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Editorial Comment

Welcome to the July 2004 Edition of Nynehead News.

As always, the objective is to provide an information and communication service for all members of our community and act as a vehicle to enable Nynehead's residents to contribute their thoughts, experiences and ideas for the interest and benefit of all. The editors retain the discretionary right to reject material or comments considered to be directly or potentially inappropriate or offensive

When we started the current version of the Nynehead News in April 2002 we were fortunate to receive an offer to print our journal at no cost to ourselves – or indeed you, the readers.

Unfortunately this offer is not going to continue forever and we need to become self-sufficient. The cost of printing the required 160 copies required depends upon the number of pages, but is in the order of £80 to £100 – between 50p and 60p per copy! In addition many hours are taken up gathering copy, formatting the layout, producing proofs, proof reading and so on, which are not costed.

The team currently producing the newsletter have considered many possible options from charging for 'copy', requesting payment upon delivery, or trying to sell advertising space. After much discussion we are taking the latter route and hope you will all endeavour to help by buying space whenever you can. Lu Hawkins has offered to become our Advertising Editor and will actively sell space on our behalf.

We have also elected to change the distribution months from January, April, July and October to March, June, September and December to enable readers and advertisers to let the community know of their activities and special offers in the run up to Christmas and Easter. This means that the next issue will be this September so please note that the deadline for copy is the 30th August.

You will also notice that the front and back covers of this edition are printed in colour. We now have access to an inkjet printer that is capable of printing on A3 paper in colour. Whilst we are able to print the 160 sheets that form the cover ourselves it is hardly feasible to include the other 480 sheets required. Although these are being printed for us on this occasion we must look to the future.

The advertising charges we have agreed are shown opposite and bearing in mind that many people keep their copy of the Nynehead News until they receive the next edition, usually three months, it really is value for money. So here is your chance to advertise your Business, Hobby, Jumble Sale, Special Event, Wedding Anniversary, Birthday or maybe just a simple thank-you to someone who has helped.

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Will & Lu

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, NYNEHEAD

ALL SUNDAY SERVICES START AT 10-30 am

On the first Sunday in the month the church service is held in Nynehead Court at which the usual church congregation share the service with the residents of the Court and the service is followed by coffee. This is a short service of morning prayer with hymns and is open to 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 10.15 am on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. For further details please contact Muriel Kodritsch tel. 661609.

Church maintenance: In the last Village Newsletter I informed residents that some investigatory work had been carried out at the base of the tower in order to cure some damp in the walls. I am afraid to report that little progress has been made because we are still awaiting permission from the Diocese before we can proceed.

Commissioning of Headteacher: In early May the church held a special Sunday morning service at which Angela Lewis was commissioned as the permanent Headteacher of the village school. The Diocese is encouraging all church schools to hold such services when a new Headteacher is appointed in order to stress the fact that it is a Church School teaching Christian values. The service was well attended and several of the school children took part.

Heritage Weekend: The church will again be taking part in the Heritage weekend, which takes place on the weekend of September 11th and 12th. There will be conducted tours in which the history of the building and contents will be explained. The tours will take place between 10.30 am and 4 pm on the Saturday and 2.30 pm and 5 on the Sunday.

If at anytime residents or friends would like conducted tours please contact Tony Lock Tel. 461214.

Church Services:

From the Parish Register:

Death of Elwyn May Hawkins 2nd May 2004 and interment of ashes in the family grave 11th May 2004.

Marriage of Terry Binding and Gillian Salter 5th June

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



Congratulations to Terry & Gill on their marriage at All Saints Church on Saturday the 5th of June.

Nynehead Parish Council

The last three months have seen the Annual Meeting of the Council in May, at which the chairman and vice-chairman are elected. Mervyn Hooper and Mike Briginshaw continue in these roles for this year.

The parish council must by law have an Annual Meeting, which should not be confused with the Annual Parish Meeting, also held in May. The APM is open to all electors in the parish but only eleven electors attended this year's APM compared with twenty-three in 2003. However the reports made by Nynehead's organisations were sufficiently positive for Louise Lewis of the Welly Weekly to put together a glowing full-page feature about the village. This was of course inevitable for our award-winning village!

