

# Nynehead News

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Jeff & Mike welcome you to their second edition of the Nynehead News.

The layout remains similar to the first issue but would you please note that we now have our own e-mail address.

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## Editorial Comment

Welcome to the second issue of Nynehead News.

Our objective remains:

*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.*

Many thanks for the feed-back that we received from our first edition, much of which we have tried to incorporate in this second issue

The past three months have been exciting and busy for many and I am sure we are all delighted at the success of the Jubilee celebrations in particular.

We often hear it said that small communities can be insular. Whilst this may be true of some there can be no doubt that Nynehead is not only very active but also willing to encompass all who wish to become involved.

Congratulations and thanks from 'all to each other' – the success was our success and the future is what we make of it.

Whilst the separate entries will go into detail there have been a number of events worthy of comment.

As stated in the last issue, new legislation regarding the operation of Parish Councils has now come into being and largely as a result we have already seen one change with the resignation of Keith Haslam and the co-option of Ben Tingay.

We would like to thank Keith for his tremendous contribution over many years and appreciate that although no longer on the Parish Council he remains active in many other areas of our community.

Ben, although a relative newcomer to Nynehead, has spent much of his life in Bradford on Tone. In addition to his inherent understanding of rural communities he has received considerable training in specialist areas and we are confident he will become a valued member of the community.

At the Parish Council meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> July both David Bruford and Jeff Northam (one of your editors) confirmed that they also are unhappy with the new legislation and have declined to sign the required documentation. As a result a further two vacancies have arisen on the Parish council - more information regarding this will be provided on the Notice Boards in due course.

The Vital Villages project has been revisited by the Parish Council and has received their approval to proceed. The first stage has seen the formation of the Nynehead Appraisal Group and we would draw your attention to the meeting to be held in the Village Hall on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

By attending this meeting you really will be able to influence the future of our community.

The Village Hall AGM saw the election of a new Chairman – Nigel Howard – together with other committee members and in particular the co-option of Kathy Boyd as Social Secretary.

We wish both Kathy and Nigel every success for the future.

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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.

## Nynehead Parish Council

The last few months have been a time of turmoil for the parish council. The imposition by the government of a new code of conduct for parish councillors has created much resentment, not only in Nynehead. We also have a new system, again required by the government, for auditing the council's accounts. All of this has been accompanied by a stream, if not a flood of reports, asking for our views on these and other changes.

At the June meeting Ben Tingay of 11 Farthings Close was co-opted to fill the vacancy arising from Keith Haslam's resignation. We expect two more vacancies in July when the same procedure for filling them will be followed. The Deane Council will provide notices announcing the vacancies and stating that if ten or more electors of the parish so require, in 14 days there will be a poll. If not the council will be free to co-opt. The notices will as usual be put on three public notice boards.

Under the new chairmanship of Mervyn Hooper, with Mike Briginshaw as vice-chairman, the council has had time to discuss more practical matters.

Taking into account views expressed at the Annual Parish Meeting, which had double the attendance of last year, it was decided not to pursue the ideas for a footpath to bypass the Hollow or a seat for East Nynehead near Ash Bridge. There is still however interest in extending Neighbourhood Watch in the parish, if a co-ordinator(s) can be found and the council has now agreed to support the carrying out of a village survey under the Countryside Agency's Vital Villages Initiative (see the invitation to the Nynehead Appraisal Group's meeting at the Village Hall on 22<sup>nd</sup> July).

Nynehead is fortunate in having a good and interesting network of footpaths, but keeping them in good condition and well-signed is not easy although we do get a small annual grant from the Deane Council. To help us we have appointed in response to the advert in the last newsletter, Colin Spackman from Wellington as our volunteer parish footpath co-ordinator (incidentally we had no enquiries about this from

anyone in Nynehead!). There is a separate article from Colin in this newsletter.

After the 1st July meeting the council takes a break, meeting again on 2nd September. All our meetings are held in the Memorial Hall, usually on the first Monday of each month, following the public question time at 7.30 p.m.

David Rabson  
Clerk to the Parish Council

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## Local History Society

The society had a good winter season with over sixty members and an excellent selection of speakers. Fourteen people came on our first evening outing, to follow the Taunton Heritage Trail, and we have two more this summer, to Creech St. Michael church on Friday 19 July and to Hatch Beauchamp on Friday 16 August. In each case we leave the hall at 6.00 p.m. and welcome members and non-members alike.

We are now planning our next winter programme. The dates are in the diary section. We have been fortunate that the well-known local historian and author Hilary Binding has agreed to kick-off the programme on Friday 11 October with a talk on the down-to-earth (literally!) topic of Somerset Privies. Our subscription for next year will stay as it has done for a couple of years at £5 per head – excellent value!

