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Lucinda Crispin & Mr. Babbage

Welcome to the June 2006 Edition of Nynehead News.

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

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Editorial Comment:

Well, it took lots of effort from everyone but Friday 26th May 2006 will be remembered for many years to come.

The afternoon commenced with music from the superb Tone Valley Jazz Band and their tempo set the mood for everything that followed. Strawberries, Herbs, Plants, a Book Stall, Arts & Craft, Tombolas & Raffles – together with Frog Racing, Nynehead Club's bar and a Hog Roast. This was followed by an auction chaired by John Lewin who then introduced Mr. William Sanford to open the main event – “ A Suspension of Disbelief (Unabridged)”

It would be impossible to name all who deserved thanks for making this such an enjoyable day, but nothing would have happened without Actiontrack Performance Co and their Artistic Director Nick Brace together with writer & poet Shaun Jackson. Our thanks also to the Directors and management of Nynehead Court for their kind permission to use their delightful grounds and other facilities. The staff of Nynehead Court were helpful & positive throughout and whilst it would be impossible to name everyone our thanks go out to all.

It was also lovely to see Mrs Rosa Clark & Mr Harold Ratsy taking the parts of Mr & Mrs Brunel Snr. Together with many children from our local schools. Thank you all.

Where to stop? There are so many who helped in all sorts of ways – Richard Fox & Roger Eckersley in distributing publicity & press releases. Richard Huish College for taking lots of video to be incorporated in their own DVD about Brunel. John Burgess recorded many conversations with residents, organisers & players alike & his work will be broadcast on BBC radio a little later in the year. David Manners took a vast number of photographs which are available for viewing & purchase. Contact me for details (461627)

And not forgetting our own residents who organised, acted and generally pulled together. Special thanks to Henk van de Hoef whose organising skills as our site director played a vital part.

The Nynehead residents taking part included Kathy & Lizzy Boyd, Rosemary Lea, Gilly Binding, Mervyn Hooper, Allan Howe, Alan Ketley, Denis Dodd & myself. Ron & Christian Boyd also worked hard in the props department!

From surrounding areas we were joined by David Wood as Mr Brunel, Simon Bartlett as Spenser Braithwaite, Richard Fox as 'The Commentator' (and props.), Nick Cripps as Phillip Fothergill (also props.) and Graham Mason as Mr. Babbage.

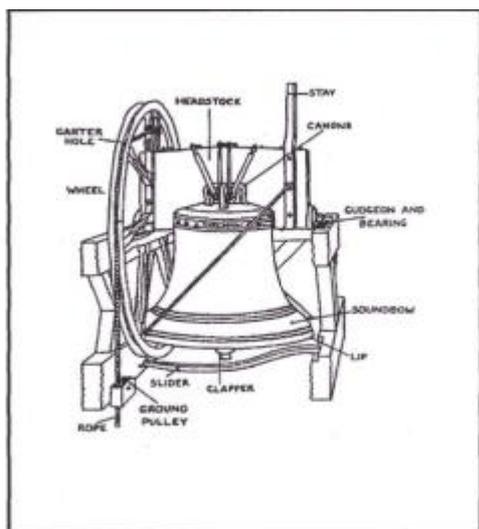
Our last community play 'Building Up Steam', in 2001, resulted in many of Nynehead's residents forming bonds that have lasted throughout. I am sure than not only have those old bonds been reinforced, but that many new ones have been formed. It was particularly nice to see so many of the cast coming from our surrounding areas & hopefully we will see these new friendships continue well into the future

Sadly Jenny Dodd, who had initiated the whole project many months ago and had raised the funds that made it all possible, passed away only a few days before. Our sympathy goes out to Denis & all of their family & friends. Jenny will be sadly missed in our community, but we were all absolutely certain that she would have wanted the show to go on –

So it did!