Nynehead's success in 2003 means that the parish council has the pleasant task of deciding on the village's behalf how the substantial prize money should be spent. Having considered the several very worthwhile suggestions received the council is seeking further comment and ideas, which everyone is invited to submit using the form enclosed with the newsletter.

This apart, the council continues its month by month job of responding to planning applications (they are not happy with the proposal for a livestock market at Chelston), bringing road problems to the attention of the highway authority, keeping an eye on our village footpaths and generally promoting the interests of the village.

Unless we have an urgent matter to consider, such as a planning application, the council has a break in August. The next meeting will therefore be held in the Memorial Hall on Monday 6 September, following the usual public question time at 7.30 p.m. Before the meeting the Somerset Waste Action Programme will make a presentation about waste recycling, particularly relevant now that it has been announced that the Poole disposal site is to close shortly. Everyone is welcome to the presentation, which starts at 7 p.m.

David Rabson

Taunton Deane Borough Council

We are holding a 2-day event on the 10-11th September in Taunton Town Centre. The aim of the day is to promote both the diversity and quality of the County's food, drink, arts and crafts. It will run from 9 am – 5 pm with a business slot on the Friday between 5 pm and 8 pm in the hope that local supply chains will be forged. There will be a number of activities taking place throughout the day including some cookery demonstrations, willow making, a local band, merry-go-round for the children and lots more!

In addition we will launch our new Eating Out and Where to Buy guide. If you own a local restaurant, cafe, take-away or are a retailer, farm shop etc you should receive a form to complete so you can be entered free of charge. If you have not received one before the end of June please contact us and we will get one to you...!

On another note I made a plea a few months ago for key holders of village halls, rugby clubs etc who have rooms that local people can hire, to contact me, preferably e-mail, giving me the details - name, address, phone number, e-mail, with a brief outline of amenities. I have heard back from lots of people but I know there are still some others out there! Any information that is provided will appear on our rural economic development website that is currently being developed.

For more detail or to discuss any issues further please contact Hattie Winter 01823 356485 or David McCubbin 01823 356488 or e-mail h.winter@tauntondeane.gov.uk or d.mccubbin@tauntondeane.gov.uk

Area Highway Offices

The Highway Service Manager for Taunton Deane and West Somerset, David Peake, has advised that the telephone number of their Control Centre is

(01823) 321501.

Please contact this number directly to report any Highways problems.

Nynehead and District Local History Society

We are now well into our summer programme of visits. On 11 June a select few of us travelled to Charmouth on the Dorset Heritage Coast to look for, and find fossils, on a wonderful warm evening. On 2 July we visit Isle Abbots church, one of the jewels of Somerset, while on Friday 23 July as part of National Archaeology Fortnight we are having a walk around East Nynehead looking at 2000 years of landscape history. We leave the Memorial Hall at 6 p.m.

Our fourth visit of the summer is on Wednesday 18 August when we go to the internationally famous 'bone cave' at Banwell, near Weston-super-Mare. In addition to the cave there are follies and a garden. We leave the Memorial Hall travelling by car at 1.00 p.m. or meet at the caves (GR ST 382 588) at 2.00 p.m. There is no charge for entry but donations towards the cost of restoration etc would be appreciated. Cream teas are available at £3.50. Anyone interested should let me or Tony Lock know by 11 August.

Looking forward to the autumn, at 2.30 p.m. on 18 September the parish church is hosting a lecture by Dr. Mark Goldie of Churchill College Cambridge to commemorate the three hundredth anniversary of the death of the English philosopher John Locke, who had close links with Nynehead. Locke was of international importance, one of the two great minds of the late 17th century (the other being Isaac Newton), and we are fortunate that Nynehead has been chosen for this event which is being organised by the Somerset Archaeological and Natural History Society.

