

# Nynehead News

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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 October 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.*

What an exciting village we live in! Way back last April the Parish Council asked Alan Ketley if he would look at a request it had received for Nynehead to enter the Somerset Small Village of The Year competition.

Although Alan didn't really hold much hope of making progress in this year's competition he felt it would be a good exercise to undertake so that he would know better what would be required next year!

Well, Alan surprised himself and as a result his hard work has given Nynehead the title!

Congratulations to Alan and his helpers for having got us this far and who knows, soon after you get this issue of the Nynehead News we might even find we have succeeded in the Regional Finals as well – fingers crossed everyone!

In addition, the results of all the hard work that over 70% of our community did last May in completing the Appraisal Questionnaire is also about to be revealed. Don't forget – 25<sup>th</sup> October at the Village Hall between 4pm and 7pm – with the raffle as well!

Whilst I'm sure we are all sorry to hear that Kate & Nigel Howard are leaving the village it is great to know they will continue with the Drama Group and even come back to enjoy the odd pint or two at the Club. Our thanks for all they have done for the village over the years and our best wishes for the future.

In the report from the Golden Jubilee Committee you will note the comment that a new Flower Show Committee is to be formed. Although the detail has yet to be completed I understand that in addition to flowers it is likely that many other horticultural activities may also be included.

With Alan Ketley and Keith Haslam being founder members I am sure this will become a very active group that will be both educational and entertaining. As mentioned in the Golden Jubilee column please contact Alan or Keith if you are interested in joining.

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I am aware that one of our residents was unhappy about comments I made in previous issues of the Nynehead News and complained, in writing, to the Parish Council.

I wish to make it clear that the Nynehead News is produced in my own time and entirely at my own cost. I have received no payment for anything, whether materials, telephone or travel! Only the final printing is subsidised at this time.

Although this might change in the future, if I continue as editor, it will be on the strict understanding that I retain the right to express my own editorial comments. If anyone disagrees with my views they are at liberty to contact me directly.

One thing that has come out of the Appraisal Questionnaire analysis is that a number of respondents said they would like a 'small ads.' section. Whilst thanking them for the interest I would mention that this facility is already available. However, not being clairvoyant, you must let me know what you want printed – after all, the objectives I set for this newsletter are clearly stated both under the heading on the front cover and at the top of this page.

So - over to you!

*Mike Briginshaw*

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Once again, many thanks to Janet & Chris Watson for delivering the Nynehead News to each and every residence in the Parish. This help really is appreciated.

If you completed a 'Blue Form' at the time of the questionnaire, indicating that you would be willing to help with this newsletter, you should by now have received a letter advising of the NAG meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> October. I do hope you will be able to attend and look forward to meeting you there.

*Mike*

In 2002 the memorial hall management committee set up a working party to look at the future of the village hall. It was felt after a lot of research that our best way forward was to improve on our already large facility. Grant money is very much more limited now and we felt that there was more available to improve existing facilities. As any project would require major fundraising we felt that this size project was much more achievable.

We are about to launch the Nynehead Hall Improvement Fund that will enable us to start applying for grant money.

First improvements will be to meet 2004 disability access requirements, replace the front wooden wall and possibly the small section between the storeroom and end wall, and update the kitchen to provide more storage for organisations that use the hall. This will be a major project.

We plan to start fund raising with a Buy a Brick for your hall campaign run on the lines of a raffle. With prizes for the three lucky bricks drawn on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2004

At the moment we are in consultation with builders over the best options for the front of the hall. We would all like to see it in brick, but it may be that block and rendering is a better option. All funds raised will go to the hall improvement fund and will only be spent on hall improvements.

We have already started improvements with the redecoration and new curtains. The first week of September saw the floor stripped and resealed' closely followed by new fireproof stage curtains.

If you could sell some tickets to your family or friends or help with fundraising, or would like to organise a fund raising event please do not hesitate to contact me. All help is most welcome.

I can be contacted on (01823 667148)

Kathy Boyd

## Simply the Best!



Mervyn Hooper & Alan Ketley with the cup awarded to Nynehead as Somerset's best small village of the year.

On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October, Somerset's Village of the Year – Nynehead – was pleased to welcome Andrew Govier, Mayor of Taunton Deane, to an award ceremony in the Village Hall where he presented Alan Ketley with the winner's trophy.

The Mayor congratulated the village on its excellent presentation and was particularly pleased to note the diverse age range of his audience.

