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# Welcome to the December 2007 Edition of Nynehead News.

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## Editorial Comment

### Your Newsletter & Website.

The current version of The Nynehead News came into being in April 2002 and I have been editor and treasurer since then. I am delighted to have had the support of many throughout that time, initially with Jeff Northam and David Bruford and then Ann & Allan Howe, Peter Russell, with Jill Prior and Nancy Douglas always ready to help. However, time moves on and whilst we are all committed to the next edition – due out in March 2008 – *I have decided to step down to allow others to take over. As a result, the March edition will be the last that I will edit.*

In addition, Duncan Linklater, our Webmaster of [www.nynehead.org](http://www.nynehead.org) wishes to retire at the same time. Duncan has been the absolute master of this award winning website having started it single-handed in November 2003 and I'm sure we would all like to offer our thanks for the fantastic contribution he has made in putting Nynehead on the World Wide Web!

The Nynehead News is financially self-sufficient and has a healthy balance with Lloyds Bank. It also has a detailed Constitution and thanks to Cynthia Lock, fully audited accounts. Allan Howe will continue as Chairman & Peter Russell is happy to keep looking after the advertising.

Although the website and newsletter now operate under the same umbrella for administrative and financial purposes, they run quite separately and could continue to do so. This means that on a day-to-day basis the Webmaster need have no direct involvement with the newsletter unless he or she wishes to do so. Indeed, the website is structured so that individuals can look after their own sections without having to involve the Webmaster at all!

*In thanking you for the support I have received over the years I do hope that others will come forward to take over as Editor, Treasurer and Webmaster.*

*If you wish to continue where Duncan & I are leaving off please let us know as soon as possible, but before March next year, as we will do everything possible to help ensure a smooth transition.*

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy & Prosperous New Year.

*Mike*

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH, NYNEHEAD

### Church Services:

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in the month in Nynehead Court at 10-30am

2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays in Church at 10-45am

On the first Sunday in the month the church service is held in Nynehead Court at 10-30am when 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 at 10-45am with the exception of the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday when there is a Joint Team Service held at one of the churches in the team. These services are Parish Communion services, however, one does not need to be confirmed as the majority of the service is relevant to everyone.

A Communion Service is held in Nynehead Court on a weekday, usually on a monthly basis

Pastoral matters: Please contact Rev. Margi Campbell tel 669446

Other matters of a general nature: either churchwardens Michael Harding – tel 662940 or Allan Howe –tel. 666995

Since writing the church contribution for the last Newsletter, the Village Church has been extremely active and has welcomed a large number of visitors both to church services and the church.

At the end of August *The Somerset Guild of Craftsmen* held their *summer exhibition* in the church, which proved to be extremely successful. The church proved to be an ideal place as the many church artefacts fitted in well with the excellent craftwork on display. The exhibition may become an annual event and if anyone didn't visit it this year we would recommend that you do visit it next time as it is well worth seeing the quality of items produced by the craftsmen.

Also during the exhibition we had a visit of the Clevedon Archaeological Society when over 20 members had a guided tour of the church, Nynehead Court and the canal.

The Craftsman exhibition was then closely followed 2 days later by the *Heritage Weekend*, which meant a rapid clear up in readiness for the many visitors who attend on these occasions. This year we must have seen more than 100 visitors over the two days, which kept us extremely busy but it is good that so many people want to see our wonderful building and artefacts. If you are new to the village and would like to have a guided tour please do contact Tony Lock on 461214.

At the end of September we had the *quinquennial church inspection*. This happens every 5 years when an architect makes a detailed survey of the building and makes recommendations as to the work which needs to be carried out in order to preserve our heritage. Although at the time of writing we have not yet received his report, we hope that there will not be too much urgent work required.

This year our *Harvest Service* was held on the evening of September 30<sup>th</sup> because in the morning there was a group service at West Buckland being a fifth Sunday in the month. The Harvest Service was a Songs of Praise and was quite well attended. On the Monday all the Harvest Gifts were then delivered to the Taunton Womens Refuge and they were extremely grateful for the gifts.

