 1894 Local Government Act through the House of Commons. Although it met a lot of opposition, with over eight hundred amendments moved during its passage through the House, the Act became law and Parish Councils were formed.

Under the 1894 Act, Parish Councils were to receive their income from rates levied on agricultural land. However, this was once again a time of agricultural depression and the money raised was so very low that soon this system was abandoned.

In a search for funds householders were then rated. As they had never experienced this form of taxation before, this led to more opposition to Parish Councils. It wasn't until after the First World War that Central Government began to give serious responsibilities to Parish Councils. The earliest among them being the provision of allotments and playing fields.

After the Second World War the National Association of Parish Councils was formed, and by 1952 half of all parishes in the country were members. The Association became a national force and raised the profile and consequently the activity of parish councils.

(More to follow in future editions.....)

NYNEHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Your parish council has had a busy year with a lot of time being spent recently on important administrative matters largely stemming from central government – new audit arrangements, a new code of conduct for parish councillors and proposals for ‘quality parish councils’. We hope that the worst of this is over and we can devote our time to the interests of the people of the village.

Annual Parish Meeting

This important meeting for electors of the parish will be held in the Memorial Hall on Friday 17 May, starting at 7.30 p.m. It is an opportunity to hear about what the parish council and other village organisations have been doing and to ask questions. This year we have a guest speaker – Larry Cole of the Somerset Rural Youth Project, who will talk about what can be done for young people in the village. The parish council will also be interested to hear your views on a number of ideas, such as a seat for East Nynehead. As usual the centrepiece of the meeting will be reports from village organisations about what they have done during the past year and their plans for the future. It would help me to prepare the minutes if a written copy could be provided or even better sent to me on email (rabsons@btinternet.com).

Precept and budget

The council has set its budget for the year beginning at 1 April at £2200, the same as last year. This includes £450 for the support of village facilities, £225 for items that are the responsibility of the parish council such as notice boards and about £450 for work on footpaths. The council also has access to other sources of funds that could benefit the village.

This year the notice board in East Nynehead has been replaced with the

benefit of a 50% grant from the Deane Council. As it is larger there is sometimes space for non-parish council material. Both Keith Haslam and I have keys to the new board.

Roads

As reported last year we are continuing to press the County Council and their agents WS Atkins to do more to improve the poor state of roads in the parish. In April we will have a meeting with the local highway surveyor and to look at a long list of jobs to be done. Dangerous potholes etc get done quickly but other things have to wait until Atkins have the money, machinery and men to do the work. It is no consolation to know that Nynehead is not the only village to have these problems.

Footpaths

Because of foot and mouth disease there was no real opportunity to do any work on footpaths last year. To enable us to make progress we are looking for a volunteer who will keep a general eye on public rights of way in the parish, work with land owners to sort out problems on the ground, liaise with the Deane Council rights of way staff and ensure that our small budget is spent to best effect. The post has to be voluntary but expenses would be paid and training is available through the Deane Council. Please contact me if you are interested, or if you know anyone who might be.

Public Question Time

Finally, a reminder that there is a ten minute slot before each parish council meeting when villagers can make statements or ask questions on matters relevant to council business. There is no need to let us know in advance but it does help.

*David Rabson
Clerk to the Parish Council*

NYNEHEAD'S FOOTPATHS

We are fortunate in Nynehead in having about 7 miles of public footpaths passing some of the most interesting features in the whole of Taunton Deane. Round walks of 1 to 1½ hours can be easily planned in all directions.

To the North, on the path to Milverton, there is the pheasantry in Greedy wood and the duck ponds by the remains of the big house in the wood at Pixton. The path to Oake from the Jubilee playing field crosses the Tag brook and leads over the golf course where it is clearly marked.

Eastwards, a path through the fruit farm opens to give panoramic views from Knap hill where seven churches can be seen with the naked eye and even more with binoculars. There is a walk along the river and over the railway to the Inn at Bradford where kingfishers and dippers can be spotted. Alastair Riley – whose letter appears elsewhere - would undoubtedly be able to list many more species.

To the South, the Grand Western canal offers two aqueducts and the remains of one of the first working lifts in the world which is accessible to the disabled. Paths lead on to Wellington church or Tonedale only a mile further on. There is also the magnificent three arched bridge over the river Tone on the old drive to the court where the owner has kindly opened the icehouse to public view.

