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Don't forget - the Nynehead News is your paper!

It is to help you communicate with others in the Parish of Nynehead, either to draw attention to issues, comment on articles and reports or simply to let us all know what you have been up to!

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Editorial Comment

Welcome to the July 2003 Edition of Nynehead News.

The 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.

The editor retains the discretionary right to reject material or comments considered to be directly or potentially inappropriate or offensive.

Well, the excitement of the local council elections has long subsided and as many will be aware there was no need for an election of Parish Councillors as insufficient candidates put their names forward.

However, with the co-option of Alan Ketley you now have a full team of councillors once again. Full details are given in the Parish Council section of this newsletter.

In addition, the Appraisal Group has distributed and collected the Questionnaire. With over 70% of the forms being returned and the views of some 200 people being expressed, the final analysis should give a true reflection of the views of our community.

Other excitement has been the removal of many dead and dangerous trees in the Hollow. On a cold and wet 20th May Robin Darby, Steve Ling and their teams worked together to make the Hollow safer. Although many trees were removed there are still a few at the top of the Hollow that will receive their attention later in the year. Thanks to all for having undertaken this substantial task.

Colin Spackman, our Footpaths Liaison Officer, has persuaded (some would say threatened and cajoled) some of your Parish Councillors to walk the parish footpaths. Most have now been covered and whilst there is clearly some attention needed many of the paths are reasonably accessible. However, this doesn't mean there isn't room for improvement! As your councillors now have personal knowledge of the problems we can look to their support for getting problems resolved.

It was noticeable that some of the recently ploughed fields have been tended very carefully with the footpaths reinstated to high standards. Colin will be contacting those concerned directly,

but in the meantime I would ask them to accept our thanks. The difference was really impressive.

As you will see towards the back of this issue, there is news of the changes to our Community Police Structure. Although the 'Milverton Beat', which includes Nynehead, will now encompass Wiveliscombe, there will be two officers instead of one.

There is also information regarding the Community Policing Unit. This covers a very large area so we are unlikely to see it more than 10 or 12 times a year. However, the team manning it is very experienced and approachable so don't hesitate to pay them a visit when they are in the village.

Do read the article about Emergency Planning. Although a few potential sources of emergencies are given I do wonder whether a Parish Emergency Team could have helped find the lady who went 'missing' from Nynehead Court a few weeks ago. Is it possible that the lady could have been found earlier and the cost of the helicopter and the support staff that entailed been saved?

Maybe we should bear in mind that even one missing person – or child – should be considered just as much an emergency as a terrorist attack!

I do hope that David Rabson will receive a good number of enquiries and that the Parish Council will actively support this project.

Mike Briginshaw

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As ever I would like to thank Janet & Chris Watson for their tremendous help in ensuring that the Nynehead News is delivered to every household in the whole of our Parish.

Although I don't have full details available at the moment I am aware that a number of people completed the 'Blue Form' that was included with the NAG Questionnaire, indicating their willingness to help with this publication. As soon as the analysis is completed I will make contact with all volunteers to establish how we can best co-ordinate our efforts. Meantime, my thanks to all who have put their names forward.

Please note that the October issue will be running a week later than usual – simply due to holidays interrupting the flow – my apologies!

Mike

Nynehead Appraisal Group

As you will be aware, the Appraisal Group distributed their Questionnaire at the beginning of May and most were collected on or soon after the 17th of that same month.

Of the 137 delivered 96 completed forms were collected representing just over 70% of the total.

The group would like to thank all who contributed – the response was exceptionally high and should mean that the analysis will produce meaningful information.

Bearing in mind that there were a total of 74 questions with an average of about 4 options on each, you can see that if even only person per household responded over 28,000 items of information have had to be collated. This task was undertaken by David Raybould and has now been completed. Our thanks to David who, with his professional experience in statistical analysis has significantly reduced the time it would otherwise have taken.

However, we now need to examine the results in detail and collate them into to a presentable format. We had hoped to have this completed by about this time (end June to mid July) but it is going to take longer than anticipated.