Mike Briginshaw
Editor

All Saints Church



Church Services

June	4 th .	11 th .	18 th .	25 th .	
	10.30	10.45	10.45	10.45	
July	2 nd .	9 th .	16 th .	23 rd .	30 th .
	10.30	10.45	10.45	10.45	***
August	6 th .	13 th .	20 th .	27 th .	
	10.30	10.45	10.45	10.45	
September	3 rd .	10 th .	17 th .	24 th .	
	10.30	10.45	10.45	10.45	

- July 30th joint service Runnington

First service of each month.

In Nynehead Court followed by coffee.
Everyone welcome.

Bell Restoration Project.

We have just received the bell restoration faculty and we should be able to go ahead in June. We have raised in the region of £9,000 towards our bell fund.

Bell Ringers.

When the above project is completed we hope to have a team of bell ringers for the first time in over 30 years. The Wellington bell ringers and Langford Budville have agreed to train a team for our bells. If you have been or would like to be a bell ringer and are over 12 years old please give a call to one of the churchwardens.

"GO ON GIVE A RING"

Pastoral Matters.

Please contact:

Rev. Margi Campbell. Tel. 669446

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General Matters

Church Wardens.

Michael Harding. Tel. 662940

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Tony Lock. Tel. 461214

BELL RESTORATION - FUND RAISING.

Dr. John Cole and the AMICI choir have agreed to give a SUMMER CONCERT in the church, on Friday June 23rd. at 7.30 pm.

Tickets £10

Entrance by ticket only due to the limited number of seats.

Nynehead court is to give a buffet afterwards.

SONGS OF PRAISE - TO CELEBRATE THE QUEENS 80TH. BIRTHDAY.

Sunday June 18th.

In the grounds of Nynehead Court at 6 p.m. Nynehead Court is to give a buffet. The congregations of the five churches in the East Group are invited.

Sunday June 4th. Pentecost. 6.30 pm.

Wellington and district team united service for Pentecost with Churchwardens commissioning at West Bu8ckland Church. Refreshments served afterwards

Allan Howe
Church Warden

Nynehead Annual Parish Meeting. Council report.

The year began sadly for the council with the death of Phil Basset, who we still miss. He was replaced eventually by Allan Howe.

Thereafter it has been an extremely busy year and we can record some solid achievements. The new road signs have been installed and while they may not be to everyone's taste they were certainly supported by the majority of people with young children, judging from the phone calls that I received. We are still working to have thirty mile an hour signs installed in the village.

We also expect to have signs put in near Hornshay bridge to indicate the depth of water when the road floods. There are already signs at the other end near Wharf Cottage but presently the depth at this end is purely down to guess work.

Whilst on highway matters I can report that we have carried out several inspections of the local road system on behalf of the Village, looking at problems which have been brought to our notice and bringing them to the attention of the appropriate members of the Deane. I can't claim that everything has been completed but we do try to keep on top of these matters on your behalf.

At the most recent public meeting we heard of the latest developments on the Poole tip. As most of you will know the tip itself is now closed and work is going on to cap the site with soil. This is expected to go on for several months. As you will also know, no doubt, Wyvern Waste has been sold to Viridor, a private company. The Poole site now concentrates on recycling, not waste disposal as before. At the meeting we brought the problem of traffic going in and out to their attention and the litter which is left on the roads. We will continue to monitor the situation during the coming year.

On a more pleasant note the Tree Warden scheme has been revived and Ben Tingay has volunteered to take up the position for the village. The idea is that he will advise when matters relating to 'trees' come before the council and that when required he will be able to promote the needs of our local trees. We tend to think that Nynehead has plenty of trees but looking at some other areas I believe we need to ensure that this remains the case in future.

Some of you may have seen that a Community Strategy and Action Plan has been developed for the Wellington area and your council has made its views known on your behalf so that the interests of Nynehead have been considered. This will be officially launched later in the year.

