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Welcome to the December 2004 Edition of Nynehead News.

As always, the 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. The editors retain the discretionary right to reject material or comments considered to be directly or potentially inappropriate or offensive

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Editorial comment

Yet another year is coming to an end and this might be the time to review some of the events that have changed our community during 2004.

Following last year's detailed questionnaire the Appraisal Group published the Parish Plan that was formally adopted by the Parish Council in February with, a schedule for implementation being agreed in July.

The questionnaire analysis clearly demonstrated a substantial interest that resulted in the formation of the Nynehead Garden Club. Membership is approximately 25 and the club has had an extremely successful year.

Another identified need was that 'Neighbourhood Watch' should be introduced to our community. Co-ordinators were appointed and most of the Parish is now covered, although signs and other details are still to be finalised. Our thanks to Jenny Dodd who has been the main driving force behind this movement.

We understand that progress is being made by the Village Hall Trustees in respect of improving the hall facilities. However, as this group does not publish minutes of their meetings, very few are aware of their plans. Surely there would be greater support and input from the community as a whole if the Trustees were more open about their activities!

Congratulations must go to Dawn Netley and her team for their huge success in developing the Under 5's and Pre-School Groups. It really is nice to see this activity thriving in our community

Traffic continues to be a problem and in particular the use of Nynehead as a rat-run by a number of heavy vehicles from the Westleigh & White Ball quarries on their way to join the B3227 at Oake - and then on to points to the North of Taunton. Our 'rat-run' enables them to by-pass Milverton and the Silk Mills crossing, enabling them to shorten their journey times and complete more loads in a day. Quite clearly our roads are unsuited to such vehicles, but equally there is no law preventing their use. However, I have noticed that on occasions cars parked outside Farthings Close, when strategically positioned - again quite legally - result in it being difficult for such vehicles to get through!Oh, what a shame!

Nynehead Understanding (NU) may have appeared dormant but things are happening below the surface! The Nynehead News now operates as a commercial entity, (i.e. - it makes a profit or ceases to exist) and is part of Nynehead Understanding. It is anticipated that educational training in Digital Photography and Web Site Design will become available during the next couple of months.

Although I am writing this editorial I am delighted to say that Ann & Allan Howe, Jill Prior and Lu Hawkins are now actively involved in the production of The Nynehead News. Their input has been very welcome and I have every confidence that they will continue to be responsible for the future of this production. However, additional input and help will always be welcomed, so please don't hesitate to contact us if you would like to become involved.

There will always be controversial issues to be discussed and hopefully resolved in all communities - whether large or small - including Nynehead! If you have issues you wish to raise, however controversial, please let us and your community know - your input might make all the difference!

Best wishes to you all,

Mike Briginshaw

Nynehead Under 5's Pre-School and Toddler Group

It seems hard to believe that Pre-School has only been open for approximately 8 weeks, but lots of exciting things have happened:

In September Under 5's were lucky enough to be awarded a substantial grant from 'Communities First in Rural Somerset' to buy and install metal gates at the Village Hall to keep our children safe. The gates were fitted during the October half term holidays.

The Pre-School has also recently heard that they have now been accepted to receive the 3 and 4 year-old Education Vouchers with effect from January 2005. This means that any parent who is entitled to the Vouchers may now use them at our setting.

Nynehead Under 5's have also been holding some fund raisers such as the very successful Fashion Show held on Thursday 14th October. Everyone had great fun trying-on and buying bargain priced 'logo' clothing ranging from Prada to Von Dutch. The group made a profit of over £200, so a very big THANK-YOU to everyone who supported the evening.

The Toddler Group held a fun morning on Wednesday 3rd November when 'Music with Mummy' was brought to the Village Hall. Parents had as much fun as their young children by making music together.