Work on the history of Nynehead for Halsgrove press continues and we are grateful for all the information and photographs – some of them quite remarkable - that have been provided by people in the village and elsewhere. We hope to do most of the research by the autumn and complete the text by the spring for publication, all being well, in time for Christmas 2003.

David Rabson  
Secretary

## Nynehead Club

The club is proud to have hosted the Nynehead Jubilee Committee meetings and the fact that many of the Club's members were so actively involved in the Jubilee's Committee and general activities. Our thanks to everyone involved in making the event so successful.

*At the end of June the Club had 104 members of whom 78 live within the Parish, with a further 18, many of whom have personal links to Nynehead, resident in Wellington. This means that 27% of Nynehead's electorate are members, clearly demonstrating just how popular and essential the Club is to our community.*

We continue to make improvements having recently purchased a professional quality glass washing machine and new bar stools and tables. We haven't finished though, as we still intend to carry out structural changes to the lounge area and completely re-decorate during the course of the year. To help make this possible we will be calling for 'working parties' so if you are prepared to help out please let me know.

For those who enjoyed the 'Frog Racing' at the Jubilee Playing Field on Jubilee Day the good news is that the 'Frogs' will be racing again at the Club in the not too distant future – members will be notified as soon as a date has been fixed.

Other planned events include a 'Folk Night' with music by a local group, a Quiz and on 26<sup>th</sup> October the ever popular group 'Monopole' will be performing their 1950's and 60's music.

As ever, new members are always welcome. Details of events will usually be sent directly to members but will also be displayed on the black-boards outside the Club.

Kate Howard  
Social Secretary

## Nynehead Cricket Club.

So far the cricket season has failed to provide any pleasant weather and several games have been played in murky or drizzly conditions. Two have been rained-off as well. Nevertheless, the enthusiasm in the team remains high and there have been one or two new players join and remain in the XI which is once again well captained by Rivers Barry from Ham, just over the wall from the cricket field itself.

The wicket has played very consistently so far, although at the time of writing more games have been away from home. The laying of some good loam last September plus the hard work of groundsman Keith Haslam has almost certainly contributed to the good condition of the pitch. Despite the frightful vandalism of the winter, the field has received attention from club members and more fencing has gone up to make the ball easier to find.

Members have resolved to raise money for a decent pavilion and some good fund raising has already been done. Members and friends are already looking forward eagerly to the annual BBQ at the ground on **JULY 13<sup>th</sup>**. So far Nynehead have beaten Culmstock and Hernyock from Devon but lost their games against Somerset opposition from Wombats, Sampford Arundel and Bishops Hull. No half centuries have been scored yet but several 30s and 40s have appeared and several bowlers have taken three wickets. The club even has two wicketkeepers now with Dave Raybould able to keep Phil Bunker company!

Everyone is looking forward to the second half of the season. Do come to the ground and watch. We are at home on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Alastair Riley, Hon Sec NCC.  
Keith Haslam, Chairman NCC.

# Nynehead Village Hall

(Kathy Boyd – Social Secretary)

This year's AGM resulted in a number of changes to the committee, including the appointment of Nigel Howard as Chairman and myself as Social Secretary. In addition a new affiliation was created with Dawn Netley now representing the Play Group.

With new legislation relating to provisions for the disabled it is clear that considerable fund raising will be necessary to enable the hall to meet the new standards required.

As Social Secretary, and with the agreement of the main committee, I plan to introduce a number of initiatives aimed at involving the community in fund raising projects, so ensuring that we make maximum use of the facilities we already have.

## Forthcoming events

### 20th July 8.00 p.m.

Fun Quiz Night and Ploughman's Supper.

The quiz will be based on the game show 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire' with tickets being charged at £2.50 for adults and £1.00 for children – both of which include the supper!

Please buy your tickets early so that we know how many to cater for.

They are available from:

Kathy Boyd - 667148,  
Louise Hobbs - 669828  
Nigel Howard - 665156  
Hilary Hooper - 461518

And at Nynehead Club

### 17th August 2.00 p.m.

The community market is to become a regular bi-monthly event, with the first being held on Saturday 17th August. Not only will you be able to enjoy browsing amongst the stalls, but also enjoy a cream tea – hopefully (weather permitting) in the sunshine!

Stalls are available at a cost of £3.00. If you or anyone you know would like to book one please ring me on 667148 as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

### 14th September 7.30 p.m.

Family Prize Bingo.

A fun night for all the family and children are welcome to play. Refreshments will be available during the interval.