Further Westward there is a path past 'The Lynch'- the largest modern house in the parish- on to Runnington past the garden nurseries. Nearby is the ploughing cairn commemorating the *World Ploughing Championships* held there in 1971. There is even a path leading off the lane to Milverton taking you to the squire's manor house at Chipley.

Higher and East Nynehead are already linked and the council is investigating the real possibility of creating a new path by-passing the hollow with its obvious safety attractions for all, but particularly the schoolchildren. If this goes ahead it will join Lower Nynehead and the church to the rest of the village. At the top of the hollow is the great red brick rectory and at the bottom is the old island smithy.

All the public paths except one are clearly shown on the Ordnance Survey 'Explorer' map 182. The exception is just North of 'Dunelm' near the court. It is accessible but is incorrectly marked about 200m to the South.

It is to be hoped that the landowners will do their duty in clearing the paths of crops, making the line clear and improving the ploughed and cattle poached patches and thus avoid promised enforcement action by the authority.

Nynehead Parish Council Wanted Voluntary footpath co-ordinator

We would like to appoint a volunteer to help look after the footpaths in the parish. In addition to keeping a general eye on them on behalf of the parish council the work would include;

- Working with landowners to sort out problems on the ground.
- Liaising with Deane Council rights of way staff.
- Ensuring our small budget is spent to best effect.

Modest expenses and training would be available.

If you like the open air, have practical skills and get on well with people this might be just the thing for you.

Please contact David Rabson on 666609.

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE BIRDS OF NYNEHEAD!

On the weekend of the 26th & 27th January the R.S.P.B. [Royal Society for the Protection of Birds] held its annual "Birdwatch".

The idea is for information on the numbers of commoner birds to be fed through to the Society from participants all over the UK. All one has to do is to log the species that you see in your garden over an hour's watch on either of the days.

This year I had a go at it and I thought that 'Nynehead News' readers may just be interested in how it went and may then be able to compare my log with the birds that they regularly see out and about in our village.

Those of us who walk regularly in the parish know that there are several different types of habitat in and around the houses and there is quite a healthy list of birds living and breeding in Nynehead.

The species which were seen from a single window on January 26th & in heavy rain at that, were as follows:

Blackbird	Greenfinch
Goldfinch	Blue Tit
Chaffinch	Pheasant
House Sparrow	Starling
Magpie	Wood pigeon
Robin	Redwing
Song Thrush	Dunnock
Skylark	Fieldfare
Sparrowhawk	Carrion Crow
Great Tit	
Great Spotted Woodpecker	
Black-headed Gull	

21 species is pretty good at this time of the year when none of our summer visitors are with us.

Perhaps readers will be able to add to this list as there are certainly omissions which did not show during the hour watch. For example, no wren showed up, and neither did the regularly seen buzzards or heron which fly overhead.

Alastair & Lynn Riley



NYNEHEAD MEMORIAL CLUB

The Club has had a busy, varied and successful year with events and activities to suit all ages and tastes. We have had quizzes, skittles matches, music barbecues and more.

One of the 'highlights' was the family bonfire and fireworks party last November. This was an event the Village hadn't seen for years and was much appreciated and enjoyed by all. We would like to thank Robin Darby for allowing us to use his land without which this event could not have taken place.

The Valentine's Dance, when Monopole played their excellent set of 60's music was a brilliant night. We hope to have them back again in September – look for details in the next edition of Nynehead News.

Forthcoming events:

Saturday 13th April

8.30 p.m. "Steve" – Live in Club
Admission £1 to Jubilee Fund.

Wednesday 17th April

8.00 p.m. - Club AGM
(Members only)

Saturday 20th April

8.30 p.m. – Jubilee Skittles Night

Saturday 27 April

6.30 p.m. – Car Treasure Hunt
Meet in Village Hall Car Park
(Families welcome – Entry £4.00 per car)

Monday 3rd June

Jubilee Celebrations
Bar open from 4.30
with BBQ from 8.00 p.m.
Non-members most welcome

Saturday 29th June

8.00 p.m. Summer Barbecue
Details to be published closer to the time.

The Club, which *opens at 8.30 p.m. every Friday & Saturday* is a great place to meet and socialise in pleasant

surroundings and for most of you, just a stroll away. During the summer, depending on help being available, the club opens more frequently – watch the notice board for details!

The annual subscription must be the bargain of the year as it is still only £2.00.