Our own autumn programme begins on Friday 8 October when John Burgess and David Canham will tell us about their Oral History project which seeks to record the memories of people who worked in local industry such as Relyon and Fox's. Thereafter we meet on the second Friday of each month at 7.45 p.m. in the Memorial Hall. All are welcome to our meetings and our annual subscription remains at £7.

David Rabson.

Nynehead Garden Club

On a perfect Summers evening, members of the garden club and their guests enjoyed a visit to Cothay Manor and the gardens. We were met by the owners, Mr & Mrs Robb who moved to Cothay 12 years ago. The Manor was built in 1480 and has remained virtually untouched, and is said to be one of the finest examples of a small classic medieval manor house remaining in the country today. After a very interesting guided tour around the house with Mrs Robb we walked around the beautiful gardens that have many rare and valuable plants and Mr Robb explained how he and his wife have worked over the last 12 years to restore the gardens to how they are today. The scent from the various shrubs, trees and flowers was wonderful - even more so because the evening was quite 'balmy'. Drinks were served as we sat in the garden and we were able to buy some of the lovely plants on sale. Time unfortunately passed too quickly and we reluctantly said our goodbyes to our delightful hosts, promising to go back again as soon as possible for another visit of the garden!

Our next meeting is on July 12th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Peter Muggerridge from Bow Aquatics will give a talk on 'Ponds and Plants'.

Jill Prior
Tel: 660164

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More details in the September issue but note the date now!'

PRESS RELEASE

Nynehead Under 5s receives Sure Start Funding for new Pre-School



Nynehead Under 5s have been awarded over three and a half thousand pounds from the Sure Start to support the establishment of a new innovative Pre-School in Nynehead.

The Pre-school will initially offer 3 sessions per week 9.00 am – 1.00 pm Tuesdays, 12 – 4 pm on Thursday and Fridays during term time and specifically aims to offer sessions during the afternoon when other pre-schools are closed. The Pre-school staff will work closely with parents and will offer children a wide range of activities including waterplay, cooking, painting and model making. Nynehead Under 5s has a strong link with the local primary school which will provide it with considerable opportunities for joint activities, sharing equipment and experiences.

Parents in the village have been working hard to raise funds and have received grants from the Community Chest and Communities First in Rural Somerset. Over 50 families took part in a village Egg Hunt and further fundraising events are planned.

Members of the Nynehead Under 5s Committee were invited to a special meeting at County Hall to sign for the Sure Start funding which will support the new Pre-School in the village. Gill Davies, Treasurer of Nynehead Under 5s, said, "We are extremely pleased to have been awarded this funding and are very grateful for the support that Somerset County Council's Play and Early Years Service and the Pre-School Learning Alliance has given us in applying for this funding. Nynehead Pre-School is a real community venture and this funding will enable us to provide an exciting dynamic pre-school which will really enrich childrens' lives."

Nynehead Pre-School will be running a series of introductory sessions during July. To reserve a place for your child contact Dawn Netley tel. 01823 666895 or Judith Stacey tel. 07947 663108

BACKGROUND

1. The full grant awarded by Sure Start is £3,771.94
2. Dawn Netley who is a qualified childminder chairs Nynehead Under 5s Committee. She currently runs the Nynehead Toddler Group and is working with the Somerset Rural Youth Project to increase the number of activities for young people in the village.
3. Nynehead Under 5s also runs a toddler group on Wednesday mornings in the village hall.
4. Nynehead won Somerset Village of the Year in 2003.

For further information contact Dawn Netley tel. 01823 666895 or Gill Davies tel. 01823 461585



BREAKING UP IS VERY HARD TO DO – why not give Relate a try; it's never too late to come to Relate

When mum and dad are giving each other a hard time the children suffer too and before long all the hopes and dreams of an earlier relationship look far distant and continual rows and angry scenes take their place.

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If you have a teenager whose relationship with you is causing you to worry, you can ask for Family Counselling and bring them too. This is a new service being offered from our Taunton office in Bridge Street. By involving the young person in the sessions everyone can get a much clearer picture of the problem and make changes for the future.