## Future Events

If there are other events that you would like to take place please let me know. Other ideas in the offing for later this year are a 'Pudding Night', 'Race Night' and a 'Christmas Party'.

Next year plans are already being made for a 'Fete' and 'Flower Show'.

## Working party

After a very successful working party at the Jubilee Field in preparation for the Jubilee Day sporting events, when over 25 people turned out, we are hoping to organise similar working parties to help maintain the Village Hall.

The outside of the windows need decorating and some of the external timber needs to be replaced. We have already had offers of help with this work but if possible we would also like to decorate the inside which would certainly benefit from a fresh coat of paint.

If we all pull together we can make our funds stretch a lot further, and get on with the changes to meet the disability requirements sooner rather than later.

If you feel able to help please telephone:

**Kathy Boyd - 667148**

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## **What's Next?**

**Now you can help plan Nynehead's  
future!**

**Find out more -**

**Come to the Village Hall**

**7.30 p.m. Monday  
22<sup>nd</sup> July**

**Free Wine & Cheese for all.**

**Its your future too!**

**This invitation is from 'The Nynehead Appraisal Group'**

**For more information contact:**

**Mark Reynolds – 01643 841047**

**Jenny Dodd – 661653**

**Mike Briginshaw - 461627**

## Nynehead Women's Institute

Our birthday meeting in March gave us a chance to stretch our brains with a quiz and then Louse Haslam showed us how to make gift boxes from old cards. The open meeting on otters was well attended by other WIs as well as men. Ian Anderson had exceptional slides of otters and gave us an extra slide show of Scotland through a calendar year. May is the month when all WIs in the country debate resolutions urging the government to improve some aspect of life. This year the resolutions related to 1) the provision of local abattoirs and 2) stricter controls on the importation of foodstuffs. If the weather ever improves we should enjoy our visit to a member's garden in June.

Our future meetings will be:

15 July – Tony Rymell on Somerset's waterways.

16 September – Bruce Watkin on Mediaeval Wellington.

21 October – Ray Cooper will be doing an Antiques Roadshow. This will be an open meeting so come and give us a try.

We hope that you all enjoyed your cakes from the WI at the community market. The hours spent making them were rewarded with a 100% sell-out. The sales boosted our funds and will allow us to keep up a good standard of speakers in the future.

Nynehead WI will again be organising the Harvest Supper. The date will be Saturday 5 October 2002 in the Village Hall. This will give you all the opportunity to sample some of our culinary skills other than cakes. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sheila Rabson

## Nynehead Harvest Supper

The Harvest Supper will be held on Saturday 5th October 2002 at 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. tickets are limited and are available on a first come first served basis. The WI will be doing the catering as usual but you have to bring your own drinks and cutlery. The Harvest Supper has always been a very popular so take of the date now as the next newsletter will come out after the event. Tickets will be available from WI members in September.

Sheila Rabson

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## Nynehead Pantomime!

As a result of the feed-back we received following the three sketches that were performed on 'Jubilee Day', we have decided to produce a pantomime. Exactly which one will be decided as soon as we have an idea of the size of our 'cast'.

The first 'stage' will be holding a meeting early in September with the aim of running a finished production in February next year.

Those involved with 'Building Up Steam' last year will remember how superb a contribution the school children throughout the area made. We hope to be working with the children of Nynehead School in this new project which we are sure everyone will enjoy.

If you fancy taking part in a village panto, either on or behind the stage, please contact me, Kate Howard, on 665156.

# All Saints Church - Nynehead

## Church Services:

### ALL SUNDAY SERVICES START AT 10-30am

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 everyone to attend.

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

## Harvest Festival:

The service of Harvest Festival will take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> September and it will be the normal Sunday morning service at 10-30am. Any Harvest gifts will be gratefully received on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> at the church between 10-30am and noon.

## 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.

## Church contacts:

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

Other matters of general nature: either Tony Lock – Churchwarden tel 461214 or

Gary Sparks – Churchwarden tel. 663745

This year is the year when the church has its' Quinquennial inspection. The Church of England ensure that all the churches are inspected on a five year cycle by a qualified church architect. The purpose of the inspection is to highlight any serious defects in the church building and to recommend work that needs to be carried out in order to preserve the building. As you can imagine, in a small parish like ours which struggles to maintain the building, we dread the thought of the architect saying that there is some serious problem with the building which needs urgent attention. After every inspection the Parochial Church Council has to prioritise the work that is required and I am afraid that some of the suggested work never actually gets done because of the cost involved. Another real problem we have is that in order to carry out any major work we have to apply for a faculty from the Diocese which is a very long drawn out process and often requires detailed architect drawings, all of which costs money.