On October 6<sup>th</sup> we held the *Harvest Supper* in the village hall and this was once more well supported and very much enjoyed by all. We thank all those who organised the event and contributed to the supper.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> October we welcomed the Archdeacon of Taunton who took our morning service.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> October members of our congregation took part in a demonstration in Wellington in support of the "*Stand Up and*

*Speak Out Against World Poverty* which is an international campaign. The demonstration was organised by a new ecumenical group set up by a group of Christians from the churches in the area from both the Wellington Team and other denominations. The title of the group is Christian Care for One World (CCOW).

On the 20<sup>th</sup> October the *Taunton Deane Male Voice Choir* gave an excellent concert in the church which was very much enjoyed by all those who attended. Unfortunately it was the same night as the Rugby World Cup final, so attendance was slightly down but however it was a very successful concert.

On 1<sup>st</sup> November we held our Patronal Festival Service and this was combined with the first Thursday of the month meeting of all the 5 churches in the group.

#### Church Fabric:

The Bee Bowls on the wall between the church and the Court have reached a state of collapse and work is being carried out in order to restore them.

Work is also being carried out on the Bell Openings as the Ham Stone is beginning to split.

Unfortunately in mid October broken glass from the Armorial window was discovered on the window sill and it is thought that the 16<sup>th</sup> century window had been hit by a bird. Hopefully the window will be restored to its full glory again by the time this newsletter is published.

It is hoped that the bells will be returned to the church in the near future prior to them being re-hung in the tower.

There has been a great deal of concern expressed recently about the stealing of metal from buildings such as churches and we would be grateful if everyone in the village will keep an eye on any suspicious vehicles around the village and report them to the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators or the police.

#### From the Church register:

Death of Rose Agar-Strath of Nynehead Court aged 100 years on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2007 (see article below).

Death of Doreen Derbe aged 80 years on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2007

Death of Margaret Lidstone of Nynehead Court aged 89 years 10<sup>th</sup> November

#### Forth coming events:

28<sup>th</sup> November Communion Service in Nynehead Court – All welcome

2<sup>nd</sup> December at 10-45am There will be a Group Service at Bradford on Tone where the Bishop of Taunton will be taking part.

6<sup>th</sup> December and every Thursday during Advent there will be Services at Runnington at 7pm.

22<sup>nd</sup> December 10am onwards- Church Decorations for Christmas. Any contributions of flowers or foliage will be gratefully received plus any help with the decorating.

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December *CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE* 7PM (No morning service).

*CHRISTMAS DAY - CHRISTMAS COMMUNION* at 10-45am

**WANTED:** As last year we are again giving Christmas gifts to the children and their mothers who are unfortunate enough to have to spend Christmas in the Taunton Womens Refuge. If you have any unwanted new or nearly new toys for the children or toiletries or the like for the mothers then we would be grateful to receive them.

Cynthia Lock tel 461214 is coordinating this. If you could wrap them and indicate the gender/age this would be helpful, as would be wrapping paper itself.

For those new to the village, If you would like a conducted tour of the church, which is well worth a visit, please contact Tony Lock tel 461214.

*Tony Lock*

## Nynehead Under 5's

September was the start of only the third year of the Pre-School and in this time we have created a thriving, village Pre-School. Our register has grown from 4 children to over 26 children, we have a waiting list for this year and a number of children registered for September 2008. Most of our success is due to our fantastically hard working staff and our extremely supportive Committee.



We are fortunate that our Pre-School is surrounded by wonderful countryside and Dawn, our Pre-School Leader, and her staff have made the most of this. Children have been on many nature walks and have often returned home clutching a bag of blackberries for their parents. This term we will also be joined by childcare professionals who will work with the Pre-School to run some sessions of Forest School. This is an approach pioneered by Bridgwater College which aims to nurture, support and develop the self-esteem of children through outdoor activities.

We are always looking for staff to work at our Pre-School either on a permanent or supply basis. Our staff have a range of qualifications and experience such as NVQ Level 3 in Childcare but we can provide training to those who are enthusiastic about working with children aged between 2 and 5 years old. We also have a number of opportunities for people who wish to volunteer at our Pre-School. If you are

interested in working with us please contact Annabel Bell Tel. 01823 665502.