On Wednesday 10th November Osborne Books visited the Toddler Group, when parents were given the opportunity to do some Christmas shopping by buying quality children's books. This opportunity will be available again on Saturday 11th December at 2.30 pm at the Village Hall, when Nynehead Under 5's group and Nynehead Primary School jointly run a Christmas Fair. There will be something for all the family from Santa's Grotto to Mulled Wine. So please make a date in your diary, we hope you will support this event whether by buying from or having a stall. (If you would like a stall either 'phone the school on 662021, or Dawn on 666895). All the proceeds will go towards buying much needed resources for our local children who attend the village Pre-School / Toddler Group and Primary School.

Back to the Pre-School News, the Pre-School has started off with good support, the number of children attending is gradually increasing, however, if you know anybody who may be

interested in sending their children to our Pre-School, they can 'phone for a 'Prospectus' or further information on 012823 666895 or 07947 663108

The Pre-School has started studying this half-term all about our 'senses'. They have been making sensory pictures and will have the opportunity to look at and feel some Braille reading books. Also, PC Joanne Jeffery will be coming to visit the Pre-School to talk about her job and to give the children the chance to look at, sit inside and learn about her patrol car.

There will be other exciting opportunities in the future curriculum for children to learn in a 'fun way'.

Stop Press

We have just changed our hours on Fridays from 12.00 - 4.00 pm to 9.00 am - 1.00 pm.

This means that Pre-School hours are now:

Tuesday	9.00 am	-	1.00 pm
Thursday	12.00 noon	-	4.00 pm
Friday	9.00 am	-	1.00 pm

Toddler Group:

Wednesdays	9.30 am	-	12.00 noon
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Watch this space for our next exciting fund raiser and again, a BIG THANK-YOU for all your support

*Dawn Netley
Chairperson*



Do you believe in Angels?

Years ago my wife Ann and her friend had their palms read, and were given a tape cassette of the session. Being a mere man and a bit of a cynic, although I was rather amazed at some of the comments on the tape, I could not show interest, could I? When I made some disparaging remark I was challenged to go along myself if I thought the proceedings were such a con.

The following week found me in Porlock, knocking on a stranger's door. I was told by my family expert not to give any information, or the minimal amount if it could not be avoided. Just sit and listen and take it all in.

Many things were said, concerning lifelines, lines showing future health etcetera, etcetera, the usual things that one would expect from one's palm. I was then told that I was a teacher, or had taught, and was shown the lines on my hand that indicated it. Amazingly it was true, I was teaching computers. I was then told I was repairing an old building, which I was, the house I now live in. The lady then said, 'She could see I had been and would be in the future working among foreigners, dark men dressed in white, they looked like Italians.' Omani-Arabs wear white dish-dashes (robes), and I had just returned from a short period of working with them. Little did I know that I would spend more than 13 years there in the future?

The next thing I remember after those statements was one that kept me wondering for years, "Did I know or realize that I had a guardian angel looking after me now, that would also be there in the future?" A few things have happened to me since the palm reading that has made me think the lady was right. I also thought of the past and remembered the lucky escapes I have had.

This was the first occurrence I remember. Have you ever driven to Hemyock? If you approached from Wellington monument you went down the infamous 1 in 6 Pencross hill and at the bottom pass the site of the old Wilts United Milk factory. In 1941 Hemyock children could and did walk in safety, anywhere and any distance, despite three aerodromes and hundreds of American servicemen, black and white. My sister and recently evacuated cousin decided in their ripe old age of 10 years, that they would push me in my pushchair along country lanes and down Pencross hill. By the time we arrived at the hill, boredom had set in and the game of letting go and catching the pushchair was being played - with me sitting in it! You can imagine what happened, the pushchair and I went careering down the 1 in

6 hill. After what seemed to be a long, long way (probably a few metres) the pushchair swerved across the road into the ditch and a stonewall, and turned on its side. My only injury was a grazed knee and a big fright. Was the guardian angel there?