Colin Spackman has worked tirelessly on behalf of the council this past year advising us on the condition of our footpaths. They are not perfect by any means but again I think we are making some progress. The Heywood Farm diversion is now in place and I would like to thank all those who played a part in achieving this. We are still trying to solve the problem of the large wet area which blocks the path at one point, (now known as the Spackman puddle). One particular item has been the repainting of all of our old footpath sign posts by Chris Watson. Even if you are not a keen walker you would have to admit that they all look much better now and improve the appearance of the village. We are pleased to note that some recent ploughing has taken account of the footpaths running along the edge of the field.

We are also indebted to David Rabson who has rewritten the local footpath guide in conjunction with the Deane. The old guides served their purpose but the new one includes some really interesting local history which can be seen as you walk around the village.

David has also to be thanked for his work with the council in keeping us on the straight and narrow. In years gone by the Clark's job was often seen as that of a glorified secretary. Today, nothing could be further from the truth and we depend on David for advice on what we can and cannot do in our affairs.

This leads on to the future. We are expecting that there will be a White Paper on Local Government this summer although this is not certain. We do know, however, that discussions are taking place as to whether or not there should be a reorganisation of local government again with more powers being devolved to local councils. This could be an interesting time for the council over the next couple of years so if you want to be involved in local affairs this could be the time. Look out for next year's elections, (if they take place).

I have to say that I have enjoyed this past year immensely and can strongly recommend council work to anyone who is remotely interested in local affairs. If you have any comments on the way in which we do business on your behalf or on what we should be doing please feel free to contact me or any other member of the council. My contact details are fully available in the Newsletter.

Alan Ketley
Chairman

Nynehead Jubilee Playing Fields

As you may have seen if you have visited the playing field recently we have had a set of new swings with two flat seats and safety surface installed. They will be opened shortly once the new surface has bedded in. The committee would like to thank Viridor Waste Management Ltd for the grant, which allowed us to pay only 10% of the total cost.

Now we have to do some serious fund raising, as our bank balance will soon be in the Red. The annual duck race will be held on Saturday 16th September at Hornshay weir starting at 2:30pm. please buy a duck even if you cannot attend on the day. We paid out £150 in prizes last year and we will let you know if you are a winner!!!

The sponsored cycle ride will be held again making it a another annual fund raiser, 19 cyclists of all ages took part last year and I hope to see more this year. We will be starting outside the village hall at 4:30pm on 19th August after the flower show has finished, so you will be able to look at the exhibits before doing a bit of gentle exercise. Sponsorship forms will be available from Ben Tingay or Dave Raybould. It will include a bit of a treasure hunt on route and the usual rest stop at the Anchor Inn.

Chairman
Ben Tingay

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Nynehead Under 5s



A big thank you to everyone who took part in and supported the village Easter Egg Hunt. The event was extremely popular and we raised over £200 for Under 5s. The winning egg was of Bug's Life which the judges agreed had been very imaginatively decorated.

Our next event will be a Ladies Indulgence Evening in June. We hope to provide some respite from the World Cup and have a chance to indulge ourselves with lovely food and drink, talk to experts in health and beauty and have the opportunity to purchase high quality crafts. Look out for posters around the village for further information.

Nynehead Pre-School is for children aged between 2½ and 5 years. Thanks to the hard work of our staff and committee (and the support of the Village Hall Committee), numbers have risen significantly over the past few months and we now have 23 children on the register and our sessions are filling up fast. The children recently took a trip to a local smallholding which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. Pre-School hours are Tuesday 9am - 1pm, Thursday 9am-1pm and 12noon - 4pm (all day session available). A special session for children aged from 2 years old is held on Friday 9.30am - 12 noon. Sessions are flexible. For a prospectus contact Dawn Netley Tel. 666895.

Unfortunately our Pre-School Leader has decided to leave us to spend more time with her family so we are now recruiting for this

post. Maria Simes has played a key role in developing the pre-school and we are extremely grateful for the hard work she has put in. We are also recruiting for maternity cover for our Pre-School Assistant who will be leaving us for the Autumn term and developing a list of people who would be prepared to undertake occasional work at the pre-school to cover absent staff. Anyone interested in these posts should contact Louisa Raybould Tel. 669727.