If the decision to split up has already been made we can still help because the process of sharing out the family assets, dividing time between the children, and coping with friends and relatives is much more emotionally difficult than most people imagine. A few sessions with Relate can make all the difference to the way you negotiate and also how you rebuild your separate lives. A co-operative separation, helped by Relate, should mean that although you no longer live together you can both share in the parenting of the children.

For an early appointment at our Bridge Street offices ring Michelle on 01823-275986

Nynehead School

It has been a very busy three months. Ofsted came and went and we are very pleased with the outcome of the inspection. We feel that it has recognised the very considerable strengths of the school and gives us useful guidance on how we can improve further. This was followed one week later by the interviews for the headship when I was thrilled to be appointed as permanent head teacher and am really looking forward to working with everyone in the village. I would like to thank everyone who came to my commissioning service. It was a very special day for me.

As you know we have been fortunate to have had Jo Young teaching dance at the school this year. The children have been working towards a grand performance at the Tacchi Morris Centre. This took place on Wednesday 16th June and was a great success.

By the time you read this the school will have had its church inspection which automatically follows an Ofsted and looks at the personal, moral and spiritual aspects of the school provision.

On Wednesday 23rd June the juniors had the opportunity to take part in a singing afternoon with some other local schools at Beech Grove School. This was also a huge success.

Our annual sports evening will take place on Thursday July 1st. All are welcome please bring a picnic to the field by the church

Other events this term have included a visit by the Police to talk about their jobs, a local pottery specialist has been working with the children to make a large clay tablet depicting the school. The infants are visiting a donkey sanctuary and they will in return visit us, bringing 5 donkeys into school on Thursday July 22nd.

Wishing you all a very peaceful summer

Angela Lewis

Nynehead Court

There has been plenty going on at the Court since the last edition of the Nynehead News. The spring refurbishment programme has been completed and new garden furniture acquired so that residents can sit out in the gardens and enjoy the wonderful weather.

At the end of April a Cream Tea was held in aid of St. Margaret's Somerset Hospice; a fine, sunny day ensured a good turn-out of nearly 100 people of all ages who appreciated the cream tea with strawberries and the chance to explore the grounds. Over £300 was raised for the Hospice.

In May Nynehead Care and the Support Group hosted a very successful Barbecue with Country Music and Clog Dancing for residents, families, friends and staff. This was held in front of the Court on a really warm, sunny evening and most of the residents were able to join in. Underneath the tulip tree a fantastic raffle was held in aid of the Wellington Medical Centre, to contribute to the purchase of a Syringe Driver Pump, and around £350 was raised.

In addition to these events, Diana Hathaway, our Manager, has been able at various times to borrow a minibus from Help the Aged and to hire one from the Northfield Centre or Taunton Deane Community Transport. This has ensured plenty of outings for residents including Sidmouth, Stable Cottage at Triscombe, garden tours and, more locally, the theatre and Wellington Park where they enjoyed listening to the band.

On Tuesday, 6th July we are looking forward to a Garden Tour and Talk with our Head Gardener, Alec Reed, ably assisted by Justin Cole, the Assistant Gardener. Alec has been at the Court for nearly 40 years and will have many tales to tell and knowledge to impart so it should be an enjoyable evening.

We hope to have an outdoor Musical Event on Saturday 25th September and more details will be available shortly.

Please note that the Gardens are now open daily from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. each day from April to October and we hope you will enjoy exploring their delights.

Linda Matthews

Memorial Hall Committee

The new committee is getting into full swing after the AGM in April. Allan Howe, Geraldine Orr and Gary Sparks were elected at the AGM while the members appointed by village organisations are:

<u>Amateur Dramatic Society</u>	Lu Hawkins
<u>Cricket Club:</u>	Mervyn Hooper
<u>FONS:</u>	Hilary Hooper
<u>Local History Society:</u>	David Rabson
<u>Memorial Club:</u>	Louise Haslam
<u>Parochial Church Council:</u>	John Sparks
<u>Parish Council:</u>	Alan Netley
<u>Play Group:</u>	appointment awaited
<u>Playing Field Committee:</u>	Louise Hobbs
<u>Women's Institute:</u>	Jean Sparks

At its first meeting the committee appointed the following officers:

Chairman: Gary Sparks
Vice-Chairman: Allan Howe
Secretary: **vacant**
Treasurer: Louise Hobbs
Booking Secretary: John Sparks

The committee is keen to hear from anyone who would like to take on the job of secretary to replace David Rabson who has stepped down after six years. We have decided however that to make life easier for the person concerned the secretary's role should be limited to sending out the agenda, agreed with the chairman, and taking and circulating the minutes. We meet less than once a month. Any one interested should contact David Rabson or Gary Sparks.