In replying to the Mayor's address Alan Ketley noted that the village was now entered for the Regional Competition and that the judges would be visiting Nynehead on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 10 am.

The village has only two hours in which to show the judges what an excellent place Nynehead is to live. We will of course, be showing them the Court and hope to have time to visit the school as well.

To make the best possible impression Alan emphasised the need, wherever possible, for every organisation to attend the October 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. If anyone has any ideas that they would like to contribute please contact Alan or David on the numbers given below.

The judges were particularly impressed by the highly successful pantomime and the social amenity that the Club and Village Hall provide.

They also noted the valuable parts played by the History Society and the contribution that the Book of Nynehead will make to village life when it is published later this year.

Whilst All Saints Church provides a place of worship in the community both the Church and the Court add substantially to the historical interest of the area. In addition, the Nynehead News and the fact that a Parish Appraisal have been undertaken added considerably to Nynehead having received the award.

Facilities for the children are catered for by the Under 5's Playgroup based in the Village Hall as well as the Jubilee Playing Field that has just received a grant from Taunton Deane to enhance the available facilities.

Although located just outside the Parish boundary the Cricket Club plays an important part in the social life of the village and is to be congratulated on its new pavilion that is currently under construction.

Thanks also go to the work of the Women's Institute which, apart from running regular meetings for the ladies of the village - including their annual 'Harvest Supper', also provided refreshments during the presentation.

Future activities planned for the village, such as the proposed Flower Show, also helped to impress.



The Cup

As mentioned earlier, if you have any ideas that you feel might help in the October 21<sup>st</sup> presentation please contact:

Alan Ketley Tel: 666249  
David Rabson Tel: 666609

*The competition is sponsored by Calor and run by the Community Council for Somerset*

## Parish Council

The good news when the council reassembled in September after its summer break was that Nynehead had reached the county finals of the Calor Village of the Year competition. Following a meeting in the Memorial Hall with assessors from the community council four representatives of the village were invited to make a presentation to the competition judges in Taunton. The decision was announced at the Community Council AGM on 16 September. We now know that, quite unexpectedly, Nynehead was chosen firstly as the 'Small Village of the Year 2003' and then beat Porlock (winner of the Large Village category) to be the overall county winner and the Somerset representative in the next round. Apart from two trophies the village received a prize of £350 and the council will have to decide how it should be spent to the benefit of the village.

The Parish Council has been taking a more active interest in the footpaths in the village, helped by the excellent work of our volunteer footpath officer Colin Spackman. Thus a presentation by Sarah Littler and Rebecca Smith of the County Rights of Way Section was timely. The County Council has a duty under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 to prepare a Rights of Way Improvement Plan. Mr. Spackman had submitted ideas for the Nynehead area on behalf of the Parish Council, which were well received as practical and realistic. In particular suggestions were made for improving the links between Nynehead and Wellington and along the Grand Western Canal. Nynehead has 8.5 miles of public footpaths and no major extensions were planned, the Parish Council confirming that it did not support the idea of a footpath 'bypass' to the Hollow. Special attention will be paid to improving access to footpaths for the disabled and to better information. The parish will have a particular role in providing information and liaising with landowners.

For some time we have been pressing the county council to introduce speed limits to the village. The county already has a policy for 20 mph limits outside all schools and has accepted in principle that 30 mph limits should be put elsewhere in the village. The Chairman and Clerk have met an officer from Somerset Highways to discuss the extent of the limits and the considerable number of signs that will be needed and the matter will be discussed again by the parish council during the autumn. There will be opportunities for Nynehead residents to have their say on what

should be done although to an extent the county council is bound by policy and legal requirements.

We are now approaching the time of year when the council has to decide on its spending plans and parish precept for the year from April 2004. This year the results of the village appraisal will form part of the deliberations.

David Rabson.

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## Footpath Liaison Officer

If you haven't been out on Nynehead footpaths lately then you are missing a treat, In September I visited virtually all of the parish footpaths during a period of bright sunny weather and the views were magnificent.

Try the scenery from the top of Gypsy Lane northwards to the Quantocks and the Brendons - or the view south west from the fruit farm path that starts near the top of Knap Hill, or a similar view from the path down to the three arch bridge below Nynehead Court.

While on these trips round the parish I noticed that some of the stiles and gates had been cleared by interested walkers - thanks to you all.