We try hard to put on as many events as possible and need continuous Village support to ensure its thriving future. For any further information please contact:

Mervyn Hooper - Chairman - 461518

Kate Howard - Social Sec.- 665156

Mike Briginshaw - Treasurer. - 461627

Village Drama Group



Following last year's successful production of "Building Up Steam" it has been suggested that maybe Nynehead could have it's own Amateur Dramatic Group.

I have been to the Performing Arts Library at Yeovil and found a wealth of material that would suit all tastes and abilities.

We hope to perform a couple of short sketches / plays during the Golden Jubilee celebrations. A script is already being perused by two of our local characters and I am hoping that they will take the roles on, as it would be hilarious!

If anyone is interested in either back-stage, make-up, costumes or acting please contact Kate Howard on 665156 so that we can have an informal meeting to discuss the possibilities of starting our own group.

NYNEHEAD CRICKET CLUB

Nynehead Cricket Club was re-formed in 1988 to promote cricket for local people of all ages and abilities and has players from pre-teens to late fifties in age. New members are always welcome as are visitors to our games.

We lease our own ground just over the boundary at Ham. Unfortunately, our limited changing facilities and ground care equipment has been constantly vandalised over the years and this winter over £1000 worth of damage has been done..

So ... this year major fund raising is under way to build a more permanent pavilion and to purchase new ground care machinery.

A "Skittles Week" has already been held with the co-operation of Nynehead Memorial Club during which £180 was raised. We give many thanks to those who supported this.

The next event is a horse "Race Night" evening at the Martlet Inn, Langford Budville.

If you wish to sponsor a horse at a cost of a 'five' then this is one way of supporting us. Tickets for the evening are £3.50 including a light supper and may be obtained from the Chairman:

Keith Haslam

or from the Social Secretary:

Simon Gamlin.

Later in the year the Summer BBQ will be staged at the cricket field, with live music, on a date to be decided. Villagers will be kept informed of further fund raising events through the "Village News" and the cricket club looks forward to the continued support of the village and surrounding area.

2002 Fixtures:

April 28th	v	Sampford Arundel	Home	July 14 th	v	Fox Farm Services	Home
May 12th	v	Wombat CC	Away	July 21 st	v	The Kingschurch CC	Home
May 19 th	v	Bishops Hull	Away	July 28th	v	Kentisbeare	Home
May 26th	v	East Huntspill	Away	Aug. 4th	v	Bishops Hull	Home
June 2nd	v	Culmstock	Home	Aug. 11th	v	Sampford Arundel	Away
June 16 th	v	Wombat CC	Home	Aug. 18th	v	Halberton	Home
June 23rd	v	Halberton	Away	Sept. 1st	v	Kingschurch	Home
June 30th	v	East Huntspill	Home	Sept. 8th	v	Culmstock	Away

Evening games at 6 p.m. are to be held on:- June 14th – July 8th – August 6th

One Saturday game is to be staged on August 24th v Bickleigh at home.

Keith Haslam – Club Chairman

NYNEHEAD AND DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The last meeting of our very successful winter season will be on Friday 10 May when we will have a musical evening.

Jonathan Weeks from East Lambrook will give a talk entitled 'Ancestral Voices – the Musical Instruments of the Middle Ages – horns and strings'. Mr. Weeks not only talks about the instruments - he also plays them and an entertaining evening is therefore in prospect, as those who were at the first instalment of his talk last year will remember.

The meeting is also our AGM and starts at 7.45 p.m. in the Memorial Hall.

This meeting takes place during national Local History Week (4-12 May), which in Somerset's case includes an open day at the Somerset Record Office in Taunton on 11 May and an exhibition on Athelney and King Alfred at the County Museum in Taunton.

More information about the week can be seen on www.history.org.uk

Work on the new history of Nynehead to be published next year by the Halsgrove Press is gathering pace. There is still time to help with the research (we have a list of topics which we are working on) or if you have memories which you think could be included we should be pleased to hear from you.

Photographs will be an important feature of the book – people, events and celebrations (the coronation, sporting events, the school, wartime etc) and places.

We have agreed with the publisher that we can copy the photographs – they will not have to be sent outside the village – so if you have anything of interest please contact me or David Manners (661453).