Allan Howe

Rural Somerset Business Chest

Criteria for the Taunton Deane area:

- Business must be 5-years and under
- Employ 5 people or less
- Be based in Somerset - Taunton not included and only the non-retail businesses of Wellington
- Haven't received a grant from the RSBC in the past 3 years
- Need to provide 2 competitive quotes for the items/service you are looking to purchase etc (not if 2nd hand)
- Does not include newspaper advertising/vehicle purchase

Guidelines:

£750 maximum grant will be awarded- 50% must be match-funded

Previous applicants have received IT equipment, publicity and new shop counters. Why not have your slice of the cake??!

For further information contact Business Link on 08457 211112 (or Hattie Winter 01823 356485 or h.winter@tauntondeane.gov.uk)

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Nynehead Memorial Club.

As reported in the last magazine the decorating has now been completed. New curtains are to be purchased in the near future.

The Halloween party was well attended and enjoyed by all, not realising that there were so many witches and ghouls in the village. First prize in the children's section went to Joseph Hooper and the adult went to Lou Hobbs.

The club skittle team are carrying on as usual and still need lots of practise!!!

Future events include the Christmas party to be held on the 18th December 2004. Members need to remember to bring a plate of food and preferably come in fancy dress.

Listen for the club carol singers - who will again be raising money for charity - coming to a door near you.

The club wishes all a very merry Christmas and Happy New Year

New members are always welcome and the subscription remains at £2.00, which is due in January 2005.

*Mervyn Hooper,
Chairman*

Nynehead School

Well, we have a very busy few weeks ahead of us. We are of course in full swing for Christmas and would like to take this opportunity to invite you all to some of our celebrations. We have a joint Christmas Fair with the Under 5's group on Saturday 11th December at 2 pm. Our Christmas production of 'Stable Manners' will be on the afternoons of 7th & 8th of December at 2.15 pm in the village hall (Tickets on the door £1.50) and our end of term Carol service will be at 2.15 in the Church on the 17th December.

You are welcome - one and all!!

We also have a vacancy for a school governor. If any of you are interested please contact Carole Darby at Hornshay Farm on 663166.

If any of you are making choices about schools at the moment we hope that you will find our information page helpful.

With every best wish and Seasons Happiness to you all.

Angela Lewis

Nynehead Club



Wishes all Members & Their Guests

"Merry Christmas and Happy New Year"



The Club will be open over the festive period as follows:

18th December - Christmas Party starting at 8 pm (Fancy Dress Optional)

23rd December

Open from 8.30 pm

24th December

Open from 8.30 pm

27th December

Open from 12 pm

30th December

Open from 8.30 pm

31st December

Open from 8 pm – till late!

1st January

Open from 8.30 pm

Nynehead Court

There is always something of interest going on at the Court, the last few months being no exception.

On an unusually mild and dry night in October the Pig Roast was enjoyed by all who attended and £276 was raised for the Osteoporosis Society.

Our Halloween party was a great way to lighten the mood on the first of the dark winter evenings.

We danced, sang and let our hair down as you can see from the photograph. A jolly good time was had by all.



The Coffee Morning in Support of St. Margaret's Somerset Hospice hosted by the Court at the beginning of November raised a wonderful £602. Many thanks to all who helped to make the event such a success.

We have enjoyed our monthly talks, the most recent being given by Tony Lock on the history of Nynehead Court. Anyone wishing to attend these talks and have tea afterwards will be made most welcome.

The festive season is soon to be upon us and a lively series of events is planned. We include here our seasonal programme which promises to be very enjoyable. We look forward to seeing many of you at our Christmas Open Day on the 20th December, with Christmas music and refreshments served from 11 am to 6 pm. We are hoping for a day to remember

There is always something of interest going on at the Nynehead Court - Do join us if you can.