As a group we wish to complete the project as soon as possible but feel it is important that care – and therefore time – is taken to ensure that this final stage of the Appraisal is completed accurately. We will keep everyone informed of progress as soon as we are able.

It is also very pleasing to report that over 40 people returned the 'Blue Form' indicating that their interest in becoming involved in community projects. Environmental issues, footpaths, neighbourhood watch and the newsletter – amongst others - received considerable support. Contact will be made with all respondents in the near future with a view to co-ordinating those interested in specific areas.

Janet Watson
(Secretary)

Parish Council

The parish elections on 1 May were uncontested as only four people stood for the five places on the council. Candidates were invited for co-option to the fifth place with the result that at the June meeting Alan Ketley became a member of the council. The members of the council for the next four years are therefore:

Mervyn Hooper – Chairman.
Mike Briginshaw – Vice-chairman.
Phil Bassett.
Alan Ketley.
Gary Sparks.

The old council spent too much time dealing with administrative and procedural changes to the way it works required by central government. We hope this is now behind us and can concentrate on doing things that matter for the village, so far as they are within the council's power. As always the council will continue to put pressure on the highway authority to ensure that the roads are kept in good condition. Ash Lane is always a problem and we have been told that it will be surface-dressed in mid-July. Trees in the Hollow are also a cause for concern and the council has thanked Robin Darby and Steve Ling for clearing dead trees with the minimum of inconvenience to the road user.

The council is taking a closer interest in footpaths and has made two inspections with our footpath liaison officer Colin Spackman. Footpaths were covered by the recent village questionnaire along with many other matters and the council will be considering the results of the survey in due course. This summer work we expect improvements to be carried out to the paths around the canal aqueduct over the Tone and next to the pumping station near the school. Our footpath work is funded from a special grant we receive from the Deane Council which we receive in addition to our parish share of the council tax. The Deane also gives grants for the maintenance of the churchyard and the playing field.

The Annual Parish Meeting on 16 May was reasonably well attended (23 electors compared with 25 in 2002) and judging by the reports from village organisations Nynehead is an active village with a great variety of things to do.

The council does not meet in August so the next meeting of the council after July will be on Monday 8 September. The council's meetings are preceded by a ten minute 'public question time' starting at 7.30 p.m. in which anyone can ask questions or make statements about matters within the remit of the council. We normally have two or three 'regulars' but it would always be good to see more people taking an interest.

David Rabson
Clerk to the Council.

N.A.D.S

Hello again! Nynehead Amateur Dramatic Society are having a well deserved summer break at the moment, but it won't be long before auditions and rehearsals start again for the next production.

This will be another mini-panto along the lines of "Up the Beanstalk" as it was so much fun to do, so well received and a good evenings entertainment for all.

On September 27th N.A.D.S will be supplying the actors for a Murder Mystery evening in conjunction with the village hall. Which will test your detective skills, and enable you to be budding "Miss Marples" or "Hercule Poirots"! (further details ASAP)

If you would like to help our next pantomime in any shape or form, please let us know, as you would be most welcome. Putting on a production takes a lot of hard work, and the more members we have the easier it gets. We are a happy bunch, and have a lot of fun!

Have a great summer

Kate Howard

**Our A.G.M. will be on Monday
August 4th in the club at 7.30pm
All welcome**

All Saints Church

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 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.

Annual Church Meeting: Since the last edition of the Village Newsletter the church has held the Annual Church Meeting at which Churchwardens and members of the Parochial Church Council are elected. Gary Sparks resigned as Churchwarden and now that Allan Howe has returned to live permanently in the parish he has agreed to fill the position. Allan in fact was one of the Churchwardens at Nynehead before but had to resign in 1985 when he left to work abroad. The members of the Parochial Church Council are Muriel Kodritsch, Cynthia Lock, Rachel Saunders-Vest, Betty Sparks, Gary Sparks, Jean Sparks and Stephen Thompson plus the two churchwardens and clergy.