David Rabson



What has Happened and What is Planned

Working parties are taking place more frequently now that more of our volunteers have retired from paid employment. Tony Rymell, the Trust's Vice Chairman, is leading work parties on Wednesdays. As the Trust may be working at sites other than at Nynhead, it is advisable for anyone wishing to help to give Tony a ring on 01278 663160 before 9.30 a.m. or to be at Wharf Cottage for 10.00 a.m. when he collects the tools. We are also having Sunday working parties on the fourth Sunday of each month in addition to those normally held on the second Saturday. The contact for these is Denis Dodd on 01823 661653.

On April 15 British Waterways will be presenting a report to the Somerset County Joint Canal Advisory Committee based on the overview study carried out by Halcrow, a firm of Civil Engineers, about the feasibility of restoring the Grand Western Canal in Somerset to navigation so the stretch that is watered in Devon could be linked to the Bridgwater and Taunton Canal. A further feasibility study will be needed to assess the economics of such restoration and the alternatives to full restoration. British Waterways and the Waterways Trust are likely to offer substantial funding towards such a study and it is hoped that resources can be found from others. The benefit of such a study will be that all the alternatives can be assessed and that firm plans can be made for the way forward.

On Sunday 19 May if you venture to Tiverton Canal Basin you will be able to see some of the fun that can be had on a navigable canal. The Tiverton Chamber of Commerce is arranging for dragon boat racing to take place and the Trust will be there!

From Saturday 22 June to Saturday 6 July the Trust will be helped by the Waterways Recovery Group that is holding a two week work camp with the aim of restoring a stretch of canal and towpath at Jays Cutting, which is close to Cothay Manor. These volunteers come from all over the country and have been responsible for many restoration projects. Jays Cutting is a beautiful spot, so if you have the time, an interest in the Canal and wish to see other people working why not get out and have a look at what is happening.

All being well we hope that we will start evening working parties with barbecues when there is sufficient light to justify the effort, so please check in the press and the next village newsletter.

If you want to know more about the Canal or any of these events, call in at Wharf Cottage or ring Jenny & Denis Dodd on 01823 661653.

Jenny Dodd

NYNEHEAD MEMORIAL HALL.

Newcomers to the village may be interested in the history of the Memorial Hall.

During the period of the 1939/45 War a series of social events were arranged, held mainly in the school, with the aim to provide a fund to assist families of any members of the Armed Forces from the village who might lose their life serving their country.

Fortunately all returned and so a public meeting was called to obtain views on how the money raised should be spent. It was agreed that after giving a gratuity to each serving person, the balance should be put towards a lasting memorial in the form of a village hall. Bolnore Estates, the then owners of Hornshay Farm plus a large proportion of surrounding property and land was approached and they kindly offered the site but with a Condition that should the hall cease to be used as such in the future the land would revert to them.

On 28th September 1948 a small group of villagers - Mrs W.M.Pugh, Messrs F.G.Atyeo and W.T.Baker, Mr & Mrs T.Luxton and Mr & Mrs L.Sparks travelled to Torquay where a number of timber buildings, occupied during the war as offices for Prudential Assurance, were being auctioned.

A local builder, Mr C.J.Rowland accompanied the party to give advice and having decided that one would be suitable, Hut No.15 was purchased at a cost of £310. After dismantling and being transported back to Nynhead the re-erected 'village hall' was ready for its

official Opening on Saturday 15th April 1950. The final cost was £1580 and a bank loan was obtained for the majority of this with Messrs W.T.Baker, T.Luxton, T.Stevens and L.Sparks standing as Guarantors.

It was 1960 before the full loan was repaid and then alas in 1963 a major expense arose with the necessity of a new floor at a cost of £278. Out of the red once more by 1967, a Trust Deed of Appointment naming Nynhead Parish Council as Custodian Trustee of the Foundation was drawn up with the day to day running of the Hall being conducted by a Management Committee. In the terms of the Trust Deed this committee of Five members elected annually at the Hall A.G.M. may be joined by One representative from each Organization in the village elected by their organization.

As well as being a Registered Charity the Memorial Hall is included in the National Inventory of War Memorials.

The hall is available to rent Monday to Saturday at reasonable charges ranging from £10 for a meeting to £25 for an evening party/dance to 11 pm or £30 to midnight when the Entertainments Licence expires.

For further details and Terms of Letting please contact the booking secretary, Betty Sparks at 8, Roundoak Gardens, tele.660407.