We are also looking for someone to carry out the vital task of cleaning the hall once a week - anyone who is interested or knows someone who might be should contact Gary Sparks or John Sparks for more information about what is involved.

The committee's main task now is to maintain the level of bookings needed to keep the hall's finances sound, and to prepare plans for the refurbishment and improvement of the hall to ensure it is fit for the future. To this end as a first step we have commissioned a survey of the condition of the building.

David Rabson

Nynehead WI

The village hall may be the place for meetings but our speakers transport us to pastures new. The Antarctic was viewed with crystal clarity from the decks of the Hydrographic Office's survey ship Endeavour. We became experts on identifying different breeds of penguins! We have been behind the scenes of Wimbledon by courtesy of Robin Furlonger, who is responsible for the miles of flowers, bouquets and displays. He has played tennis with several of the great players and gave us an insight into their personalities.

The work of the charity Save the children will be explained in June and 19 July will be on Miniature Painting – miniatures were extremely popular in the 16th and 17th centuries and our speaker Heather Catchpole works in this genre today. WPC Lyn Woods is coming to advise us on Home and Garden Security on 20th September. This is a topic of interest to everyone, male and female, and you would be most welcome to attend as a visitor.

Our membership has gone up by two but we still have room for more. There are opportunities for our WI to meet others in our WI group and some of us attended Sampford Arundel WI to hear Norah Huxtable relate some of her tales of her life as a farm holiday landlady. Tears of laughter flowed and we were delighted when the speaker chose our entry to be the winner in the competition.

Sheila Rabson.

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Art Exhibition - Nynehead Village Hall - September 11-26.

Following the success of the one-day show in the Village Hall in 2003 & the advent of SOMERSET ARTS WEEK 2004 this year, Alastair Riley will be staging a further exhibition of new SCREENPRINT works.

This time he will be joined by Mark Mackie – an oil pastel worker, who has also exhibited before – so the exhibition should have interest for many visitors.

The event will be well publicised in the press and with posters and as can be seen from above will be open for a longer stretch this time. The opening hours will generally be 11 am – 6 pm. There will be the opportunity to buy originals as well as cards and some prints of individual works may also be available!

Further details from Alastair at "The Farthings" in Black down View.

Nynehead Club

The building work has now been completed and we will be redecorating in the near future.

The annual Bar-B-Que will take place on July 17th and everyone is welcome.

We will also be playing the inter-village skittle match in the near future for the millennium cup at present held by Lower Nynehead. Anybody interested in coming along and having a go please contact Hilary Hooper on 461518.

If anyone has any constructive ideas as to how to make the Club more attractive for people of the village please do not hesitate to let us know, at present skittles, pool and darts are available. Thanks to all the people who volunteer to keep the club going and of course to all those who use the facilities.

*Mervyn Hooper
Chairman*

Nynehead Cricket Club.