In the past few months many groups have visited the church and have been able to see how interesting it is and hear how the church in Nynehead has developed since about 737AD. If you have visitors who would be interested in seeing the church please contact me.

A.J.Lock - Churchwarden

Tel 461214



## Footpath Liaison Officer

### Why have a Parish Footpath Liaison Officer?

There are several organisations and individuals involved in the maintenance and promotion of rights of way, including the Highway Authority, the County Council, the District Council, the Parish Council and, of course, landowners.

The Parish Footpath Liaison Officer should provide a local reference point for all those involved with rights of way within the parish, and so, it is hoped, remove some of the frustration that comes when dealing with multiple authorities.

Additionally, we all know that footpaths can be a source of contention. Conflicts arise between those who use footpaths and the owners of the land over which paths pass. Although there is much legislation regarding the maintenance and use of footpaths it is best if matters are resolved locally. A Parish Footpath Liaison Officer, then, may help sort out any difficulties without resorting to the District or County Council and incurring all the consequent bureaucracy, form filling, delay and cost.

### Primary objective.

If we can achieve well signed paths, over agreed alignments, that are easy to see and use, all parties will benefit. The footpath walker is encouraged to keep to the path - using any other route is a waste of effort -and the landowner benefits because there is no gratuitous damage to crops, livestock, hedges, fences or gates.

### Dogs and Footpaths

The width of a right of way is defined in detail by legislation. Footpath users and their dogs should not stray outside that defined width

which means that dogs must not be allowed to stray into crops or among livestock. So, while on a footpath you have a responsibility to keep your dog under close control at all times.

Similarly it is an offence to allow a dog to foul the right of way. Such fouling can cause major farming problems, especially to livestock. And anyway human users of the path don't want to be looking at their feet all the time - we want to enjoy the environment. So please, clear up after your dog and everyone will appreciate your contribution to a healthy countryside.

### What next?

There are two published and waymarked Parish Circular Walks for Nynhead, that for 'Nynhead' is printed opposite and the other, for East Nynhead, will be in the next edition of The Nynhead News.

In addition the West Deane Way passes through the parish. As walkers are invited and encouraged to use these routes they can expect the paths to be well signed, easy to use and easy to see. So it is these paths that will be considered first under the primary objective described above.

The section on Dogs and Footpaths is derived from information supplied by the TD13C Rights of Way Officer

Colin Spackman  
Footpath Liaison Officer

### *Editors Note:*

*To contact Colin please telephone directly to David Rabson, Parish Clerk, on 666609 or write for the attention of the Parish Council.*

## Farming at Hornshay

(By Robin Darby)

I have been asked to write what may become a regular column on farming.

My parents were fortunate enough to purchase Hornshay Farm from the Bolnore Estate in 1967. Hornshay Farm and its 382 acres are rather grandly described as "One of the finest agricultural properties in the West of England" by Messers W R J Greenslade & Co. in the 1967 sale catalogue. No mention is made of the former parklands or the Sanford Three Arch Bridge. The Grand Western Canal is mentioned in the notes only "for the purpose of dumping refuse and waste....." The former Wellington Urban District Council did this in the cutting in Steadhams. If the canal is reopened let's hope that the "refuse & waste" is removed. Also not mentioned is the 4.5km (*I have a metric scale ruler!*) of the public footpaths.

Our main enterprise is the milking herd of 160 Holstein Friesians. The main crop grown (other than grass) is 97 acres of maize. It looks like sweetcorn but we use varieties that will produce a high starch content in the grain. It is sown in April and harvested in October. The whole of the plant is cut and chopped and made into silage. In addition, 22 acres of wheat are grown. The straw is used for bedding and the grain is treated with Caustic Soda to make it more digestible for feeding to the cows.

The remaining 200 acres is grassland. Some of this is cut for silage. The grazing area is divided into paddocks, each of about 4 acres, which is enough to feed the cows for a day. We have 20 paddocks that, if it keeps raining like it has so far this year, will produce enough grass to feed the cows through the summer.

Our milk is collected every other evening by United Milk in an articulated lorry with a capacity of 23,000 litres. From July my milk will go to the new factory at Westbury. This factory will have the capacity to process 800,000,000 litres of milk (which is 5% of the UK milk production) and turn it into 75,000 tonnes

of skimmed milk powder and 40,000 tonnes of butter. United milk also produces ingredients for the food manufacturing industry such as chocolate and ice cream.



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## Nynehead Under 5's Group

(By Dawn Netley)

We are hoping to move shortly from the Village Primary School Library to the Village Hall. We have been running our Toddler Group for sixteen months from the School library, but feel we now need larger premises as we are hoping to get a Pre-School up and running this September.