(Betty Sparks)

NYNEHEAD MEMORIAL HALL

“Annual General Meeting”

Monday 29th April at 7.30 p.m.

As stated in Betty Spark’s column about the history of Nynehead’s Memorial Hall, the day to day running of the hall is conducted by a Management Committee of five elected members, together with appointed representatives of village organisations.

The ‘elected members’ at present are:

John Sparks	Chairman
Mike Briginshaw	Vice Chairman
David Rabson	Secretary
Betty Sparks	Treasurer
Nigel Howard	

The ‘appointed members’ are:

Mervyn Hooper	Parish Council
Geraldine Orr	History Society
Louise Haslam	Women’s Institute
David Creech	Cricket Club
Tony Lock	Parochial Church Council
Hilary Hooper	Playing Field Committee
Paul Eaton	Nynehead Memorial Club
Robin Darby	Friends of Nynehead School

In addition, there are two ‘co-opted members’:

Cynthia Lock
William Salter

The ‘Annual General Meeting’ is open to the public and is their opportunity to express views regarding the running of the hall. In addition, the public election of ‘elected members’ takes place at this meeting.

THE GOLDEN JUBILEE 2002

As residents will know from the letter, which they should have received during March, a committee has been set up in the village to promote HM Golden Jubilee.

The key date is **JUNE 3rd** when a number of events are planned.

At 2 p.m. there will be sports and games for the children on the playing field.

At 4 p.m. parishioners are asked to gather at the Village hall.

At 4.30 p.m. a village ‘Tea Party’ will be held in the Hall.

In the evening, Nynehead Club will be open and there may even be a barbecue and some fireworks to end the day.

In order for these events to take place there will be occasions when we aim to raise some cash.

On April 13, we will hold a Community Market in the morning and in the evening local band 'Steve' will play at the Club.

A week later, on 20th April, there will be a ‘Skittles Evening’, also in the Club.

We have three nominated representatives for the Jubilee Committee and they are: -

Nick Hollingsworth – Nynehead
(Tel. 666058)
Mervyn Hooper - East Nynehead
(Tel. 461518)
Mike Briginshaw - Upper Nynehead
(Tel. 461627)

So if you'd like to know more you only have to ask!

All Saints Church, Nynehead

Many of the Parish will have already met the Rev Josie Harrison as she has been in and around the parish for several months.

She was officially licensed to work in the Wellington Team of churches on January 27th and her particular role is to serve this parish.

The licensing service took place at Nynehead and many representatives from the other parishes in the team joined us for that service.

Under normal circumstances a parish like Nynehead would not have its own priest as the size of the parish is not large enough. In fact a priest is only appointed to a parish or a group of parishes if there are at least 6,000 people. Josie is in fact serving the parish on a voluntary basis.

As a parish we are extremely lucky to have her services as it does mean that she will have time to visit many of the parishioners in their homes and will also allow the Sunday services to start at a more reasonable time.

The Parochial Church Council decided at the last meeting that all Sunday services from Easter Sunday onwards should start at 10.30 a.m. and it is hoped that this will be more convenient for everyone in the parish.

In March the Sunday School was 10 years old and it meets in Nynehead Court by kind permission of the owners.

Every six years the church electoral role has to be renewed and this is one of those times. Therefore, if anyone wishes to be on the church electoral

roll then they need to contact Cynthia Lock (Tel 461214) for an application form. Being a member of the electoral roll allows you to take part in the elections of the church officers, stand for membership of the Parochial Church Council etc.

The Annual Church Meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th April at 7.30 p.m. in church when the Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council will be elected and the Annual report will be presented to the parish.

Church Services:

First Sunday in the month 10.30 a.m. in Nynehead Court. This service is a short service of Morning Prayer with hymns, and is followed by coffee.

On all other Sundays there is a Communion Service in church at 10.30 a.m.

The Sunday School meets in the school on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 10.15 a.m. For further details about the Sunday School please contact Muriel Kodritsch Tel 661609.

Contacts:

Rev Josie Harrison Tel 669525

Churchwardens:

Tony Lock Tel 461214
Gary Sparks Tel 663745

Tony Lock
(Churchwarden)

Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela 15th to 16th June 2002



You may have read in the local press or seen on television that I intend walking the final 200 kilometres of the Pilgrims' way to Santiago de Compostela.