One of the biggest threats to the future of our Pre-School is the size of our Committee. We need new volunteers who can help us to continue to develop what is a fantastic resource for the village. Our Committee is made up of volunteers who are interested in the Pre-School and without their support there would be no Pre-School. Our current Committee has achieved fantastic results this year. Running the Pre-School is essential like running a small business including paying wages, recruiting and supporting staff, managing registrations, purchasing equipment and setting and keeping to budgets. As well as all this, this year we have secured grants of over £50,000 and held several successful fundraising events, including our Ladies Indulgence Evening which raised over £250. If you can spare some time to join us on the Committee please contact Louisa Raybould Tel. 01823 669727

We are extremely proud of our toddler group and this term we have had a number of special guests. Earlier this term we were joined by the MAD Academy which got everyone up and dancing to its high energy music and gave children an opportunity to play along with their own instruments. We have also had a professional photographer visit us who has also taken some fantastic studio shots of the children which will make great presents for Christmas!

Nynehead Toddler Group is on Wednesday mornings (term time only) and is for mums-to-be, babies and toddlers.

Nynehead Pre-School is open Tuesday 9am-1pm, Thursday 9am- 4pm and Friday 9.30am – 3.30pm (term time only). It is for children aged between 2 and 5 years old.

For further information about Nynehead Pre-School or Nynehead Toddlers please contact Louisa Raybould Tel. 01823 669727.

## Nynehead Amateur Dramatic Society

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the Society did something a little different in October and put on something for all the family, a variety show.

The children entertained us with their scarecrow song and there was some contrasting music with violin duets and solos performed by Rebecca and Michael Perks and a folk band that got everyone clapping their hands. Nick Hollingsworth gave us a tall tale about baler string, Kathy Boyd got confused about frozen peas, Gill Binding and Jane Leavey showed us how ballet dancing should really be done and four Yorkshire men tried to outdo each other with terrible tales from their childhoods.

We are now getting down to rehearsals for the next pantomime 'Robin Hood and the Babes in the Wood'. We have brought it forward because Easter is very early next year so the dates for your diaries are:

Wednesday 5th March 2008  
Dress rehearsal (with audience)

Thursday 6th, Friday 7th and Saturday 8th  
March 2008 - Performances

Tickets will be on sale at the beginning of February so look out for publicity details around the village.

*Rosemary Lea*  
*Honorary Secretary*

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### Police Message

I have just received a message from our Community Police Support Officer, Scott Windsor, that PC Phil John will be transferred from plain clothes operations in Taunton to cover our beat for the next 12 months whilst PC Jo Pape is on maternity leave.

*Mike*

## A Few Variety Show Pictures



The Children



Jilly Binding & Jane Leavey



Nick Hollingsworth

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## Nynehead Jubilee Playing Fields

A big thank you to Diana and Nynehead Court for the fund raising breakfast .

Once again the Annual duck race was well attended on the river bank. We would like to thank the race sponsors, helpers on the day, and Robin for the use of the river.

*Ben Tingay*  
*Chairman*

## Nynehead Court

Our social calendar has been busy as usual here at the Court

In August we visited Taunton Flower Show; it was a beautiful day and we all enjoyed the exhibits. We also enjoyed coming to our own Nynehead Flower show where we were made very welcome. Congratulations to our resident Mrs. Daphne Beecheno on her triumph in the handicraft section, and of course to our own garden team for the wonderful display of flowers and vegetables and on their success in the Wellington in Bloom competition.

Later in the month we took a picnic to Maunsel Lock and had a trip on the canal boat. Going through the lock was quite an experience and the countryside was looking very beautiful. Our Big Breakfast in aid of Nynehead Jubilee playing fields was well attended and we were pleased to be able to support a local facility. We have since repeated the event for Pre-school and will be doing so again in the New Year for the Village Hall, look out for details in January.

Early in September we spent the day at Dunkeswell Airfield to support carer Laura Barrie as she did her charity tandem parachute jump in aid of the Alzheimer's Society. Later in the month we visited the Brewhouse theatre to see the TAOS production of the Mikado; it was a very good show and lovely to have a live orchestra. Also in September we hosted the NCCPG Plant Hunters Fair, and exhibited the works of David Manners and Alastair Riley during Somerset Arts Week. Coupled with the displays by the Somerset Guild of Craftsmen in Nynehead church the month had a very positive artistic theme, and all of the many visitors to the events were impressed by the high standard of the displays.