Caroline and I would like to thank Mr. Pearson, Headmaster of Nynehead Primary School, for kindly letting us use the School library.

If you would like to know more about the proposed Pre-School or the already existing Toddler Group please phone Dawn, who is already taking names for the Pre-School.

Also contact Dawn if you would like to help run the Pre-School or simply help out generally, whether as a member of staff or as a volunteer. All help would be gratefully received.

The Toddler Group will be running a stall at the Village Community Market on July 6<sup>th</sup> 2002. If you have any brick-a-brac we could sell to raise funds for the group, please let Dawn know and she will arrange for someone to pick it up.

Contact Dawn on 661592.

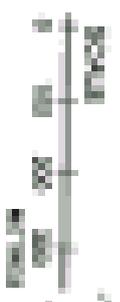
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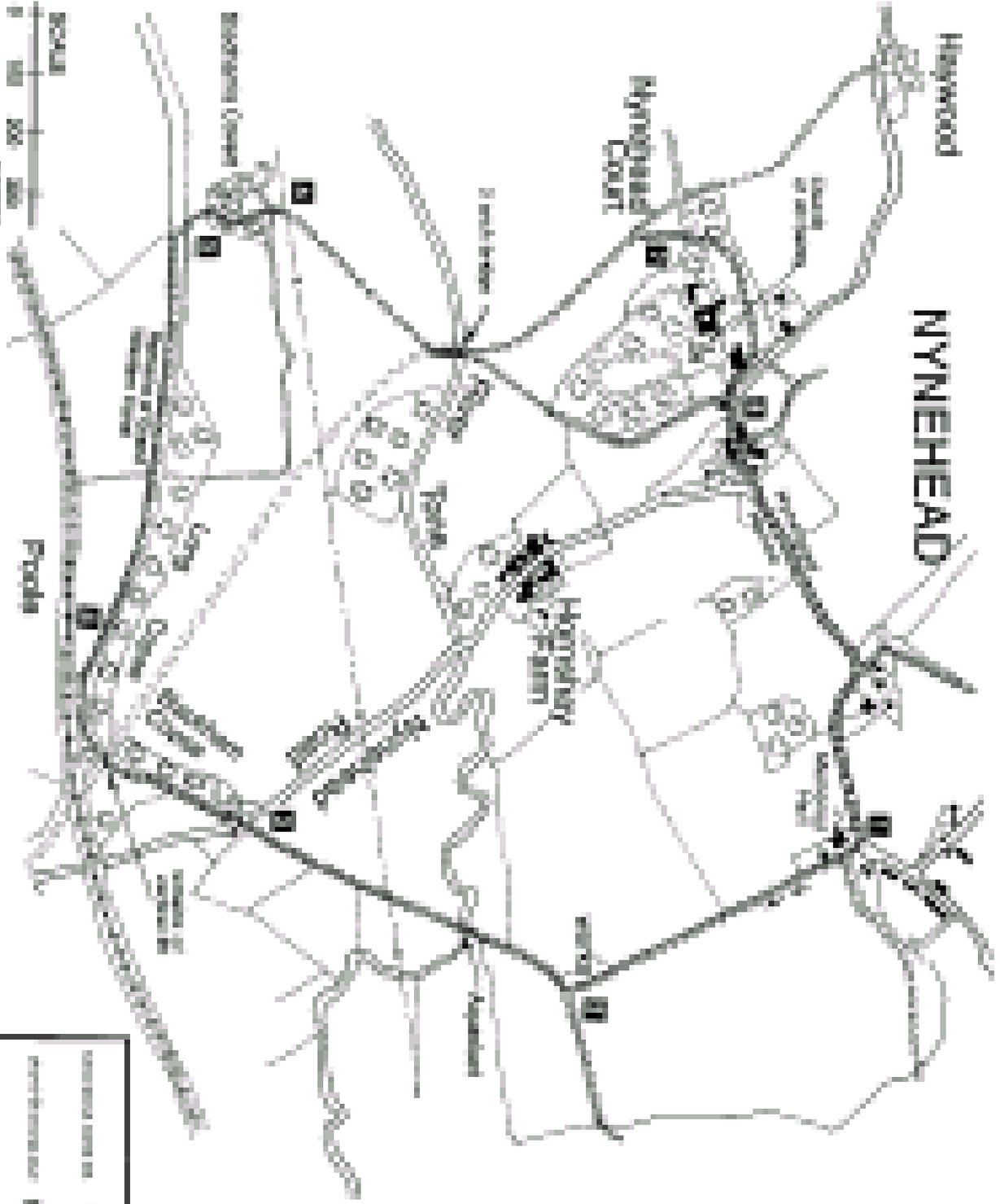
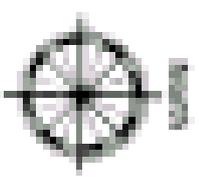
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 PUBLIC FOOTPATH  
 MAIN ROAD





## GRAND WESTERN CANAL TRUST

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### What are you doing on Wednesday evenings?