I have never walked this far in my life. Having undergone two major heart operations in the last 5 years I am obviously a little nervous at the prospect.

However, before I go I must raise £2,500 in donations for the Children's Society. This is an extremely good cause and I should be very grateful for any help that residents in Nynehead are able to give me, either by a direct donation or by supporting one or two of the fund raising events to be held in May.

The choir "In Ecclesia" with whom I sing, will be giving a concert of sacred choral music in Wellington Parish Church on Saturday 18th May. The tickets will cost £7 each and include a glass of wine and

refreshments during the interval. All proceeds will be part of my donation to the Children's Society.

I also propose to open my garden the following weekend, 25th and 26th May. Once again refreshments will be available and I hope to have a plant stall. Any contributions for the plant stall would be very welcome.

Donations by cheque should be made payable to "Bath & Wells Diocesan Board of Finance" and sent to me, Ray Allen, at "Aberlyn", East Nynehead, Wellington, Somerset, TA21 0DD.

Please note that anyone who is a taxpayer and wishes to donate £10.00 or more can have an extra 26% added by signing a gift aid declaration - which I am happy to make available.

I am very grateful to those people in the village who have already sponsored me.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Ray Allen



St. James the pilgrim

FILM MAKING IN NYNEHEAD

(By Mark Reynolds)

As many of you will remember, last summer saw the performance of the Community Play and it's subsequent film "Building Up Steam". This was a documentary of the run up to the play and its involvement of the community.

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the filming process by lending their valuable time and enthusiasm, without these 'stars' the film would not have been possible.

A copy of the film is now with Somerset Records Office for future generations of villagers to enjoy.

I also have a few copies left at £5 each, which although I say it myself, make excellent Sunday afternoon viewing!

Film project for 2002

This year I intend to make an in depth sequel to "Building Up Steam", by focusing on the Golden Jubilee Celebrations and the 'living history' of the last 50 years of Nynehead's community.

I wish to feature All Saints Church, Nynehead School, Nynehead Memorial Hall and Club, the farming community and individual residents.

Again, I hope these films will act as an archive for Nynehead, showing different aspects of village life.

- ◆ Have you got a story or an anecdote about the Parish of Nynehead, or its surrounding area, that you would like to tell?
- ◆ Do you own or have access to any archive footage featuring the village?

I am especially interested in home movie footage of events such as the Silver Jubilee in 1977, Weddings at the Church, School plays, river flooding, the ploughing matches and house building etc.

Any format including still photography would be welcome and I promise that all material will be promptly returned and credited.

- ◆ Are you interested in taking part in the film making process by working behind the cameras, on sound or with still photography? I am keen to pool everyone's talents and enthusiasm to make this year's film.
- ◆ Are you a local business that would like to be featured in the film?
- ◆ Are you a member of a local community group that would like to participate in the film?
- ◆ Would you like to take part in a Nynehead Arts Group?

At this early stage it is essential that as many people as possible come forward. With good support the films can be bigger and better and include everything that you would want.

MUSIC IN NYNEHEAD

The Next Stage

On Friday 12th April at 7 p.m., I am hosting an open meeting in the Club.

For those who are unaware, the Nynehead Club is alongside the Village Hall.

As part of the meeting there will be a screening of "Building Up Steam" and excerpts of various other Somerset based archive projects.

We can then informally discuss Nynehead's specific requirements regarding this new project.

Please don't be shy, all points of view are valid and all recollections and stories are both welcomed and needed.

For further information please contact:

**Mark Reynolds,
5 Roundoak Gardens,
Nynehead,
TA21 0BX**

Telephone 01643 841047

Steve the band

On April 13th at 8 p.m. you can catch 'Steve' playing live at Nynehead Club.

Entrance is a minimum donation of £1.00 which will be used to boost funds for Nynehead's Golden Jubilee celebrations.

Everyone is welcome and enjoyment is guaranteed.

Who is 'Steve'?

A three-piece band consisting of two boys, one girl, two guitars and three microphones.

What is 'Steve'?

'He' plays original music that is derivative of / or harmony.

Where is 'Steve' from?

Of pure stock, 'Steve' is Nynehead born and bred.

'Steve' has a demo available and hopes to see you soon.

Email us on:

Stevetheband@fsmail.net

NYNEHEAD SCHOOL

Our most important date during next term will be **Tuesday 28th May**, as that is when we will be holding our “Jubilee Sports” events.