Bugs and Butterflies, the Chinese New Year and Princesses, Knights and Castles have been just some of the topics which we have covered over the last term at Nynehead Toddlers. Nynehead Toddlers is held on Wednesday mornings 9.30am - 12 noon (term time only) at Nynehead Village Hall. For further information contact Dawn or Louisa.

Louisa Raybould
669727

Jenny Dodd.

Officially Jenny Dodd was auditor to the council. Her job was to check our accounts each year and to make sure that we not only 'balanced the books' but also followed all of the financial regulations which councils are subject to today. This she did brilliantly and we were always grateful for her advice and guidance. Unofficially of course Jenny was much more.

Whenever we look back at a major event which has taken place in the village the chances are that Jenny will have played an important role whether it was the Parish Appraisal & Plan, which led to the Nynehead News being established, or the recent Brunel play which sadly she was unable to see completed. Her great strengths were always her enthusiasm and clear thinking. Jenny was the kind of person who could be imaginative and yet practical at the same time.

Throughout her illness I cannot recall a single occasion when she complained about her situation. She always seemed to have something positive to say. Nynehead has lost a great friend and she will be sorely missed by us all.

Alan Ketley,
Chairman, Nynehead Parish Council

Footpath Liaison Officer

Heywood Farm diversion.

In recent weeks there has been some progress on this useful amendment to the footpath network. Steps have been cut in the bank opposite the ploughing Cairn of Peace, fingerposts erected where new paths leave the highway and several new waymark poles installed.

It has been pointed out that the stile and steps opposite the cairn are poorly sited. All I can say is that the experts in TDBC who drew up the diversion thought that was the best place. As far as I'm aware, no-one in Nynehead was consulted.

At the time of writing the new routes have not been formally confirmed, and so are not yet legal rights of way, but this confirmation should take place soon.

Parish Walk

On Sunday 19th March ten villagers and friends went on the 2.5 mile Nynehead west circular walk - start at the village hall, along the canal to Stedham's Covert and then back via Nynehead Court and the Hollow.



We hope to organise another such walk later in the year, details will appear in the Nynehead News. This second walk will visit the new footpath alignments around Heywood Farm, assuming they have been confirmed by then.

Single Payment Scheme, footpath maintenance

In the March Nynehead News I reported on how the Rural Payments Agency may be informed about landowners not meeting their obligations in maintaining rights of way on their land. I received a response asking me to point out that rights of way users also have responsibilities.

Most footpath users seem to agree that if a route is obvious and easy to use then they will respond by using it in a proper manner and meet their obligations. But if the route is neither obvious nor easy to use then they naturally assume that the landowner does not care what they do, and they will respond in a similar vein.

Having said that, the whole compact between responsible landowners and responsible walkers is undermined by a few, and it is only a few, footpath users who do not respect their obligations. Uncontrolled dogs chasing livestock or careering through crops, motorised vehicles used on footpaths, dog mess left on paths - all these, and other, inconsiderate acts must annoy landowners no end*.

Well maintained and well used footpaths are, without a doubt, an asset to village life; but only if all participants - users and landowners, meet their obligations.

*A survey of landowners in the recently published Somerset County Council Rights of Way Improvement Plan confirms this view.

Colin Spackman

Nynehead Court

The early part of the year was filled with talks, entertainment and outings, in spite of the bad weather.

In February we braved the elements with our morning coffee trips, which included a visit to a Friend of Nynehead Court, Mrs. Gill Rose, which was much enjoyed. Our outing to Snowdrop Valley was like a trip to a winter wonderland. The snow started to fall as we headed down to see the snowdrops, and the countryside looked wonderful clothed in silvery white. Music at the Court in February was provided for us by Malcolm Gregory, the duo The Alternatives and Carl Durbin with his Hurdy Gurdy.

Crystals were the topic of our first talk in February by Mr. Graham Brewer. His knowledge on the subject was extensive and communicated with enthusiasm.

During March we enjoyed a trip to the Northcott Theatre in Exeter to see The Pirates of Penzance.