Evening working parties followed by a barbecue are to take place at the Nynehead lift site during July and most of August. We hope that we will be joined by villagers who are interested in finding out what is happening with the Canal. You don't have to work, although your efforts will be most welcome; just turn up with your food and drink and we'll cook for you!

Little work has been done at the Nynehead sites recently for several reasons. Work at Jays Cutting near Cothay has taken priority. We needed to get the site ready for the two-week canal camp provided by volunteers from the Waterway Recovery Group (WRG). Also the Trust has been busy taking its display material to many events so that it can get support for the financing of the phase 2 feasibility study that will examine the socio-economic effect and the major engineering work involved with full restoration. Thanks to the Jubilee Committee the display was on the playing field when the village celebrations took place.

On Sunday 14 July there will be a Canal Awareness Day at Sampford Peverell in Devon starting at 12 noon. Please come and join us on part of the Canal that is in water so that you can see what we may have one day at Nynehead should restoration take place.

On Sunday 21 July, as part of National Archaeology Day events, tours are being organised around the 'Nynehead Ring', which incorporates the Canal lift, aqueducts, the carriageway to Nynehead Court, the Court's icehouse and gardens and the turbine house on the River Tone. Anyone interested in taking part should be at Wharf Cottage at 10.30 a.m. or 2.30 p.m. wearing stout walking shoes. The Somerset Industrial Archaeological Society will be putting on a display of the work that it does around the county.

Towards the end of July the Grand Western Canal will be featured on Radio 4's Open Country programme that is broadcast at 6.10 a.m. on Saturdays and repeated at 1.30 p.m. on Thursdays so if you wish to know more about the Canal, its history and wildlife then I suggest that you tune to 92.5MHz FM or 198 kHz LW at those times for the last week of July.

Our working parties continue on the second Saturday of each month and are most likely to take place in the Nynehead area, as work at Jays Cutting should be complete. They start at 10 a.m. and work usually goes on until about 5 p.m. You will be made most welcome should you choose to join in between those times. (You don't have to work all day!) Strong footwear and gloves are all you need, although we can provide gloves.

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)*



## Parish Councils – What can they do?

In our first edition we gave 'A Brief History of Parish Councils'. As a follow up we'd like to look at some of the things they can do.

Parish Councils form the first and lowest level of civil government and their powers are defined and granted by acts of Parliament.

*This means that whilst you and I, as individuals, are free to do anything we want – unless it is 'specifically illegal' - Councils can only do what the law 'specifically allows'.*

Although they have limited tax-raising powers and can make bylaws to improve the governance of their areas, they can only spend money where the acts of Parliament have given them the power.

The level of local government above parish councils is the District Authority or Council. In our case it is **Taunton Deane Borough Council** which is responsible for such areas as local planning, environmental services and housing. Next comes **Somerset County Council** whose obligations include education, highways, strategic planning and waste disposal.

Opposite is a summary of the main things that Parish Councils can do. *Quite clearly, not all of these activities would necessarily apply to small parishes like our own.* This summary is not fully detailed nor is it meant to be all encompassing. Further information on specific points can be obtained from the Clerk to the Council.

In addition to the items listed, Councils have a 'General Expenditure Power' which means that they may spend money on any purpose, which in their opinion, is of direct benefit to its area or its inhabitants. The total expenditure on all cases under this general power must not exceed £3.50 per local government elector in the Parish in any financial year.

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To discover more about Nynehead Parish Council you are welcome to attend the regular meetings that are normally held on the first Monday of the month, with the exception of August.

***Dates and times of meetings are published on the three notice boards in the village.***

Members of the public are allotted the initial ten minutes of each meeting to either raise questions for consideration by the council or simply to comment upon problems they feel should be brought to the council's attention. Alternatively they may write to the Parish Council, via the clerk, and any correspondence received will be read and considered by councillors at their next meeting.

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Although Central Government is considering a number changes to the way in which of local government works, the foregoing applies at this date of this publication.

- Provide and maintain
  - allotments for cultivation.
  - burial grounds, cemeteries, crematoria, mortuaries and post-mortem rooms.
  - footway lighting which lights roads or pavements.
  - Land for any kind of outdoor recreation, including boating pools.
  - public clocks on churches or elsewhere.
  - public open spaces, pleasure grounds and public walks.
  - public parks and appropriate facilities.
  - public lavatories.
  - public seats on the highway.
  - shelters for general public, particularly for bus passengers.
  