Speakers in September included Shelley Staple, a medical herbalist, whose talk on the use of herbs was most instructive and entertaining. We also enjoyed our regular musical afternoons with Mr. Davidson, Gilly Betsworth and Peter Rowsell Dobson.

Taking our lead from British Food Fortnight in October, we have been sampling the traditional food and drink of the British Isles in our themed afternoons. Our regular coffee trips continued during the month when we were blessed with unusually fine weather. Friend of Nynehead Court Janet Watson gave us a very interesting talk on her Baltic cruise, and a highlight in our musical calendar was the visit of the Harwood Trio, who were excellent young musicians from Live Music Now! We also appreciated our visit from ladies choir The New Horizon Singers whose harmonies were lovely.

### The Friends of Nynehead Court

We greatly appreciate the continued help and support of the Friends. Running the shop, providing beautiful floral arrangements, hosting drinks parties and sing alongs all combine to enhance life here at the Court.

### Christmas Open Day

Our Christmas Open Day is on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Do come along and join us if you can, it is always such an enjoyable day.

We look forward to seeing you, and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful new year.

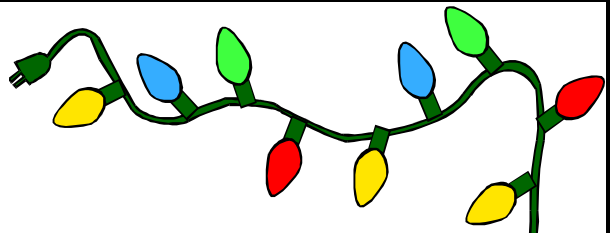
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Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December  
11am – 5pm

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12.30pm – 2.00pm

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## *Nynehead Club*



Welcome to Nynehead Club,  
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## Nynehead Club

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Normal opening hours are,

Thursday, Friday &  
Saturday,  
8.30-11pm.



### Forthcoming Events

- Christmas Party - Sat 15th December  
All welcome, bring along a plate of food and join in, 8pm onwards
- Christmas Eve, open from 8.30pm
- Boxing Day, open from 12 noon
- 27th, 28th, 29th Dec—open as normal
- New Years' Eve—Karaoke from 8pm
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Natalie Turner would like to thank everyone for the donation to her Africa trip of £75 raised at the recent skittles night.

The club will be trying to raise funds for local man Gareth, to enable him to travel to America for potentially life saving treatment for cancer. You may have read about his story in the Gazette or on the notice displayed in the club. The Christmas raffle proceeds will be donated to his cause, please give your support. The raffle will be drawn at the skittles night on Sat 1st December.

If anyone would like to donate to Natalie's fund or Gareth's fund, please contact Mike Briginshaw or Hilary Hooper.

Clare Aggus  
Secretary



## Footpaths

### SCC Handbook and Toolkit

Up to now, the extent of a Footpath Liaison Officer's role has been informally agreed between the Parish Council and the volunteer. But now the County Council has produced a formal handbook to guide all concerned with footpath monitoring and maintenance. The role is now known as PPLO - Parish Path Liaison Officer. The glossy handbook, which has no page numbers, runs to about forty A4 pages and contains, among others, sections entitled *PPLO's Role & Code of Conduct*, *Common RoW Issues*, *Reporting a Fault or Problem*, *Health & Safety and Risk Assessment*. A map and list of rights of way in the parish are also included, but they needed to be corrected in a number of respects.

The Handbook was launched at a meeting in Taunton at which all PPLOs present were also issued with a toolkit, on loan from the County Council. The toolkit includes a pair of secateurs, a high visibility vest, a pair of loppers, a small retractable handsaw and a pair of leather gloves. Both the handbook and toolkit are in my possession, but if anyone wants to see them just let me know (01823 666702).

### Autumn Activity.

Unfortunately, due to a variety of reasons, I have not been out on the paths much this autumn. As usual some paths are easier to use than others but a few new difficulties have been reported - a locked farm gate in East Nynehead, a blocked Bristol gate on the path by Dunelm, a broken finger post in Ash Lane and some fallen trees in Long Copse.

### Permissive Paths

Implementation of the Denis Dodd's Permissive Path from the canal lift to the carriage drive and back under the canal has been well received by walkers and is a welcome addition to Nynehead's footpath network.