It was reported at the meeting that the parish had been able to meet all the financial commitments during the year and had also made several donations to both church and local charities. Our parish quota for 2003 is £3037; this is our contribution towards the provision of the church in the Diocese of Bath and Wells. On top of this sum we also have the running costs of our own church to meet e.g. repairs, heating, lighting etc.

Churchyard: It has been recently reported that someone has been interfering with the flowers and vases on some of the graves in the churchyard. We would be grateful if anyone in the parish sees people interfering in this way would they please have a word with them or let one of the churchwardens know.

Lent Boxes: There is a tradition in many churches that during Lent special collections are made for charities. This year we decided that the collection should be given to the USPG which is a major mission agency of the Anglican Church. USPG was founded in 1701 and works in partnership with Anglican and United Churches in more than 50 countries worldwide, exchanging people, resources and training for mission. In the next five years the priority of USPG will be to work with and for those who are 'Living on the edge'. For example USPG recently provided funding in order to install a solar energy system in some of the houses in three villages in Malawi, which meant that the houses could have a cost free electricity supply. Funding is also provided for education purposes, which includes a programme for teaching the skills to farm on the hillside terraces in Tanzania.

Date for your diary: In order to raise funds for the parish church there will be a concert given by Dr Coles' choir held in church on 13th October. Further details later.

From the Parish Register: 25th May 2003 Baptism of Jack Goodyear. Jack is the grandson of Pam and Gordon Macey of Nynehead.

Church contacts:

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

A. J .Lock - Churchwarden
Tel 461214

History Society

Our 32nd winter programme finished on 9 May with a talk on the history of Bishops Lydeard by David Hinton. The meeting was also our AGM at which everyone was happy for the present committee and officers to continue (Tony Lock, Chairman, David Rabson, Secretary and Cynthia Lock, Treasurer).

On four Friday evenings during the summer we will be going to visit places of interest leaving the Memorial Hall at 6.00 p.m. By the time of publication we will already have been to Stogursey and been led on a walk with a natural history slant by David Manners. On 15 August Denis Dodd will be showing us the Grand Western Canal at Greenham while on 5 September we will be visiting Wiveliscombe with Bob Croft, the County Archaeologist.

Our next winter programme starts on Friday 10 October at 7.45 p.m. in the Memorial Hall. The speaker will be announced nearer the time.

The text and illustrations for the 'Book of Nynehead' were taken to the publishers, Halsgrove Press in Tiverton, on 6 June. In mid-July we will be asked to check the proofs with a view to publication in time for Christmas. We would like to thank all those who have contributed words, photographs and memories for the book. In fact we have received far too much to be included (about twice as many pictures than we could use). If all goes well there will be a launch of the book in the Hall sometime in the autumn.

However this will only happen if we reach the target of about 300 advance orders – the deadline for these is 24 September but the publishers would like to know if they are on target well before this. Everyone in the village should have received a leaflet about the book but I do have extra copies if any one needs them.

David Rabson.

'The Book of Nynehead'

I now have the publisher's proof of the Nynehead book and examples of similar books for other villages.

If you would like to see them before ordering your copy please ring me on 666609.

David Rabson."

Communities First in Rural Somerset



The South West Taunton Deane Business and Community Group Directory is being updated.

If you run a business or are involved in a community group in the TA21 area just fill in the form enclosed with this copy of the Nynehead News.

There is no catch, it's completely free to enter and doesn't matter how large or small your business or group is – so just fill in your details and send the form back by August 4th.

Emma Morrice
Rural Projects Officer

Emergency Planning

Somerset Fire Brigade wrote to all Parish Clerks earlier this year to encourage the establishment of Emergency Parish Volunteer schemes.

Nynehead is, in many ways, an ideal place to live and in we probably have little to fear from terrorist attacks or indeed, any other emergency – but....

Well, who knows what's around the corner?