We’ll be starting at 6 p.m. at the School field and invite all families to bring along a picnic as we intend to base the programme on a ‘Medieval’ theme.

Recently, children from both classes have been working with Taunton Deane trees officer, Pam Motum, to establish two trails covering some of the most interesting trees in the grounds of Nynehead Court.

Members of the village will be able to follow the trails during those afternoons that the Court’s grounds are open during this coming summer.

Full details of these trails and open days will be available from Nynehead Court.

(Peter Pearson)

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Andrew and David Kerton who have done well in the Winter Series Motorcross.

They have raced at Smeathorpe four times for the South Somerset Schoolboy Scramble Club and David achieved 9th overall, with Andrew coming 1st.

They have also raced at Kenford and Exeter on three occasions. David came 12th overall with Andrew managing 14th.

Andrew and David would like to thank their parents for the great support they have given.

(Andrew & David Kerton)

NYNEHEAD UNDER 5’s GROUP

We are a small and friendly Toddler Group who meet at Nynehead Primary School Library every Wednesday morning, between 9.00 a.m. and 11.15 a.m. (except for school holidays), for ages 0 to 5 years of age.

The group has a wide range of toys and educational equipment suitable for pre-school children and also have outdoor facilities when the weather is fine.

Whether a parent, grandparent or carer and even you do not have any children but would like to help out, why not join us? The group would be very happy to see you.

Also, if anyone has any pre-school toys or equipment that they no longer require we would always welcome them – especially small sized wellington boots.

In the future we hope to start a playgroup; if anyone is interested in registering their child or helping to set up the group – or even run the group – please contact:

Dawn: - 661592
or

Caroline: - 400872

(Dawn & Caroline)

LOCAL CONTACTS

Parish Council:

Keith Haslam (Chairman)	461667
David Rabson (Clerk)	666609
Mervyn Hooper	461518
David Bruford	277188
Mike Briginshaw	461627
Jeff Northam	667588

Nynehead School

Peter Pearson	662021
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Friends of Nynehead School

Alison Bashford	660071
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Jubilee Playing Fields

Mervyn Hooper	461518
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Nynehead History Society

David Rabson	666609
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Nynehead Memorial Hall

Betty Sparks	660407
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Nynehead Club

Mervyn Hooper	461518
Mike Briginshaw	461627

All Saints Church

Tony Lock	461214
Gary Sparks	663745

Nynehead Women's Institute

Sheila Rabson	666609
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Grand Western Canal Trust

Denis & Jenny Dodd	661653
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Nynehead Cricket Club

Keith Haslam	461667
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Nynehead Community Learning Project

Alison Ellis	664248
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Jeff Northam	667588

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Diary

08-Apr	Parish Council Meeting - 7.20 p.m. at Village Hall
12-Apr	Film Making meeting at 7 p.m. in the Club
13-Apr	Steve Live at Club - 8.30 p.m.
17-Apr	Club AGM - 8.00 p.m. (Members only)
19-Apr	Vital Villages meeting - 2.00 p.m. at Nynehead School
20-Apr	Jubilee Skittles Night - 8.30 at the Club
27-Apr	Car Treasure Hunt - Starting 6.30 p.m. from Club
29-Apr	Village Hall AGM at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall
08-May	PC Jim Hawkesworth at Village Hall Car Park from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
09-May	CFIRS Meeting - 6.00 p.m. at Milverton Village Hall
10-May	History Society Meeting & AGM - 7.45 at Village Hall
11-May	Somerset Records Office Open Day (See History Society p.13)
13-May	Parish Council Annual Meeting - 7.20 at Village Hall
17-May	Annual Parish Meeting - 7.30 p.m. at Village Hall
25-May	Ray Allen's Open Day - See p.19
26-May	Ray Allen's Open Day - See p.19
28-May	Jubilee Sports Event starting 6 p.m. at the School field.
03-Jun	Golden Jubilee Day (Club open from 4.30 p.m.)
10-Jun	Parish Council Meeting - 7.20 p.m. at Village Hall
23-Jun	Editorial Deadline for July edition of Nynehead News
29-Jun	Summer Barbecue - 8.30 p.m. at the Club
01-Jul	Parish Council Meeting - 7.20 p.m. at Village Hall
	For Cricket Club fixtures please refer to their entry on page 12
	All Saints Church services are detailed in their entry on page 18