This mid-season report to readers of Nynehead News is made with the Wellington Weekly this week carrying a colour photograph of some cricket club members as they erected the roof timbers on the new pavilion. This very ambitious project for so small a club is really coming on. We do encourage villagers to call in at our cricket field in Ham to see the progress. We aim to have the building watertight before too long and to continue with fundraising so that we might officially open the pavilion for the start of the 2006 season. Finance has always been tight for us so we have done well to reach the current stage but there is much to be done with windows, tiles, a raised front terrace and all internal fittings. With this in mind we hope that some readers will have enjoyed the annual BBQ on June 26th as well as our other events. This year we have joined with Nynehead Club to stage the Duck Race on 17th July. A joint charity "Race Night" in May raised over £600 for our pavilion fund and the building already carries the sponsorship banner of Bruford & Vallance to whom we are so very grateful. On the field Graham Sparks has done a sterling job as stand in skipper with David Jewell working in India. The playing strength has been depleted this year, especially with David away and Graham has involved several youngsters such as Chris Cherry, Alex Sparks & Daniel Hunt – a most encouraging new step. They have all done very well, too. Stuart Thraves, Neil Hendy and Andy Wells have all made 50s this season. At the time of writing the June evening games are in full swing, but of the longer Sunday ones, 3 have been won & 3 lost with the weather and a cancellation claiming two. As ever, we are delighted to see more folk from the village at our friendly games and we are home on the following Sundays: - July 11, 25, August 1, 15 & September 5. We thank you again for your support.

Keith Haslam – Chairman
A.Riley - Secretary

POLICE NEWS.

In the last few months, there has been a small increase in the area of thefts from outbuildings and sheds, most of these have occurred in the surrounding area and not Nynehead. I suspect that the culprits travel in from Taunton, so please keep your eyes peeled for any suspicious vehicle. It would be nice to provide you with a list of vehicles and numbers to watch out for, however these people change their vehicles constantly.

Now that your Neighbourhood watch scheme is up and running, please forward any details through to your co-ordinators. With reference to this scheme, in a few months time, signs will be available to be put up around the village. Recently a circulation was sent around to keep an eye out for a missing person who may have been lost in the area, the scheme was excellent for this.

One disturbing trend is that near Milverton we have had two high value burglaries, on this occasion a white Volkswagen Luton bodied van was seen at one of them.

I hope the next few months will be quiet on the crime front but if you have any concerns then please feel free to contact Jo or myself.

If you have doubts please dial 999.

Mark Jones

Community Policing Unit

Please note that the Community Policing Unit will next be in Nynehead on 2nd August between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.

This mobile unit is manned by Community Contact Officers Anne Stoneham & Denise Day who are readily available to meet all residents to discuss policing matters.

Nynehead Birdwatching!

Many thanks for the helpful comments and calls from villagers about birdlife in Nynehead over the Spring. Several callers mentioned hearing the cuckoo on April 18th and thereafter. In fact I recorded it first on the 17th – one day earlier than in 2003 but one day later than 1998-2002! Mind you....how many of us heard the cuckoo in Nynehead after mid-May I wonder? I fear that this bird may not have stayed on to breed and the decline in this species is quite marked. Throughout Somerset, though not including its stronghold on Exmoor, I have only heard 3 cuckoos this year.

Huge thanks to Nick Hollingsworth for his call about the first swallows in the village in mid-April. They were pretty tardy again this year – undoubtedly due to weather forces in France – but Mervyn Hooper saw the first one on April 5th which is not too bad. I had another couple of days to wait but ever since have been delighted to watch them low over the fields in the village swooping on insects. I wonder how many nests we have? Also, huge thanks to Alan Ketley who recorded Nynehead's rarest bird this year on April 16th. A male redstart, probably en route to Exmoor breeding grounds, stayed around his garden for a day or two. This is a delightful species which inhabits the canopies of broadleaved woodlands in southern England once it arrives here in Spring. They are difficult to see and I am told that there are far fewer in their favoured haunts than a year or two ago. The same is true of the spotted flycatcher but it's great to report that Nynehead still boasts a few of these exotic flying dancers. There is certainly one pair in the churchyard and another at Nynehead Court in addition to others which readers may know about! If you find them do let David Manners or I know, please.

By the time that this piece is printed and read most of the hectic breeding season will be past and the summer visitors will be moving south. With that, it is worth dwelling on the pleasures of the resident species of birds here in the village and I must say how delighted I have been this year to find two or three species using the mature hedgerow and extended field edge near Blackdown View for the first time. Green and Great Spotted woodpeckers have nested and there has also been a treecreeper and a bullfinch. A whitethroat sang from cover all spring and I hope it will return next year. Well done our locals – and I don't just mean the birds!