Our sky is very busy with military as well as civil aircraft. We have a main railway line passing through the village and the motorway is not far away. I have no doubt there are many other potential sources of 'emergencies' that can be added to the list.

The Emergency Services, supported by the Local Authorities, the Health Service, public and voluntary organisations are normally able to cope. However, the local community may be able to provide vital information or direct support if the official services are particularly hard-pressed. If the responding organisations are delayed the parish service may need to take initial action.

An Emergency Plan is designed with the following objectives:

- To identify the Parish Emergency Management Team
- To provide information to assist the emergency services
- To identify additional volunteers
- To provide information to assist the parish during a temporary period of isolation.
- To identify 'key' people and resources.

Examples of 'key' people could be as follows:

People with special needs
People with Special skills

Resources could include:

A Parish Emergency Centre (Hall or School etc.)
Special 'hazards' within the parish
Supplies of vehicles, equipment & materials
Emergency accommodation, food etc.

The Fire Brigade has produced a skeleton Parish Council Emergency Plan that is largely a record of local people who would be willing to help together with the resources that would be available in the event of an emergency.

If you would like to part of an Emergency Team or are able to assist with resources please contact the Parish Clerk, David Rabson on 6666909

Postwatch

Did you know that the Royal Mail has changed its collections system?

Well, the Royal Mail claim that letters collected at the end of a day are just as likely to be delivered the following day as letters collected earlier. *In some cases letters in early collections were not being sorted until the last collection of the day arrived anyway!*

Individual collection times are no longer displayed – only the *last* collection of the day is given. Collections will be made throughout the day according to how much mail is put in the box and when it needs emptying.

The Royal Mail has also stopped using the little metal tabs that were used to indicate the next collection time, thereby letting us know whether a particular collection has been made. Now the problem is that we no longer have any way of knowing whether the last collection of the day has taken place or not!

The Royal Mail claim it is too costly to put the tabs back but I'm sure you will all be happy to know that Postwatch is pressing hard to get them re-instated. If you want more information or wish to lodge comments or complaints, visit their web site. (www.postwatch.co.uk)

Mike Briginshaw

Nynehead C of E Primary School June 2003

All being well this newsletter reaches you on Saturday 12th July – the day of our **Strawberry Cream Teas and Summer Fair!!** We look forward to seeing you in the school grounds at 2:30 pm.

A highlight for the summer term was the week beginning the 9th June. A party of 8 children from the school spent 5 days in **Normandy**, staying in an old farmhouse, having to plan meals and buy the ingredients in local shops. A highpoint of the visit was a day at the Memorial, Caen, where they learnt all about the Second World War and in particular the Normandy landings. This fitted in with the Juniors topic on life in the Second World War, for which the children have also been interviewing relatives and neighbours with memories from the time.

The children who did not go to France had a topic week on **Bird Life**, starting with a visit to Slimbridge, and stimulated by a visit from a local birdwatcher who amazed the children and staff by showing just how many interesting birds can be found locally if you keep your eyes and ears open! This week will be followed up during the termly Design and Technology week, when the focus will be on making bird feeders and nesting boxes.

Everyone at school would like to thank all the local people and organisations who supported the **family Quiz night** on 20 June. This was a lively and enjoyable evening, washed down by food and wine brought back from France. It looks like a clear £250 was raised to contribute towards the school visits this term. Thankfully the school's reputation as a place of learning was safeguarded with one of the two school teams taking the first prize!

At the time of writing there has been much in the local press about the future of the school, sadly some of it ill-informed. There will be a 'technical working group' set up to explore ways the school can work even closer with other local small schools, with the stated aim of 'securing the future of the school'.

The school currently has a rising role – up to 32 in September – and staff, Governors and parents are united in believing that the school is not only viable but is in a position to offer something quite special for the children educated here. I have every confidence that my successor, Mrs Angela Lewis from Wiveliscombe school, will lead the school into many more good times to come.