Colin Spackman

Footpaths Liaison Officer

Nynehead United's Terrific  
Start...28<sup>th</sup> October at West  
Buckland



Nynehead United's first outing, resulted in a more than pleasing result, on a cold and wet Sunday morning in October.

Playing against a well established team, a combination of players from Bradford, West Buckland and one Nynehead face ( whom will remain nameless...). Nynehead were straight out of the blocks, pinning the Bradford team back deep within their half.

Within the first ten minutes, Nynehead were 3-0 up, and continuing the pressure, against opposition who could not string an attack together to start with.

Eventually, Bradford did offer some competition, and managed to get the odd goal back, ably assisted by the odd keeping error

by half time the score stood at 7-3 to Nynehead.

Some great play was seen from Julian..hat-trick hero, Nick..I will run and run, Malcolm..solid as a rock, Darren..midfield maestro...to name but a few

The second half, started with the same pace as the first commenced. Bradford managed to hold Nynehead back, for the first ten minutes.However, Nynehead went on to score five very slick goals within as many minutes.By this stage the opposition's heads were hanging low!

Unfortunately Kevin was injured and had to leave the field of play. Alex took up the right wing and brought some additional width to Nynehead's game. The final score coming in at 14-5 to Nynehead.

May I say thanks to all the players, fans ( yes there were some..with the odd bit of shouted support!), and to our hosts during and post the match.

A sub was collected from each of the players and the monies passed on to Natalie Turner for her fund raising appeal.

Regards

*Guy. Burt*

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## Parish Council

Parish council business has been dominated over the last few months by the proposal to replace the temporary classroom and offices at the school with a permanent timber building. The council is keen to support measures to maintain the contribution of the school to the local community. However along with the immediate neighbours it did not consider that the traffic and parking implications of the scheme had been taken into account and did not agree with the removal of trees. Following the offer of land for a car park and in response to the objections the planning applications were withdrawn. A revised scheme is being prepared and a new application is expected before Christmas.

When the parish council reconvened after its summer break there was some good news - Nynehead had been successful yet again in the Village of the Year competition, winning the 'People' category. Congratulations to Paul Netley and his team for successfully making Nynehead's case.

Continued pressure is being put on Somerset Highways to maintain roads in the parish to a good standard. This usually entails asking them to fill in potholes and deal with the edges of roads where they are breaking up and it is good to report that there is often a quick response to the council's request. We feel that many of the problems arise from lorry traffic which should not be going through the village, perhaps misled by 'satnav' equipment. In response to a County council survey we urged that all non-essential traffic should be directed away from the village.

The council continues to respond to planning applications. In most cases there is no objection but the council supported local objections to a new house in Blackdown View on the grounds that it would be out of character with the neighbourhood. These objections were accepted by the Deane which refused permission. Revised plans were still not acceptable to local people but

in the event the Deane Council granted permission

In the summer the council's finances were given a clean bill of health by our external auditors. We are now reaching the time of year when we agree our budget and council tax requirements for the financial year beginning in April 2008. This will be one of the main items at our meeting on Monday 3 December in the Memorial Hall, starting at 7.30 p.m.

David Rabson  
Clerk

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## Nynehead Garden Club

Another year of the Garden Club meetings is coming to a close and members have enjoyed a range of visiting speakers on wide ranging subjects. These included Plants and Witchcraft, Carnivorous Plants, Cacti and Succulents, as well as two outdoor visits during the summer to " Sampford Shrubs" and "Desert to Jungle" Nurseries.

The programme for 2008 is almost complete, and will include garden design, climbing plants, perennials for the summer garden, trees and shrubs, bulbs and orchids.

In addition Christine Tripp, our popular experienced and qualified Show judge, will demonstrate floral art from the point of view of what the judge is looking for. At this meeting, those who are considering entering these classes at the 2008 show will have the opportunity to learn and discuss just what is involved. This will be a fun evening with practical demonstration.

Don't forget that our meetings are open to visitors at a small charge, but if you are thinking of joining the Garden Club for 2008, you can do so for an annual fee of £5 per person at our Christmas Party on Monday 10 December at 7.30 in the Hall. This is a chance to meet our existing members and find out what you are missing!