At the Court we were entertained by Anna on guitar and accordion, and we were fortunate to have two visits from Live Music Now! The first a clarinet concert and the second a string quartet. It is always a pleasure to welcome these young musicians.

At the end of the month The Reg Griffiths Singers joined us for the afternoon and jogged our memories with some old favourites. Also in March Ken Southern gave a very interesting talk on aromatherapy, Mr. R. Evans told us some Somerset ghost stories and Brian Phelps brought his model gipsy caravans for us to see. Friend of Nynehead Court Tony Lock gave us a fascinating afternoon talking on the history of The Court. We hope to persuade him to come back again and talk about our close neighbour - Nynehead Church.

Nynehead School joined us as Steve Manning took on the persona of an Air Raid Warden for his talk on World War 2. His young apprentices on the home front answered all

of his questions and were impeccably behaved as always.

Aprils' first trip out for tea was to the Willow and Wetlands centre at Stoke St Gregory. Later in the month we had a picnic lunch on the West Somerset Railway. The sedate trip through the countryside enabled us to enjoy the beautiful views and the weather was kind to us. We visited the Brewhouse Theatre twice in April. The Gang Show brightened our Easter weekend and the musical Guys and Dolls performed by Taunton Amateur Operatic Society was a very professional and enjoyable production. Gary Allen entertained us at the Court with songs from the shows, and our regular sing along afternoons with Janet Watson at the piano, which are always great fun, continued in April. Many thanks to Janet and to Audrey Ainger for her weekly visits to play bridge.

Aprils' first speaker was Mrs. Christine Dore from the Dunster Doll Museum, who brought many dolls for us to see, and Mrs. Brooks talked on her experiences of living on Exmoor. Pyrography was the subject of the talk by Mrs. J. Hardie. It was lovely to see the examples of her work, a very talented lady. Late in the month we were visited by Izzy and Vicki, two beautiful retired greyhounds and their owner Mr. Meredith who told us about the work of the Retired Greyhound Trust.

Art and Craft Group

The group continue to meet regularly tackling diverse projects. In March we strayed into gardening when Alec and Justin helped us with seed sowing. We planted marigolds and sunflowers, which have all grown very well. It's always a pleasure to welcome Ann McLaren, who made cards with us in April and Mrs. Ann Bartaby who helped us to make some lovely floral Easter decorations. Many thanks to both ladies for their time and support.

Nynehead Court Gardens

The gardens are looking wonderful at the moment and are well worth a visit. Do come and have a stroll around and have a cup of tea if you can.

The Friends of Nynehead Court
 Our drinks party with the Friends in February was very enjoyable. Their continuing contribution to life at the Court, be it running the shop, providing lovely floral displays or simply coming in to chat is most appreciated.

Why not become a

Friend of Nynehead Court?

- Join us for talks, outings and entertainment
- Come to our Art & Craft group
- Help out at events or on trips
- Enjoy an afternoon with pleasant company and a nice cup of tea

The social life at the Court is extensive and our residents would enjoy your company at any of our events. They have a wealth of knowledge and experiences to share.

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Nynehead Garden Club.

The Garden Club is now in its third year of successful operation but it seems we are missing some people within the village who could be attending our meetings! We meet on the second Monday of each month in the Village Hall although this may vary with Bank Holidays. (If you are in doubt just remember that basically our meetings always follow the monthly council meetings.) I also learnt recently, with some surprise it has to be said, that some people feel that they are not expert enough to join, that they had, somehow, to be experienced or knowledgeable gardeners before we would let them in. Let me assure all aspiring gardeners that nothing could be further from the truth. The whole point of the Garden Club is to bring to everyone some information and knowledge, (and pleasure we hope), on various gardening matters. The experts among us passing on tips and hints wherever possible. So, if you have any interest in gardening at all please do not hesitate to come along and share your enthusiasm.