Peter Pearson

Nynehead Under 5's Group

- **At Nynehead Village Hall**
- **Every Wednesday** – except School Holidays
- **Between 9.30 – 12.00**
- Healthy Snack & Drink served with refreshments available for adults.
- All welcome from babies, to pre-school children, Mums & Dads, and Mums to be as well as nannies and other carers.
- Plus toys & equipment (e.g. indoor climbing frame etc..) to hire from 50p
- Just come and join us for fun & frolics!

P.S. If you would like to help out at anytime contact me at the number given below. All help gratefully received – also any toys no longer needed – no matter how small or large, would be appreciated.

Further details about the new pre-school will be in the next edition. If further information is required however, please contact me:

Dawn Netley
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Nynehead Cricket Club

This is written ahead of the club's most important day of the year – The annual BBQ on June 21st. It is for many people a smashing evening and it is hoped that all villagers that attended enjoyed the food, the music and the company, not to mention all the other attractions which the club tried to stage! As a small club staging something like this requires a massive amount of effort on the part of the very few so if any of those sterling workers read this they know that they are appreciated.

It has been great to see Paul & Phil from the village now turning out for the club on the field. The membership now stands at a mighty 20 and a goodly number are Nynehead villagers. The players have also been extremely grateful for the support from villagers at some of their games. We had a fair few people at our win against Culmstock and I know that for Mervyn, in particular, it was good to be there when a huge club record was set! We will always try to make villagers welcome at our games and are happy to provide details of our plans regarding the pavilion for which full planning permission has now been obtained.

On the field, at the time of writing, five wins had been achieved from six starts. The only defeat – with a weakened side – came on a wet day at Bishop's Hull. Our results are below but to begin with details of that 'record' mentioned earlier. Dave Jewell won the toss against Culmstock and chose to bat on a fine wicket with shorter outfield than previously. Normally, he opens the batting with the veteran Alastair Riley. On this occasion he sent in Stuart Thraves along with Riley and the pair managed to add 175 for the first wicket! Thraves was undefeated with a splendid 106*, Nynehead's second ever century, whilst Riley eventually fell to a brilliant catch for 77. Many of the bowlers have taken wickets with nobody in particular leading the way although ex-Nynehead resident Neil Hendy did return 5-11 against East Huntspill. Andy Gamlin has started the season better than ever and Andy Wells has also bowled well along with Riley. In the first game a remarkable last wicket stand between David Raybould and Keith Haslam moved Nynehead from 58 for 9 to 79 which actually proved crucial in a game won by 3 runs!

Nynehead beat Sampford Arundel by 3 runs
Nynehead beat Hemyock by 5 wickets
Nynehead beat Wombat CC by 3 wickets
Nynehead lost to Bishop's Hull by 50
Nynehead beat East Huntspill by 2 wickets
Nynehead beat Culmstock by 77 runs.

Update:

The BBQ referred to above, was held in lovely mid-summer's day temperatures. Over 200 people were present.

The Cricket Club raised a significant sum towards the pavilion project.

One of the most pleasing elements was to see so many NYNEHEAD villagers present. There were dozens from the village itself and the Club extends their thanks to ALL who attended.

Alastair Riley
Secretary

Home Fixtures for July & August

July 20th
July 27th

August 3rd
August 17th
August 23rd
August 31st

Visitors always welcome

Footpath Liaison Officer

Animals and Rights of Way

In previous editions I have described how rights of way are affected by arable farming. But dairy farming is also common in Nynehead and there are rules and guidelines regarding best practice where farm animals are concerned.

The following information is taken from a Countryside Commission booklet - 'Managing Public Access - a guide for farmers and landowners'.

It contains some specific advice for farmers and landowners regarding bulls, but doesn't mention other animals, such as sheep or horses. However, under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, no animal, of any sort, that is known to be aggressive should ever be kept in a field to which the public have access via a right of way.

Bulls are allowed in fields crossed by a right of way, but only if they are

- a) less than 10 months old or
- b) not of a recognised dairy breed and are accompanied by cows or heifers.