*David Manners*

## Nynehead and District Local History Society

Following the publication of the last Village Newsletter it has been brought to my notice that some people may have had the impression that access to the Bridget Clarke papers on the Village Web Site was due to the History Society.

Members of the Society are delighted to have access to the papers but we can take no credit for obtaining Bridget Clarke's permission to having made them available.

The Webmaster, Duncan Linklater, undertook this project and we thank him for all his extremely valuable work on the website.

*Tony Lock*  
*Chairman*

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## Birwatching - and Beyond!

Well, the summer visiting migrant birds have all flown South to warmer climes and so has Alastair Riley!

I know that his regular Birdwatching items in Nynehead News have always been a popular read and it is going to be a hard act to follow. Mike has asked me to continue the theme but as a less experienced birdwatcher than Alastair, this will take the form of a more general view of the natural history of the parish.

So far this autumn has seen the arrival of the Fieldfares. Small flocks of this noisy thrush, which travels to our islands from the cold of Scandanavia and Europe, are enjoying the fruits of the hawthorns and other berries around the village and they are often to be seen in the company of their smaller relatives, the blackbirds. Fieldfares are bigger and their plumage with its distinctive grey rump and head which makes them easy to recognise. They also have a very heavily spotted chest. It is likely that yet another member of the family, the slightly smaller Redwing, with its pale eye stripe and red under wing flash will also be seen with them too.


As the year draws to a close, many of our native residents begin to either wind down for their winter rest or gorge themselves to build up reserves for the colder months. Hedgehogs are quite numerous in Nynehead and whilst often visiting our gardens unseen in the hours of darkness, there is a chance that they may appear in daytime, especially if they are young, since food supplies have been sporadic this year. They feed on a wide range of garden creepy crawlies and are very beneficial as they consume many garden pests. However, they are becoming nationally scarce and are now on the UK endangered species list and so need all the help we can offer. If they do frequent your patch, there are a number of things to do which help. Firstly, please DO NOT feed them with bread and milk - this can cause digestive upsets which can weaken them. Far better

to offer cat or dog food or even he specially formulated hedgehog foods on the market. Secondly, they will be looking for a safe and cosy place to spend the winter. Bonfires and heaps of garden waste are frequently what they choose and this could result in many coming to a very unpleasant end, so please check before lighting or thrusting in a fork or spade. The alternative way to help is to provide a suitable hibernation box tucked in a quiet corner of the garden. These can be purchased ready made but are also very simple for a DIYer to make. There are a few design guidelines needed to create the perfect 'home' and details are to be found in wildlife books and on the internet (try <http://www.fow.org.uk/hogboxfow.htm> for example). Only the other day, I heard a rustling noise in my garage and found a hedgehog trying to tuck down under some dustsheets in a corner. He seemed happy to be relocated to a log pile outside and which had been created for such events - maybe he hadn't been able to read the 'To Let' sign! If you do need to move them, careful handling with gloved hands is simple and don't worry about their fleas - these are 'host specific' and will not decide to live on you or in your home. Equally, their 'visitors' will not transfer their affections to cats and dogs.

The warmer climate we are experiencing in the UK is having an affect on our wildlife. Consequently, many hitherto vulnerable species of insects are now surviving through our winters. Butterflies, moths, ladybirds etc. need places to hibernate in the colder snaps and therefore we can help by ensuring that suitable nooks and crannies are available for them. There is one ladybird species however which is *not* welcome. The Harlequin Ladybird is a continental species that was introduced in 1988 to America in an effort to control pests (all ladybirds love to eat aphids) and now it has found its way to the UK. Unfortunately it also attacks and kills our native species - we have some 26 in the British Isles- and this is not good news. Although most records of Harlequins since 2004 were from south eastern England, they are spreading westwards and northwards and I recently found one in south west

Gloucestershire at Westonbirt Arboretum!  
They can be difficult to positively identify because they can range from pale orange with many black spots to black with two red/orange spots or even have no spots at all! One useful identifying feature is that they have brown legs - so get your magnifying glasses cleaned! If you do come across a suspect, please let me know and I might be able to help. Alternatively try visiting <http://www.harlequin-survey.org/> on the internet where all manner of useful information can be found and you can also register your records and have them verified by experts.  
Above all, Nynehead's wildlife is worth recording so if you spot something interesting, please do let me know.