Our next meeting will be a visit to a splendid local garden, Fernhill at Whiteball. We will meet at the Village Hall on Monday June 12th at 7pm so we can share cars. Please let Ann Manners, our new secretary, (661453) know if you would like to come along. Non-members are always welcome as well if they would like to join us. The cost will be £2.50 with the option of refreshments as well for a further £1.50. Having judged this garden for Wellington in Bloom last year I can highly recommend it!

The next big event for us is of course our Annual Show for which preparations are well in hand. The show will be on Saturday August 19th this year and we expect it to be bigger and better than ever. As everyone will have seen it really is very easy to enter and everyone should be able to find a class where they can contribute. (Nobody could find a plate of French beans last year would you believe!) Show schedules and entry forms have been sent out to everyone but if you have mislaid yours please do not hesitate

to contact me or any other committee member.

Our July meeting will be a visit to Chipley Mill courtesy of Mr Van de Hoef. Not only is this a splendid garden to visit but the Mill is an interesting piece of local history as well. Again we will meet at the Village Hall to share cars.

Finally don't forget that a lawn full of weeds may not look like Wimbledon or Lords but is much better for our environment than using all of those lawn weedkillers and fertilisers. If you do use them make sure that they do not wash off into your pond when it rains. The effect on fish will be dramatic and fatal!

*Alan Ketley
(Chairman)*



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More trees of Nynehead.

We must start off by giving the tree its proper name and I am afraid it isn't Wellingtonia but Sequoiadendron giganteum or the Sierra Redwood, native of California. The tree was named Wellingtonia by the famous botanist Lindley in honour of the Duke of Wellington. Unfortunately for him that name had already been used by another botanist a few years earlier and according to the rules of botanical nomenclature, (yes there really are such things) the first use of the name had priority and so our tree couldn't be called Wellingtonia and the name was dropped.

The tree itself is one of those giants that you simply would not consider for the average garden. In California specimens can grow to nearly three hundred feet high and form a trunk about twenty five feet thick. One tree that was felled was estimated to be about three thousand years old which is simply staggering, not the record of course but that is another story.



Being Americans they tend to name their trees and one of them, General Sherman, is about 272 feet tall and has a branch at 130ft which is seven feet in diameter. It has a girth of 82ft and is estimated to weigh 2500 tons. The trunk alone is estimated to have a volume of 50,000 cubic feet and it is said by some people to be the largest living thing on the planet! (plenty of room for debate there however!)

A couple of years ago the Wellington in Bloom Committee gave away a number of young trees, two of which were planted

just inside the gate at Nynehead Court. These will become magnificent trees eventually but will never reach the magnitude of those in California. The tallest specimen in Britain is in Devon and has reached a height of just over 180feet.

The tree itself, if you have the room, is perfectly hardy but dislikes shallow chalky soils, not a problem in Nynehead. Propagation is by seed but seedlings can rot off easily when young and need plenty of space and air. Chiltern Seeds, which I know some of you use, do list the seeds in their catalogue.

The trees at Nynehead Court are presently only a few feet high but in three thousand years, who knows?

Alan Ketley.

Nynehead Amateur Dramatic Society

Pantomime season is over for another year and a big 'thank you' to everyone who came to see 'Beauty and the Beast'. It doesn't matter how much rehearsing we do, it is never until we have an audience in front of us that the whole thing comes alive. I hope you all enjoyed the pantomime!

Thank you also to those people who came to the dress rehearsal and helped us raise funds for the British Heart Foundation.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th August at 7.30 pm in Nynehead Club to which all are welcome. If you know anyone who is interested in amateur dramatics then please ask them to come along to hear our plans for next year - they don't have to live in the village.

Rosemary Lea
Honorary Secretary

Nynehead and District Local History Society

The Annual Parish Meeting on 11th May was a good opportunity to sum up our activities for the year and its worth repeating what was said for the benefit of those who were not there.

The Society is now in its 35th Year and is still flourishing with 48 members who enjoy a very varied programme of speakers during the winter months from October to May, followed by some visits during the summer.

Last summer we had three visits, to Elworthy and Stogumber churches, to Axbridge, following up one of our winter talks, and to Brean Down. We try to provide a variety of visits to suit all tastes.