Nynehead Court Seasonal Events

22nd November – Support Group drinks party with an Italian theme – Anna to provide musical entertainment

25th November – A Harp and Flute concert in the afternoon

26th November – A visit to the Brewhouse Theatre to see "The Nutcracker"

30th November – Visit from Nynehead Playgroup at 10.30 am

2nd December - "Mother Goose" performed in the Drawing room
At 4 pm

3rd December – Nynehead Primary School will perform their Christmas Play in the Drawing Room at 2 pm

8th December - A talk at 2.30 pm in the Drawing Room

12th December – Wellington Town Band – "Mini Christmas Concert" at 3 pm

17th December – Staff party at Nynehead Village Hall at 7.30 pm

18th December – Making table decorations for Christmas with Ann Bartaby, Lynn and Caroline

20th December – Open Day - Support Group Meeting and Drinks Party with Christmas Carols

We wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas.



If you have some free time, then
Nynehead Court Residential Home needs you!
Well, more specifically, the residents need you!
If you are able to spare some time at your convenience during the winter months, you could help to make life more interesting to an elderly person...and very likely to you, too!
A little time and relaxed conversation are often all that's needed.



Interested? Please contact **Diana** at Nynehead Court Residential Home on **01823 662481**.

All Saints Church, Nynehead

Church Services:

All Sunday services start at 10.30 am

On the first Sunday in the month the church service is held in Nynehead Court at which the usual church congregation share the service with the residents of the Court and the service is followed by coffee. This is a short service of morning prayer with hymns and is open to anyone to attend.

On all other Sundays the service is held in church and is a service of Parish Communion. However, one does not need to be confirmed as the majority of the service is relevant to everyone.

Sunday School:

There is a Sunday School for children over 3 years old and this is held in Nynehead Court at 10-15am on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. For further details please contact Muriel Kodritsch tel. 661609.

Pastoral matters: Please contact Rev. Josie Harrison tel. 669525 or Rev Colin Randall tel 662248.

Other matters of a general nature: either Tony Lock – Churchwarden tel 461214 or Allan Howe – Churchwarden tel. 666995

Heritage Weekend: Once again the church was open during the Heritage Weekend in September and some 50 people visited the church and were able to enjoy the interesting history of the building and admire the quality of the many items of artistic work and craftsmanship.

John Locke lecture: In September in order to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the death of John Locke the philosopher, the Somerset Archaeological and Natural History Society organised a lecture in the church. John Locke, the well known and prominent English philosopher of the seventeenth century, was a frequent visitor to Chipley as he was a close friend of Edward Clarke. He was arguably the most influential person ever to be associated with Nynehead. John Locke was also a physician and advised the Clarkes on health matters. However, he is probably best known for his revolutionary ideas on child rearing and education at that time.

The lecture was very well attended and those attending then enjoyed refreshments in Nynehead Court.

Harvest Festival: This proved to be very successful and once again the harvest gifts were donated to the Women's refuge in Taunton. The Taunton Women's Refuge provides safe, temporary accommodation and support to women (with or without children) so that they can recover from the traumas of domestic abuse. The Refuge has 12 bedrooms including a ground floor en-suite for disabled residents. It has a communal kitchen, dining room and living room.

Enhanced Sound System in Church:

Recently the Parochial Church Council has been investigating the installation of a better sound system in the church which will be to the benefit of everyone. It is hoped that we will be able to install a loop system which will mean that those who have hearing aids will be able to hear more clearly and at the same time install a complete enhanced sound system for the benefit of everyone. The cost of the system is approximately £4,500. If anyone would like to make a donation towards the sound system or towards the work on the tower would they please contact Tony Lock (tel 461214)

Christmas Message from Josie Harrison

As Christmas draws near it's time to write letters and cards, buy presents, and, of course, deal with all the domestic things that this season calls for.

I've enjoyed another year in the village! It's been good to do the visiting, the baptisms, the weekly services, and, of course one of the highlights of the year was Terry and Gillian's wedding in June which brought so many people from Nynehead and elsewhere together! A lovely day and a wonderful celebration!...

The Birth of Jesus is the real reason why we celebrate Christmas and I'd like to share the following story with you, which I found in some source material that I use occasionally!