A suggested list of recognised dairy breeds includes Ayrshire, British Friesian, and Dairy Shorthorn amongst others.

Notices warning of a bull's presence in a field should be displayed only when a bull is actually present. Misleading signs that discourage access are against the law.

My experience of walking Nynehead's footpaths shows that local farmers follow these rules and guidelines. Is that your experience?

Dogs and Farm Animals - Safety and Control

When there are sheep in a field all dogs should be kept under close control - on a short lead.

But when larger, inquisitive animals are involved it may be better to let the dog off its lead. Cows, for instance, are intrigued by dogs and will crowd round them if given the chance. With the dog off its lead, you may feel safer and the farm animals / cows will not feel intimidated as long as the dog does not harass them.

Right to Roam - The Countryside and Right of Way Act 2000.

Under this new act the Countryside agency is obliged to define all land that will be subject to the 'Right to Roam'. Their draft map for Somerset shows no land of this nature in Nynehead. The nearest examples are Langford Budville and Ash Priors Commons.

Rights of Way round Nynehead Court

When taking the footpath from the village green into Nynehead Court please turn right immediately you pass through the entrance to the Court, and follow the track round the back of all the buildings.

Those who use this footpath will have noticed a new gate where the track turns right towards Court Gardens. However, there is no right of way down that stretch of the track. So, to join the footpath northwards towards Heywood by using rights of way continue through the metal kissing gate into Court Fields, and then double back to the stile in the hedge, about 100 yards to the west.

Colin Spackman

Nynehead Memorial Hall

On Monday 28th April the hall held its AGM and it was nice to see so many faces present.

It was reported that the hall had made a small loss for the year mainly due to a large rise in costs (particularly insurance) and bookings being down on last year. It was felt more should be done to promote the hall to outside parties to try to increase income. The Election for hall committee was held and the following five were elected

Nigel Howard (chairman)
David Rabson (secretary)
Louise Hobbs (treasurer)
Kathy Boyd (bookings and fund raising)
William Salter

The representatives sitting on committee for village organisations this year are as follows

Church	John Sparks
WI	Jean Sparks
History	Geraldine Orr
Playing Field	Hilary Hooper
Parish council	Mervyn Hooper
Cricket Club	Mervyn Hooper
Nynehead Club	Louise Haslam
Under 5's	Dawn Netley
NADS	Nick Hollingsworth

Co-opted Members
Paul Eaton
Ron Boyd
Alison Ellis

The committee would like to thank Betty Sparks for all her years of hard work and devotion to the village hall.

With so much needing to be done it has been decided to run one large fund raising event for this year. It is planned to sell Bricks. We are hoping to sell sufficient to enable the front of the hall to be rebuilt in brick. This is necessary as the existing timber structure is rapidly decaying. This would be done on a 'raffle' basis with a prize for the three lucky bricks. It is expected this will start very shortly and hopefully end with a village party in the new year.

So why spend money on the lottery every week - you could buy a brick and stand the chance of winning up to £100, and be helping the hall.

We need to show Taunton Deane and Somerest County Council that we are serious about fund raising by building a substantial fund to stand any chance of a large grant from them and any other source.

There is also planned for September the 27th a Murder Mystery night this will be a joint project with NADS who will be doing the acting of Murder in The Manor. So why not come along and put your detective skills to a test. There will be a supper served and tickets will be available from the end of August. It is also hoped to have a family fun day one Sunday in the summer so look out for further information.

As you can see from above all bookings for the hall are now done through me, so if you want to have that family party, a fund raiser or just a get together why not give me a ring on 667148 all bookings help keep the hall going.

Kathy Boyd



View of Three Arch Bridge



Nynehead Beach?

Women's Institute

In May the W.I. celebrated its 85th Birthday with a lunch at the Shrubbery Hotel, Ilminster for past and present Presidents and members. After lunch we had a talk by archivist Anthea Byate about the Women's Library in Aldgate, London. She discussed the many books written by women about reform and the struggles that they had to bring about the modern women of today.