David Manners



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## Doreen Derbe

It was with sadness that the village lost one of its most loved residents on the 28<sup>th</sup> October. Doreen passed away peacefully at Musgrove after a fall. Doreen had celebrated a wonderful year which included her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday as well as her diamond wedding anniversary.

Doreen's birthday party was held in the Village Hall and it was a testament to her kind and loving ways that so many of the people of Nynehead turned out to join her. Later, she and Sid celebrated their anniversary with family and friends. Doreen was a much loved resident and will be missed at village events.

The hall committee would also like to acknowledge all the hard work that Doreen did for them by holding the keys of the hall over the last 7 years

I have been asked by her family to thank everyone who came to the funeral and who sent messages of sympathy. With Doreen sadly passing it now means Sid can no longer live in the village and now resides at Robins Close where he welcomes visits from all his old friends.

*Kathy Boyd*

## Winifrede Rose Agar-Strath

1907 - 2007

In the last newsletter we reported on how our centenarian celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. It is with deep regret that this time we have to report her death.

Rose was born on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1907 in Swansea, the oldest of 4 children, and she has outlived them all. She was educated at the Convent in Swansea and spent a year in France where she perfected her French. She married and her only daughter Fran was a very frequent visitor in the Court.

Rose had a very full and varied life, running a hotel in Oxfordshire, travelling the world from Egypt to Singapore before settling in Cornwall. After she was widowed in 1974 she moved to West Buckland to be closer to Fran and finally moving to Nynehead Court where she died on the 12<sup>th</sup> September.

The funeral service, in the church, was conducted by Margi Campbell on the 18<sup>th</sup> September, followed by cremation. As a regular churchgoer and one with a very strong faith, she will indeed be missed.

*Cynthia Lock*



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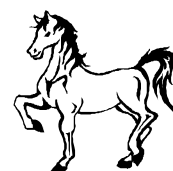


Dec - 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Group Church Service at Bradford on Tone - 10.45am
Dec - 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall - 7.30pm
Dec - 8 <sup>th</sup>	Nynehead Court 'Christmas Open Day' 11.00am to 5.00pm
Dec - 10 <sup>th</sup>	Nynehead Garden Club Christmas Party - Village Hall - 7.30pm
Dec - 13 <sup>th</sup>	Nynehead Club Committee Meeting - 7.30pm - all members welcome
Dec - 14 <sup>th</sup>	History Society - 'Farmer to Farrier' - Village Hall 7.45pm
Dec - 15 <sup>th</sup>	Nynehead Club - Christmas Party from 8.00pm
Dec - 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Decoration of the Church for Christmas - 10.00am onwards
Dec - 23 <sup>rd</sup>	All Saints Candlelit Carol Service - 7.00pm
Dec - 24 <sup>th</sup>	Nynehead Club - Open from 8.30pm
Dec - 25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Day Service in the Church at 10.45am
Dec - 26 <sup>th</sup>	Nynehead Club - open from 12.00 noon
Dec - 31 <sup>st</sup>	Nynehead Club - New Year's Eve Karaoke - from 8.00pm
Jan - 7 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall - 7.30pm
Jan - 11 <sup>th</sup>	History Society - New Year Party plus Seasonal Quiz - village Hall 7.30pm
Jan - 14 <sup>th</sup>	Garden Club AGM plus 'Summer Tranquility' by David Manners - Village Hall 7.30pm
Feb - 4 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall - 7.30pm
Feb - 8 <sup>th</sup>	History Society - 'How on earth do they know how old it is?' - Village Hall - 7.45pm
Feb - 11 <sup>th</sup>	Garden Club - 'The Healing Power of Flowers' - by Dr Andrew Tressider - Village Hall - 7.30pm
Feb - 18 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Copy Deadline for March 2008 Edition of Nynehead News</i>
Mar - 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall - 7.30pm
Mar - 4 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Distribution date for March 2008 edition of Nynehead News</i>
Mar - 5 <sup>th</sup>	Pantomime Dress Rehearsal -
Mar - 6 <sup>th</sup>	Pantomime
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Mar - 8 <sup>th</sup>	Pantomime
Mar - 10 <sup>th</sup>	Garden Club - 'The Vertical Garden' - by John & Maureen Hudson - Village Hall - 7.30pm

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