A Bible story based upon Luke's text (Luke 2 v 4 – 14)

Once upon a time there was a grand knight. His name was Sir Joseph. He was a brave, handsome man and rode a white stallion, a fine horse!

He was madly in love with a beautiful young lady. Her name was Princess Mary. They

decided to marry and not long after she gave birth to a boy. They named him Jesus. They went to the palace and placed him in a golden cot. Many kings, queens and important lords and ladies came to celebrate his birth. The town crier went into the streets to announce the birth of the new king. They all lived happily ever after. The end.

Did you spot any mistakes? There are quite a few of them.

First of all, it's not a fairy story, it is a true story.

Joseph wasn't a brave knight on a white horse. What was he and what did he have to ride on? He was a carpenter and he rode a donkey. Was Mary a princess? No, she was just a normal young girl.

Jesus was a special baby, but was he born in a palace and did he have a golden cot? No, when he was born, he was put in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.

There were no lords and ladies, but there were visitors. Who were they? Shepherds and wise men.

There wasn't a town crier, but who did announce the birth of Jesus to the shepherds? ... A band of Angels!

If Jesus had been born in a palace the shepherds wouldn't have been allowed in, but Jesus was born in a place where all could go and see. Christmas is for everyone – everyone is welcome to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Yes! Everyone is welcome! So come and celebrate with us in your village church at our:-

CANDLE-LIT CAROL SERVICE
Sunday 19th December at 4-00 pm,

CHRISTMAS DAY COMMUNION
Saturday 25th December at 10-30 am

May you find comfort and blessings through the Christ child this Christmas.

My love to you All.

Josie.



Nynehead Jubilee Playing Fields

For anyone who has visited the playing fields in the last month, they will have noticed that the under 5's swings and bark chipping safety surface has been completed. We would like to thank Martin Darbyshire for his help, as he was collared into building the wooden surround for the chipping's by Ben and Merv as he was strolling past the playing fields gate.

The Bingo night, which was held in the village hall on Saturday 23rd October, was well attended even though the weather was appalling. Everyone enjoyed themselves and the evening raised a total of £140.00. A big Thank you goes to Lu Hawkins for her help in setting up in the afternoon and also for helping during the evening. We would like to thank the following, as they were kind enough to sponsor each full house of the evening.

The Black Bird Inn
Hardacre Limited
Robin Darby
Fox's Farm Services
Ben Tingay
Nynehead Books
Steve Ling
Discount Tile Warehouse
Ken Coles
Tim Potter

The Playing Fields committee will be holding a working party this month to carry out grounds maintenance of the field, anyone interested in helping please contact Ben Tingay for details.

We would like to thank Kathy and Ron Boyd, who have stood down from the committee for their years of contribution towards the playing fields. We are now looking for anyone who is interested in joining the committee. There are 4/5 meetings a year only, plus participation in the weekly inspection rota. This involves visiting the playing field to check all equipment has not been vandalised or damaged, and also picking up any litter. This is currently once every eight weeks for each person, but the more people on the committee the lower the frequency. Anyone interested please contact Ben Tingay. On 669828

Louise Hobbs
Social Secretary

Birding in our Village

The winter weather in the far north of the Northern Hemisphere has clearly not been too severe as yet. I say this because those harbingers of winter doom, the 'winter thrushes' [redwing & fieldfare] only re-appeared locally in the first week of November. I even saw one in August in 2003 [almost a county record, by the way] ! There are several around here now, noisily "chakking" in the taller trees in the village hedgerows. Mind you, please forgive me if I admit to being continually confused by my hobby. Birds continue to perplex me. During the second week of October I was working over 400 miles south of Nynhead near Dun-sur-Auron not far from Bourges in France. The weather was recorded as 'unseasonably warm at 25.8 degrees'yet, there flying above me were.....a flock of 45 fieldfares!!! Bizarre.