Our meeting in May was devoted to Resolutions debated yearly by all W.I.'s before going to the AGM in the Albert Hall.

1. Children – Diet and exercise needs to be better regulated to prevent the spread of obesity and associated risk of chronic disease in later life.
2. Vocational Training – We need to promote and strengthen the modern apprentice scheme.
3. Care of the Elderly – All necessary services should be implemented so that they can spend their remaining years in comfort and dignity either in their own home or Residential / Nursing Home.

In June, Chris Hannath (Our delegate to the AGM) reported back to us and afterwards Peter Leach gave a talk with slides on Roman Somerset.

Dates for your diary:

July 21st - Ann McLaren – Decorative Boxes
Sept. 15th – Tracing Family History – David Hawkings.
Oct 4th – Harvest Supper in Village Hall

Pam Macey

Village of the Year Competiton

Nynehead has entered the Somerset Village of the Year Competition, sponsored by Calor, for the first time. We all know this is a great place to live but how does it compare to others?

The questions we had to answer are straightforward enough; for example, what sort of facilities does the village have and do we have good transport links.

The judges also want to find out about the community spirit within the village - do we have a welcome pack for newcomers to the village? Having moved to Nynehead only a couple of years ago I know how it would have been useful to know about the local facilities. The fruit farm and fresh eggs being only two examples!

They also ask about local businesses - how many people are employed locally and in what kinds of business? Are we doing anything to attract new businesses? Do we do anything for older members of the community or for the youngsters?

The final area asked about is the environment where they would like to know what the village is actually doing for the environment in a practical way.

One area the judges will be pleased to see is the Village Appraisal that has just been completed. This should turn up valuable information to support our entry as well as providing us with some hard data to support further projects.

We unlikely to come top this year as we have much to learn about the competition and what is required. We will however use this as a learning experience so that next year we can really mount a strong challenge. As always any comments would be warmly welcomed.

Alan Ketley

The following has been submitted for publication by our County Councillor
Caroline Smeaton

**CHANCE TO CONTRIBUTE TO NEW
'LANDMARK' STRATEGY FOR THE
RIVER TONE**

The Environment Agency is asking for your comments on a new strategy for protecting flows in the River Tone and its tributaries.

June 4th saw the start of public consultation on the Tone Catchment Abstraction Management Strategy (or CAMS for short), the first to be released in North Wessex.

CAMS are developed by the Agency in partnership with Wessex Water, English Nature and other local interest groups. They aim to balance the demands of water users and the needs of the aquatic environment in a sustainable way.

The CAMS process makes more information on water resources and Agency licensing practice available to the public. The CAMS consultation document allows the public to get involved and put their views on how water resources in the Tone should be managed.

Malcolm Lythgo, Somerset Area Environment Manager for the Agency wants to hear from as many people as possible, saying: 'For this to be a truly shared strategy, we need your views and input'.

Professor Geoffrey Hammond (of the University of Bath), Chair of the Stakeholder Group for the Tone CAMS, comments: 'Rivers are a vital lifeline at the heart of our environment. They contribute to our water supply, provide habitats for a wide range of wildlife, and are places of recreation and amenity. The Tone CAMS consultation document sets out the choices that need to be made in balancing these various interests. I therefore encourage you to participate in this important exercise, in order that we ensure that the interests and views of the wider community are taken into account as the Environment Agency establishes the water abstraction regime for the Tone that will be in place over the next 6 years.'

The Tone CAMS consultation document is now available on the Environment Agency website (www.environment-agency.gov.uk) copies can also be obtained from Siân Lambert, Environment Agency, Rivers House, East Quay, Bridgwater, TA6 4YS or email: cams.nwessex@environment-agency.gov.uk.

Notes:

1. The Environment Agency is responsible for managing water resources in England and Wales. One of the ways of doing this is by licences for abstracting water. In March 1999, the Government decided to make a number of changes to the licensing system. Many of these changes need new legislation but the Environment Agency is able to achieve some of them within our present powers. Foremost amongst these is the development of Catchment Abstraction Management Strategies (CAMS).