- Provide
  - and manage car and cycle parks.
  - any form of public entertainment and any premises for giving entertainments.
  - baths and wash-houses (which in modern terms may mean a launderette).
  - buildings for public meetings and functions for indoor sports or physical recreation.
  - facilities for conferences and the encouragement of recreational and business tourism.
  - indoor or outdoor swimming pools or bathing places.
  - litter-bins in streets and support for anti-litter campaigns.
  - public footpaths and bridleways.
  
- Maintain
  - the village green.
  - repair and protect war memorials
  
- Contribute to the cost of a churchyard that is in use - and maintain any closed churchyard.
- Contribute towards the cost of traffic calming works provided by highway authorities.
- Deal with ponds, pools or other places containing filth or matter prejudicial to health.
- Develop and improve knowledge of the arts, as well as those crafts that serve the arts.
- Erect signs that warn of dangers or announce a place name or indicate a bus stop.
- Establish car-sharing and taxi fare concession schemes
- Guarantee the postal or telephone authorities against a loss on a facility.
- Install equipment and establish schemes for the detection or prevention of crime.
- Investigate public transport, road and traffic provisions and provide information about public transport.
- Make grants for community bus services for the elderly or disabled.
- Make bylaws with new ones being based on models issued by the Home Office
- Plant and maintain roadside verges.
- Protect any 'finally registered' common that has no registered owner.
- Prosecute or defend legal proceedings & take part in local enquiries in the interest of the inhabitants.
- Borrow money for up to a maximum of 25 years after receiving consent from central government
- *Parish Councils have a right to be notified of any planning application affecting their area and to make comments that the planning authority must take into account.*

## Community Beat Officer PC Jim Hawkesworth

### CON ARTIST ALERT

Please be aware that there have recently been a number of crimes of the 'distraction and deception' type, not in Nynehead itself, but nearby.

For example, a senior citizen was conned into buying fertiliser pellets by an unannounced caller for an extortionate amount.

A 79 year old man was conned into paying out over £12,000 (his life savings) for work to clean his patio and repair fascia boards (work valued at only £900). They visited the victim over the course of a week, taking him to the bank to withdraw further cash to maximise their profits!

In another incident, the victim was charged £1000 for repairs to his garage (estimated value of work £20.)

And in a third incident, an 80 year old lady avoided paying £1600 for work (not undertaken) when she involved the Police and persons were intercepted, one being arrested.

The people who commit these types of crimes are extremely well organised criminals and will travel long distances. If you do any business with an unannounced caller you are putting others at risk as well.

Our advice is not do business with any unannounced caller, whether in person or over the telephone.

A company calling themselves:  
EUROPEAN ENVIROMENTAL SERVICES,  
EUROPEAN ENVIROMENTAL CONTROL,  
and EUROPA SECURITY PRODUCTS  
is causing concern as there has been an increase in distraction crime after they have been touting in an area.

Please report any unannounced visit you have straight away to the Police, and retain any business cards or other documents you receive. Please also make a note of vehicle registration numbers and a description of the person(s) and their clothing.

It is important that communities keep an eye on their senior residents and anyone else who may be considered vulnerable.

**The next visit of the Community Policing Unit (Mobile Police Station) to the village is Monday 8th July between 8-10 pm**

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**MY points of contact are**

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Wellington Police Station,  
Victoria Street,  
Wellington  
Somerset  
TA21 8HR**

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**Via confidential Voicemail:**

**01823363287**

(When using this service please listen to the recorded message until you are invited to enter the voice mail box. Then dial 73428, and leave your message after my greeting.)

**E-mail:**

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## Communities First in Rural Somerset

I am delighted to say that I have managed to negotiate with Business Link to hold a number of e-business advice sessions. These sessions are aimed at helping businesses of all sizes by providing a number of 1 hour sessions – **free of charge** – to answer questions relating to the Internet and business.

The sort of questions asked in the past have included:

- How do I register a 'Domain Name'?
- How do I take credit card payments on my website?
- How do I attract more visitors to my website?
- How do search engines work?

Meetings lasting 1 hour will be held between 9am and 5pm at Wiveliscombe House, Wiveliscombe, or Wellington Community Education Centre, Courtlands Road, Wellington:

25 <sup>th</sup> July	Wiveliscombe
8 <sup>th</sup> August	Wellington
26 <sup>th</sup> September	Wiveliscombe
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Wellington
28 <sup>th</sup> November	Wiveliscombe
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Wellington
27 <sup>th</sup> February	Wellington

To reserve a place call Business Link on 01823 287600 or if you would like more information beforehand, contact me on 01823 667944.