So, allow me to change tack and write a few words about mammals instead. In the last couple of months I have seen 7 stoats in the village at various times of day. Are they increasing? Are other villagers seeing them too? Yesterday Edmond saw one in the Hollow, struggling to extricate itself from the confining sides. He had a good view of the white tummy and what he called "its bog-brush tail". I have seen them on the lane to Langford Budville and near to Hornshay Farm. The BBC ran a programme about them a year or two back called "Little Killers" due to their astonishing ruthlessness when hunting. Over the last few years I have witnessed stoats seize both a huge buck rabbit and a snipe. Enough said!

So, do look out for stoats and perhaps, as I return to a ramble about thrushes, also look out for the mistle thrush. At this season of the year they are often to be seen perched in the mistletoe bearing trees near to Chipley as well as in Nynhead Court garden. They make an amazing rattle sound and are our biggest thrushes at almost a foot long!

Alastair Riley



Nynhead Cricket Club

After a season in which no less than 27 players represented the Club on the field of play whilst the new pavilion roof was raised off it, the Club members & their guests enjoyed an end of season dinner and awards evening at The White Horse Inn in neighbouring Bradford on Tone.

From 24 matches played 12 were won and 4 lost to the rain - all in all a fine effort by acting captain Graham Sparks. The batting award went once more to Neil Hendy who scored over 400 runs. Stuart Thraves was a close second and his total of 590 was a Club record. He carried off the bowling award with 23 wickets including a Club record return of 7-23 in one game. Young players of the year were Daniel Hunt, Chris Cherry & Alex Sparks who all made telling contributions.

Members continue to work very hard inside the pavilion at Ham and there is some hope that it may be possible to use it in 2005. There's still much to do.

The 2004 AGM saw Keith Haslam re-instated as the Chairman and Graham Sparks elected to captain the team in 2005.

Alastair Riley / Keith Haslam

A Word of Thanks...

On behalf of Mark Mackie & I "Thanks a lot" for the support which the SOMERSET ARTWEEKS EXHIBITION at the Village Hall provoked from many villagers.

Nearly 500 people came along in total from as far afield as Australia, Strasbourg, Hungary, Scotland & Norfolk. Indeed, Somerset visitors only accounted for about 60% of those who came! Everyone who was from far away said what a nice village Nynhead is!

We now have to make lots more pictures although some unsold ones remain along with new works which are directly available from my workshop.

Our huge thanks to Geraldine, Louise & Hilary for their tea making which was much appreciated by so many.

Alastair Riley

Nynehead and District Local History Society

We are now well into our winter season of talks. In October John Burgess and David Canham told us about 'The Workers' Tale', their oral history project for Wellington and the surrounding area. The project is concentrating on recording the reminiscences of people who worked in the main industries in the town, including Fox's, Relyon, Aerosols and its predecessor and the Poole brick works. They would like to hear from anyone who would like to add their contribution.

In November Barbara Skudder from Watchet gave an informative and, bearing in mind the topic, a surprisingly entertaining talk well illustrated with slides on the history of gravestones. With examples collected in different parts of the country over 15 years we saw how styles and inscriptions have changed over many centuries. No doubt those who heard the talk will now find themselves looking closely at local churchyards.

The rest of the winter programme is just as varied as you can see in the diary. We are also beginning to think about next summer and any ideas for visits will be welcomed.

David Rabson.

Footpath Liaison Officer

Parish Council Inspections

The first walk, in September, for which there was a good turnout went along the well-used route from the village hall, down to the canal, along to Stedham's Copse and back up to the Court. The second inspection had to be rearranged due to some fairly unpleasant weather. Unfortunately only three of us could make the re-arranged date - but it still proved worthwhile, as we saw some of the more difficult paths to negotiate and also one of the lesser-used paths.

What was noticeable on both walks was the general lack of litter - a credit to all path users. But there is still a certain amount of dog mess in places near where children play - on the village hall path -at the start of the school path and by the Jubilee Playing Field. In my opinion, the situation in Nynehead is reasonable, but there is still scope for improvement.