2. The Environment Agency launched the CAMS process nationally in April 2001 and set out a six-year programme to develop a CAMS for every catchment in England and Wales. CAMS are being developed through a process of consultation with local stakeholders according to a nationally consistent framework.

3. The Tone CAMS consultation document is the first to be produced in North Wessex. The Agency will be producing CAMS for all rivers in the area by 2008.



Police Message

(I received the following communication from Sgt. Caburn on 26th June – *Mike Briginshaw*)

In terms of the policing at Nynehead from 7th July you will see PC 733 Mark Jones and PC 287 Roland Tooze allocated to your area. PC Jo Jeffery will replace PC Tooze following her maternity leave. These officers will be covering the Milverton/Wiveliscombe beat in which Nynehead is included. Whilst two beats have now been merged into one two officers now have responsibility for your area and are on opposite working patters to maximise the patrolling in these areas. Also it will alleviate problems of having to wait until one officer is back on duty for queries to be answered.

Any emergency matters will still retain the same service, albeit that on some occasions the police may come from Taunton.

If you wish to contact Wellington Police Station ring 363262. The enquiry office is manned 9-5 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 9-1 on Wednesday and 10-1 on Saturday.

If anyone has concerns about issues in the village please contact us. We can only deal with problems if we know about them.

Yours sincerely

Richard Caburn PS 2876

COMMUNITY POLICING UNIT

The Community Policing Unit (mobile police station) currently visits 60 villages, across West Somerset, Sedgemoor and Taunton Deane. There are two full time Community Contact Officers, who are Police Support Staff. These are Denise Day, and Anne Stoneham.

Both Denise and Anne have an extensive knowledge of the Police service, and between them have about 30 years experience. Denise was a Police Officer in Sussex for 9 years, she then transferred to Avon and Somerset Constabulary, where she became a Scenes of Crime Officer before taking up this post. Anne was a Special Constable for 7 years and has worked in the Enquiry Office at Minehead Police Station for the last 13 years.

The Community Policing Unit (CPU) has been well received in the rural communities and provides an invaluable service, offering most of the facilities of a local Police Station. We are not here to replace your local "Bobby", but to assist them and provide an additional service to the public. You can just call in for a chat if you have any concerns or wish to report any incidents. We can offer crime prevention advice, take details of lost & found property, deal with production of driving documents and any other general enquiries you may have.

A 'flyer' is enclosed with this copy of Nynehead News and gives details of how to find out when we will be in your area. Although posters will be placed on notice boards longer term details can be found on the Avon & Somerset Constabulary web site at www.avonandsomerset.police.uk

If you wish to contact us directly, you can leave a message on our voicemail by telephoning 01823 363287, and at the prompt dial 79769 for Denise, or 79489 for Anne. Alternatively you can e-mail us at the following addresses

Denise.day@avonandsomerset.police.uk
or
Anne.stoneham@avonandsomerset.police.uk

LOCAL CONTACTS

Parish Council:

Mervyn Hooper - Chairman	461518
David Rabson (Clerk)	666609
Mike Briginshaw - Vice Chairman	461627
Phil Bassett	665766
Alan Ketley	666249
Gary Sparks	663745

Nynehead School

Angela Lewis (Head Teacher)	662021
Carole Darby - (Chair of Govenors)	663166

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 (Bookings & Fund Raising)	667148
Louise Hobbs (Treasurer)	669828
David Rabson (Secretary)	666609

Nynehead Club

Mervyn Hooper (Chairman)	461518
Kathy Boyd (Treasurer)	667148
David Raybould (Secretary)	669727
Sarah Hooper(Social Secretary)	461518

All Saints Church

Tony Lock	461214
Alan Howe	666995

Nynehead Women's Institute

Pam Macey - President	660757
Thelma Helps - Secretary	664142

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
Mike Briginshaw	461627

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To give anonymous information	0800 555 111
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