Helen Tuck

[h.tuck@tauntondeane.gov.uk](mailto:h.tuck@tauntondeane.gov.uk)

## Nynehead Jubilee Committee

This letter seeks to thank a number of people who enabled the Queen's Jubilee celebrations in Nynehead to be such a success.

In Nynehead we were fortunate and delighted to receive a grant of £276 from the Somerset County Council Golden Jubilee Fund. This enabled our committee to plan the day's activities on June 3d.

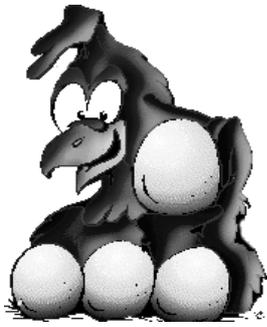
We should now like to thank the many kind people who helped us by donating money, raffle prizes and food on the morning of the day to aid the afternoon party. In addition the committee wish to place on record their heartfelt thanks to all those people who came to the celebrations and joined in. We think that the number who attended was more than 275 and we still wonder how we fed and watered everyone!

We have some money left over and have a number of intentions which we should like to share with readers. It is our intention to provide a replacement seat at the Playing Field and a new seat by the Tone in East Nynehead We also propose to donate monies to the Playing Field committee so that they may be able to provide play equipment for the Under Fives at the field whilst we should also like to assist the fledgling drama group. Finally, it is the wish of the committee that in future Nynehead has a Flower Show Fete of its own every year. A sum of money will be set aside for an unformed committee to achieve this aim. So ... our thanks once again and here's to the 2003 Nynehead Flower and Vegetable Show!

Yours sincerely,

Alastair Riley for:

The 20+ members of the Nynehead Jubilee Committee.



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David Rabson (Clerk)	666609
Mike Briginshaw	461627
Ben Tingay	669828

### Nynehead School

Peter Pearson (Headmaster)	662021
Mrs M A Northam (Chair of Govenors)	667588

### 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

Nigel Howard (Chairman)	665156
Kathy Boyd (Social Sercretary)	667148
Betty Sparks (Treasurer)	660407
David Rabson (Secretary)	666609

### Nynehead Club

Mervyn Hooper (Chairman)	461518
Mike Briginshaw (Treasurer)	461627
David Raybould (Secretary)	669727
Kate Howard (Social Secretary)	665156

### 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

Peter Pearson	662021
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### CRIMESTOPPERS

To give anonymous information	0800 555 111
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## Diary - 13th July to 12th October 2002

13-Jul	Cricket Club Summer Barbecue - at Cricket Field
14-Jul	Canal Awareness Day - Sampford Arundel - leaving at noon
14-Jul	Cricket Club playing at home.
15-Jul	Nynehead Womens Institute - Somerset's Waterways - 7.30 at Village Hall
17-Jul	Village Hall Committee Meeting
19-Jul	History Society outing to Creech St. Michael - leave Village Hall 6.00 pm
20-Jul	Fun Quiz Night' & 'Ploughman's Supper' - 8.00 pm at Village Hall
21-Jul	National Archeological Day - 'The Nynehead Ring' - See page 13 for details - leaving from Wharf Cottage at 10.30 am & 2.30 pm
21-Jul	Cricket Club playing at home.
<b>22-Jul</b>	<b>Free Wine &amp; Cheese - 7.30 pm at Village Hall (Nynehead Appraisal Group)</b>
28-Jul	Cricket Club playing at home.
4-Aug	Cricket Club playing at home.
16-Aug	History Society outing to Hatch Beauchamp - leave Village Hall 6.00 pm
17-Aug	Community Market - 2.00 pm at Village Hall
18-Aug	Cricket Club playing at home.
24-Aug	Cricket Club playing at home.
1-Sep	Cricket Club playing at home.
2-Sep	Parish Council Meeting - 7.30 pm at Village Hall
14-Sep	Family Prize Bingo' - 7.30 at Village Hall
16-Sep	Nynehead Womens Institute - Medieval Wellington - 7.30 at Village Hall
<b>22-Sep</b>	<b>Editorial Deadline for October Issue of Nynehead News</b>
5-Oct	Harvest Supper - 7.00 for 7.30 pm at Village Hall
7-Oct	Parish Council Meeting - 7.30 pm at Village Hall
11-Oct	History Society - 'Somerset Privies' - 7.45 pm at Village Hall
21-Oct	Nynehead Women's Institute - Antiques Roadshow - 7.30 at Village Hall
26-Oct	Nynehead Club - Music with Monopole - 8.00 at Club & in Hall