SCC Questionnaire

The Parish Council has been sent an 11-point footpath questionnaire from the County Council. Initial reactions show their primary concern is that the local authority should be more effective in persuading landowners to meet their obligation to keep paths clear. This is followed by the desire for good way-marking and then, thirdly, making popular and useful routes accessible to all potential users.

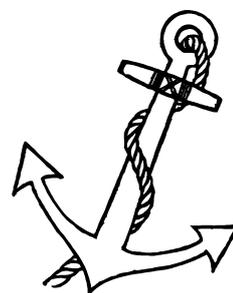
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Garden Club.

The Garden Club has arrived at the end of its first successful year. A success due to the hard work of our committee and the support of the whole village, particularly at the Flower Show. Building on this we have planned next year's programme which currently is as follows:-

January 20th. (Thursday) Garden Club AGM. With holidays and other Hall bookings this is the first available date. We intend to use this to cover all outstanding matters for the Garden Club so that we don't need to discuss too much business at our monthly meetings.

A volunteer is needed to run the monthly raffle please!

February 14th. Monday. Talk: The restoration of Hestercombe; a fascinating view of the work which has gone into restoring this magnificent garden.

March 14th. Monday. Talk and demonstrations: How to show and present your flowers fruit and vegetables at next years Show. The judges from last year will come in and provide some insight into what they are looking for. No excuses at this years show!

April 11th. Monday. Talk Floristry and flower arranging. Rose Fisher from Taunton will give us an idea of this captivating world.

May 9th. Monday. Visit to Sheppy's for a tour of their facilities. Additional cost about £5.

June 13th. Monday. Visit to the Organic Herb growers in Milverton. (to be confirmed).

July 11th Monday. Visit to Broadleigh Gardens, Bishops Hull, to see Lady Christine Skelmersdale's Garden. (to be confirmed)

August 20th FLOWER SHOW. The schedule is being finalized and will be available early in the New Year. No excuse not to enter this time!

September 12th. Monday. Talk, David Manners; topic to be announced.

October 10th. Monday. Talk The ecology of Exmoor National Park.

November 14th. Monday. Bees and bee keeping.

December 12th. Monday. Christmas 'do' to celebrate a second successful year.

As things stand it looks as though the annual fee will remain at £5 and we will be sending out

programmes early in the New Year as soon as they have been printed.

N.B. If you would like to be involved with the Garden Club please feel free to attend the AGM. As noted earlier we are looking for someone to run our monthly raffles.

NNB. More good news! Blackdown Nursery and Garden Centre have agreed to sponsor our Show Schedule for this year to the tune of £100 pounds. This will be a huge advantage for this year's show as printing the schedule was our biggest expense. **Support Blackdown Garden Centre!**

Alan Ketley (Chairman)

NYNEHEAD GARDEN CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 13th at 7.30pm
in the Village Hall

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Nynehead Parish Council

The main item this autumn has been the allocation of Nynehead's Village of the Year prize money and Millennium funds, totalling in all about £1080, and held by the parish council on behalf of the village. A questionnaire circulated with the Nynehead News in the summer had produced 40 replies, commenting on a variety of ideas. Improvements to the Memorial Hall received most support as they would benefit the widest range of organisations and people in the village, while a plaque and a trophy for the flower show were also favoured.

After much discussion the council agreed to divide the funds between the Memorial Hall (£800), a flower show trophy (£60) and a plaque on the Memorial Hall celebrating the Village of the Year success (£50). Improvements to the Memorial Hall have also featured in the ideas put forward for the new County Councillor's Community Budget through which on average £400 is available to each parish for community projects. The favoured scheme is a new projector screen and blackout curtains or blinds for the hall which had been suggested by several people and which it was felt would benefit many organisations using the hall.

Highway matters have featured as usual and we have learnt that Nynehead's request for a speed limit under the new county policy is to be included in the 2005-6 programme.