Alastair Riley

Footpath Liaison Officer

As many footpath users will have noticed, a couple of the more popular paths in the village have been affected by seasonal agricultural work. Some of this has been deliberate, some accidental. One path affected is that between the village hall and Blackdown View, the other being the path between the fruit farm and the top of Gypsy Lane.

In both of cases the headland path was, due to previous activity, less comfortable to walk on than the cultivated field. It seemed that the easiest way to improve the footpaths' surface was to plough and harrow, but not seed, them. Now as it is against the law to plough headland paths, the matter was discussed with TDBC and then agreed with the agricultural contractor before this approach was adopted.

Consequently the ploughing and harrowing took place as planned. So far so good. But then, unfortunately, the path was seeded because the tractor driver who drilled the fields was not aware of, or had forgotten, or just ignored the plan.

However when this mistake became apparent the contractor readily agreed to correct the situation, and by the time you read this the paths should be clear of crops, and more pleasant to use than before.

I felt it was worth detailing the sequence of events because it raises several points.

Firstly, discussion between those that work the land, the District Council and the Parish Council can be beneficial in maintaining rights of way.

Secondly mistakes would be less likely to happen if those doing the actual work were footpath users. Awareness by the person actually driving the vehicle of the paths' location, and the law affecting them would in many cases reduce the chance of errors. Thirdly, mistakes do happen, but these can be corrected in a timely manner if all concerned co-operate.

And lastly, as it is inadequate or incorrect communication that causes difficulties perhaps we should invest in a couple of movable placards that could be used to inform walkers when remedial work on a path is a planned activity.

Colin Spackman

Wyvern Waste Meeting

I attended the Wyvern Waste public meeting held in the Village Hall on 11th June and was interested to hear that Poole Tip will be full and capped by this November, which was very good news.

However, and causing much concern to the local inhabitants, they are applying for planning permission from Somerset County Council to continue using the site for transit purposes for a further three years, erecting a building of approximately 30 x 7 meters, so that the household waste can be stored before being transferred into large articulated vehicles for conveyance to another landfill site as yet undecided.

It is the use of these large vehicles that is causing great concern to the local residents as they feel the access road is not of sufficient quality to carry such vehicles, and they already experience vibrations in their homes from the smaller vehicles.

I have told the residents that I will let them know as soon as we receive the planning application so that they can come along to the Parish Council meeting and voice their opinions and that we will pass on their views when dealing with the application.

The recycling site is in use for members of the public and will continue until at least 2011.

*Mervyn Hooper,
Chairman,
Nynehead Parish Council.*



In the last couple of decades we have doubled the amount of waste we produce. It is predicted that in the next decade it will double again. Landfill space is running out, so where is all this waste going to go?

To find out more about the issue of waste, the need for recycling and how you can "do your bit" at home, please come to a talk by the Somerset Waste Action Programme on Monday 6th September in the village hall at 7pm.

Louise Reilly
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If you have some free time, then **Nynehead Court Residential Home** needs you! Well, more specifically, the residents need you!

If you are able to spare some time at your convenience during the summer months, you could help to make life more interesting to an elderly person...and very likely to you, too!

A little time and relaxed conversation are often all that's needed.



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

Reader's Letters

After twenty years of intermittent absences away from England, I wondered how I would find Nynehead on my return. The village where my family had lived and sometimes worked, on and off for five generations before me, where I was married, where my children attended school and sang in the church choir. The church had been a big thing in the life of children forty years ago.

I realised that the whole fabric of the village had changed, dependence on agriculture had declined, three pig farms once in existence had gone, farm houses and cottages had become luxury sanctuaries for people wishing to find peace and elbow-room in the country. Many more houses had been built in my absence, and I wondered how this affected our country lanes. I noticed that the Congregation was smaller than it used to be at Harvest Festival an agricultural biased service, but the Christmas Carol service was very well attended.