During the winter months we have continued to meet on the second Friday of each month at 7.45pm. We started with a very topical and brilliant talk about the recent excavations at Taunton Priory, followed by a diverse range of subjects - Brunel, 16th and 17th century houses in Norfolk, a Somerset sheep stealer transported to Australia, iron working on Exmoor and, more up to date, tourism on Exmoor.

The highlight of the year was the event held in the hall in October to celebrate the county Record Office's year long Sanford Archives project, which we had been delighted to support. It was a splendid and well-attended day in which the village school took an active part, and resulted in some new members for the society. The last part of the project, a new walks leaflet for Nynehead, has been published in the last couple of weeks. Copies are now available from me or from the Wellington Museum, which also has a new display panel about the Sanford family.

At the last meeting of the winter on 12 May we held our traditionally brief AGM and announced details of our summer outings -

one in each month from June to September to places of interest.

The AGM was followed by an illustrated talk on 'The pilgrim trail to le Mont-St-Michel', a magnificent World Heritage Site in southern Normandy which I have been visiting for several years. It has turned out that the abbey there had some surprising Somerset connections. In addition the practice of pilgrimage to holy sites in the Middle Ages had its thought-provoking as well as dangerous aspects. For example the town of Namur, now in Belgium, passed a law that anyone who insulted a town councillor could be sent on pilgrimage! Fortunately (?) our parish council doesn't have this power.

Everyone is welcome to our meetings. The Society is open to anyone and is not restricted to residents of the parish. We quite often have visitors attracted by a particular topic or speaker and any one is welcome to come and give us a try for one evening.

David Rabson

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Nynehead Club

At the beginning of May we held our AGM and the officers remain the same. In addition we welcome Ann Odam to the committee.

The Chairman wishes to thank the Secretary, Treasurer, Social Secretary and Gilly for their hard work and support over the past twelve months, as well as the 'bar staff' and of course the members for their continued support.

Over the past few months we have enjoyed an Easter Bonnet party on Easter Saturday, an April Fools Night Skittles and we held a skittle evening to celebrate The Queen's Birthday, which was very well attended.

Future events include a quiz night on 16th June and the **ANNUAL BARBECUE** is to be held on 8th July. We will be holding other events over the coming months including several impromptu skittle evenings. Please keep an eye on the notice board for further details of events.

The skittle team has successfully lifted the **WOODEN SPOON** for the third year running and it will be on display in the club for all to see. **WELL DONE!!!!**

We are always looking for new members and membership remains at £2 per year

Mervyn Hooper
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Nynehead Club



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The Crime figures for last year, that being the period of April 2005 until April 2006, have shown a downward trend over the preceding period of 2004/2005. In general reported crimes have fallen from 233 to 174; a reduction of 59 crimes.

Over this period the numbers of detected crimes have risen, although there are no direct figures for the beat. Figures for the Taunton sector, which includes our beat have shown an increase from 18.9 % to 26.3%. The average for the force is now 23.2%. It does however, only take a small increase in crimes to have a dramatic increase in percentages.

As we know statistics are wonderful things but they are no good if you are a victim of crime - and at least 174 of you were.

The neighbourhood watch scheme is a great way of keeping a watch on our communities but unfortunately, along with Jo, I can only cover so much during a week.

Information we receive is always useful and those who were victims of the numerous outbuilding break-ins may be pleased to know that all information has been passed to CID who are pursuing the arrest of a suspect.

The start of April 2006 heralded a large change in the way the District is being policed. The full details however, were not made clear for a number of weeks. The beat

boundaries are to be organised alongside local Government wards in line with Central Governments guidelines on Neighbourhood Policing. The upshot of this is that the Beat of which you form part has changed in size.

The parish of Huish Champflower has become part of the Williton beat, covered by PC Dave Masters. The Langford Budville, Nynehead, Oake and Bradford on Tone areas, will be covered by PC Kevin Challes who's beat formally covered most of the Blackdown hills.