The parish council is taking a more active role in looking after footpaths in the parish. The paths have been inspected and matters such as crops on paths, rabbits and stiles are all being pursued. There is particular concern about fouling by dogs especially near the school and the playing field and information about dog bins is being obtained again from the Deane Council. We are looking at improvements and nature conservation on the footpath along the old canal where it crosses the Tone.

We are now at the time of year when the council reviews its expenditure and makes plans for the next financial year, starting on 1 April 2005. The key meeting is on 10th January when the council agrees its budget and its share of the Council Tax.

Finally a reminder that the council meets on the first Monday of each month in the Memorial Hall, following a Public Question Time, to which everyone is welcome, at 7.30 p.m. The agenda and minutes are put on each of the three public

notice boards – at the Memorial Hall, in East Nynehead and on the triangle near the school.

David Rabson
Parish Clerk

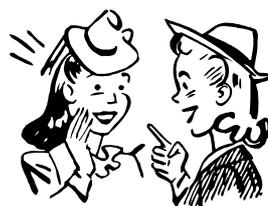
Nynehead WI

Our WI takes part in activities at county and group level, so over the past year members have had the opportunity to visit Waddesdon Manor and Yorkshire, ramble on Exmoor and the Mendips and see the autumn colours at Westonbirt Arboretum. Sports on offer were golf-croquet, bowls, ten-pin bowling and golf, and members could try these without having to join a club or pay for equipment. Celebrity speakers have been Norah Huxtable (author), Bill Giles (weather presenter) and Bunny Campione (TV Antiques Road Show).

Locally we have been transported by our speakers to the Caribbean, the South Pole, Wimbledon and Hampton Court. Resolutions put to the government included one on the trafficking of women, a subject which a recent TV drama revealed all too graphically. As a national body the WI can inform, influence and get changes made to improve everyone's lives.

Our WI has been going for over 35 years, but we are now facing a crisis as membership has dropped to an all-time low. ***We do NEED NEW MEMBERS right now to continue into 2005.*** Have we chosen the wrong day or time to meet? Do you really know what the WI is doing? You will be surprised at all there is on offer. If our WI closes it will mean one less village organisation and loss of a regular booking of the Memorial Hall. If you have thought of joining us or want to find out more please ring Sheila Rabson on 666609.

Sheila Rabson



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Diary – December 4th 2004 to March 5th 2005

6-Dec	Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 7.30 pm
7-Dec	Nynehead School Christmas Play - 'Stable Manner' at Village Hall - 2.15 pm
8-Dec	Nynehead Talk - Nynehead Court - 2.30 pm
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11-Dec	Nynehead School & Under 5's Christmas Fair at Village Hall 2 pm
12-Dec	Nynehead Court - Wellington Town Band - 2.30 pm
13-Dec	Garden Club Christmas Party - 7.30 pm at the Village Hall
17-Dec	Nynehead School end of term service at All Saints Church - 2.15 pm
18-Dec	Nynehead Club - Christmas Party - 8 pm
19-Dec	All Saints Church - Candle-lit service - 4 pm
20-Dec	Nynehead Court Open Day - Drinks & Christmas Carols - 11 am to 6 pm
25-Dec	Communion at Nynehead Church - 10.30 am
10-Jan	Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 7.30 pm
20-Jan	Garden Club Annual General Meeting - Village Hall - 7.30 pm
7-Feb	Parish Council Meeting – Village Hall – 7.30 pm
14-Feb	Garden Club - Restoration of Hestercombe - Village Hall - 7.30 pm
19-Feb	Copy Deadline for March Edition of Nynehead News
6-Mar	Distribution of March Edition of Nynehead News



The picture on the front of our September edition showed a 'Bench Mark' as painted on the gable end of Hillside in East Nynehead. Briefly, this shows that the point of the arrow is 156.13 ft above the Ordnance Datum Newlyn (Cornwall), calculated as being the mean sea level height relative to the national tide gauge datum. For further information please visit: <http://www.gps.gov.uk/guide5.asp>

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