It appears that my anxieties were unfounded, many old and new villagers, have made an effort to revitalise old institutions and more importantly start new ones. I only had to open 'The Nynehead News' to view the programs and future commitments of 25 or so projects, clubs, institutions and societies. It is small wonder that our village is the envy of many other larger communities because we have 'The News' on tap to tell us what has happened and what is to happen. I remember before I went away how difficult it was to keep in touch with the community 'happenings'. Mike Briginshaw and the editorial staff are to be congratulated.

The revamped village Hall and Club I found very impressive, the décor of both make attending events in them all the more enjoyable. I can well understand why The Amateur Dramatic Society started producing shows in such an environment, and with great success I add. The Village Club is now a worthy venue for small meetings and it is a pleasure to hold them there.

All Saints Church under the leadership of the well loved and respected Reverend Josie Harrison is moving towards change encouraged by The Bishop of Bath and Wells, I hope the changes bring more people to the church.

The Village Playing Field has improved in leaps and bounds since the Parish Council were able to purchase it using money giving mostly by Mrs. Bennet of Round Oak gardens. Before I

went away I could not have envisaged such a facility for the children, and I understand from Clifford Bishop in 'The News' that playing field equipment is to be upgraded.

The presence of a cricket team in the village after so many years of absence impressed me, the teams success, the construction underway of a new pavilion, and the enthusiasm of the committee and members is inspiring. It would appear that the club could be with us forever.

I have just scratched the surface of the numerous items mentioned in 'The News', and made no mention of the Garden Club, the Children's groups, the Footpaths, the Bird Watching, the Rural Youth Project and numerous others, all impressive and new to me. When I lump all the items together as a whole I can see why our village was chosen as the Small Village of the Year, the organisers were obviously impressed as well. How could they refuse us? Congratulations!!!

Allan Howe.

Dear Sir,

I live in Wellington but as the volunteer Footpath Liaison Officer for Nynehead Parish Council make frequent visits to the village. Sometimes I walk, but often I cycle. However, currently there is nowhere to make my bike secure and even in Nynehead it is unwise to leave an unattended bicycle unlocked. So it would be helpful to have a bike hoop, like those outside Somerfield in Wellington, installed by the village hall.

Not only would this benefit villagers both young and old, who might cycle to the hall instead of driving, but would also encourage visitors to cycle to Nynehead to enjoy the excellent countryside via the footpath network. Even those keen cyclists using the NN3 might stop for a rest and wander round.

If anyone else thinks a bike hoop is a sensible idea, I would be grateful if they would mention it to a parish councillor.

Yours Faithfully

Colin Spackman

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Diary - 11th July to 11th September 2004

11-Jul	Cricket Club playing at home -
12-Jul	Garden Club - 7.30 pm in Village Hall - 'Ponds & Plants' talk by Peter Muggerridge
17-Jul	Cricket Club and Nynehead Club Duck Races
17-Jul	Nynehead Club - Annual BBQ
19-Jul	WI - Miniature Painting
23-Jul	History Society - East Nynehead Walk - 6 pm start at Village Hall
25-Jul	Cricket Club playing at home -
1-Aug	Cricket Club playing at home -
2-Aug	Community Police Unit at Village Hall 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
15-Aug	Cricket Club playing at home -
18-Aug	History Society - Banwell Bone Caves - 1 pm start from Village Hall
21-Aug	Flower & Produce Show at Village Hall - 2 pm to 4 pm
30-Aug	Copy Deadline for September Edition of Nynehead News
5-Sep	Cricket Club playing at home -
6-Sep	Somerset Waste Action Programme meeting - 7.p.m. in the Village Hall
6-Sep	Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall - 7.30
10-Sep	County's food, drink, arts and craft 9 am to 5 pm Taunton Town Centre - also on 11th
11-Sep	Art Exhibition in Village Hall - 11 am to 6 pm - runs through to the 26th
11-Sep	All Saints Church - conducted tours 10.30 am & 4 pm - Also on 12th at 2.30 pm & 5 pm
18-Sep	History Society - John Locke Lecture - 2.30 pm at All Saints Church
20-Sep	WI - Home & Garden Security
9-Oct	Harvest Supper at Village Hall

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