I regret that I am losing Nynehead and thank everyone for their support. However, I am confident that you have an excellent and experienced officer replacing Jo and myself.

One last thing, due to this new system being imposed it has put a strain on the Neighbourhood Watch Ringmaster system and on speaking to Lindsey Stone, the co-ordinator, it will take some months for the system to catch up.

Your new mobile contact number for PC Kevin Challes is: 077 177 00663

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The staff in the Slinky bus office were very obliging and helpful, and made a note of times and locations for picking up and setting down. I was picked up at Nynehead School and set down in Taunton, and the reverse occurred when I wanted to return home.

Once when the bus broke down a car and driver arrived to take me to my destination and another time on a busy day I was taken around the countryside before I reached Nynehead.

I recommend phoning the office for more precise details. The only problem I found is that the office closes at 4 pm, and the driver cannot be contacted.

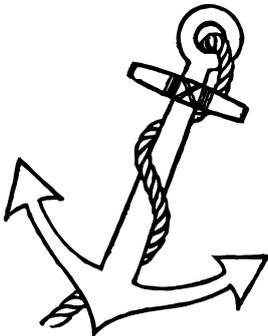
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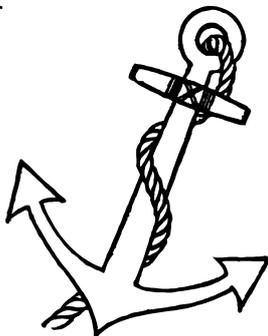
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Clifford Bishop	400400	email	cllr.c.bishop@tauntondeane.gov.uk
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Kevin Challes	Mobile: 077 177 00663
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POLICE - Crimestoppers

To give anonymous information	0800 555 111
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Pre-school and Toddler group (Under 5s)

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Rural Youth Project

Dawn Netley	666895
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Diary: - 4th June to 4th September 2006

Jun - 5	Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall - 7.30 pm
Jun - 7	Nynehead Club Committee Meeting - 8.30 pm
Jun - 9	History Society - A visit to Dunster with Hilary Binding - from Hall at 6 pm
Jun - 12	Garden Club visit to Fernhill at Whiteball - from Hall at 7 pm
Jun - 16	Nynehead Club Quiz Night
Jun - 18	Songs of Praise to celebrate the Queen's 80 th Birthday. - Nynehead Court - 6 pm
Jun - 23	Bell Restoration Fundraising - Summer Concert - All Saints Church 7.30 pm
Jul - 3	Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall - 7.30 pm
Jul - 5	Nynehead Club Committee Meeting - 8.30 pm
Jul - 8	Nynehead Club - Annual Barbecue
Jul - 10	Garden Club visit to Chipley Mill
Jul - 20	History Society - Visit to Barrington Court - from Hall at 1.15 pm
Aug - 9	Nynehead Club Committee Meeting - 8.30 pm
Aug - 16	History Society - Early evening visit to Ottery St Mary - from Hall at 6 pm
Aug - 16	Nynehead Amateur Dramatic Society AGM - 7.30 pm - Nynehead Club - All welcome
Aug - 19	Playing Fields sponsored cycle ride - from Hall at 4.30 pm
Aug - 19	Garden Club Annual Show
Aug - 19	Copy Deadline for September Edition of Nynehead News
Sep - 2	Distribution date for September Edition of Nynehead News
Sep - 4	Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall - 7.30 pm
Sep - 6	Nynehead Club Committee Meeting - 8.30 pm
Sep - 11	Gardening Club - Fascinating Fungi by Ted Pitman
Sep - 16	Playing Fields Annual Duck Race at Hornshay Weir - starting 2.30 pm

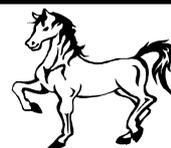


Dating from the 16th or 17th Century, the Dole Table pictured on the front of the March edition was used to 'lay out' the Parish Charities. In the Churchwardens Accounts of 1668 to 1685 there were many references to charitable giving.

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