On three Friday evenings earlier in the summer you may have seen some of your parish councillors and me out and about on the footpaths. This was a familiarising trip for them and a chance to see for themselves the good, and the not so good, aspects of the paths. We didn't cover all of the nearly 9 miles of footpath but none-the-less I think we all learned something even if it was only confirmation of the gap between our expectation and reality.

My walking trips round other parishes leads me to conclude that our footpaths are, generally, more readily negotiated than most, however there are still a few paths that are inconvenient or irritating due to a lack of care, or interest, by the landowner.

When the results of the Village Appraisal are available I hope to contact all those who expressed an interest in helping out with the footpaths to see what we can achieve.

Colin Spackman

## Nynehead Appraisal Group

It seems to have taken forever but a lot of time and effort has been involved in analysing the vast amount of information resulting from the completed questionnaires.

Considerable help and guidance has come from both David & Louisa Raybould. David with the analysis and Louisa who, having reviewed the details, has prepared a PowerPoint slide presentation of the most important aspects.

By the time you receive this Newsletter you should already have received a 'flyer' advising of a meeting to be held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October in the Village Hall, at which the NAG team will present the results.

Light snacks and refreshments – as well as the odd glass of wine - will be provided. The meeting starts at 4 pm and the presentation will be repeated at approximately 5 pm and again at 6 pm.

At 7 pm a draw will be held of the raffle tickets returned with the questionnaires. If you are unable to attend the draw personally please let a friend or neighbour who will be attending hold it on your behalf. Alternatively, please put your name and brief address on the back of your ticket and hand it to either Mike Briginshaw at Oakridge or Janet Watson at Aysgarth.

Following the prize draw all individuals who completed the 'Blue Forms' that were issued with the questionnaires will be invited to meet others having similar interests. This is simply an introductory meeting but we hope that separate steering groups may result so ensuring that positive action will be taken in time to come.

On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October the objective of the Appraisal Group is not only to present the findings so far, but also to establish what you consider the most important aspects that could be acted upon.

Having gained your own views the Appraisal Group will liaise with the Parish Council to agree a detailed Parish Plan that, as far as is possible, both meets your requirements and is feasible.

On completion the Parish Plan will be available to all households in the Parish.

Janet Watson,  
Secretary

## Golden Jubilee Committee

The full committee held a meeting early in September to agree the distribution of the fund, totalling approximately £500, remaining from the Golden Jubilee celebrations.

It was agreed that Keith Haslam would provide two seats, one for the Jubilee Playing Field and the other to be located alongside the River Tone near to Ash Bridge. Installation charges would come to a further £30 in total.

The residue would be divided between the Jubilee Playing Fields Committee and a new Village Flower Show committee that is scheduled to hold its inaugural meeting before Christmas.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Village Flower Show group, either as an ordinary or committee member, should contact either:

Keith Haslam on 461667  
or  
Alan Ketley on 666249

Keith Haslam,  
(Chairman)

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## Dollings Cottage – East Nynehead

We would like to thank all who took time to try and find our dog Molly who went missing on 20th July, after someone thought it was funny to open our gate, letting out not only the dogs, but also the Geese and Chickens.

A very kind man in a blue car helped to get everything in but not the dogs. Spud (small white dog) was found near Longforth Farm, but Molly is still missing to this day. We can only hope she found a good home.

If anyone sees the gate being left open please inform us or the police, as this kind of mischief causes so much pain, not to mention the fact it could cause an accident.

By the way Eggs are still for sale at the gate, sorry but price has had to go up to £1.20 per doz.

Yours with Thanks

Lu & Will,

## All Saints Church, Nynehead

### Church Services:

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

On the first Sunday in the month the church service is held in Nynehead Court at which the usual church congregation share the service with the residents of the Court and the service is followed by coffee. This is a short service of Morning Prayer with hymns and is open to everyone to attend.

On all other Sundays the service is held in church and is a service of 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.

**Sunday School outing:** Since writing the last Newsletter the Sunday School had their annual outing and this year members of the Sunday School and parents had a train ride on the Steam Train to Minehead. The weather was kind and they all had a very good day out.

**Church Spring Clean:** Although hardly Spring, a group of the church spent a morning in August carefully cleaning all the windows in the church and dusting and cleaning the various monuments. To my knowledge this is the first time that this has been done so thoroughly in many years but one has to be careful when cleaning the stained glass and painted windows so one cannot afford to do it too often.

**Church maintenance:** As those who have visited the church will know, there is a part of the West wall under one of the Della Robbias which has no plaster on it because of some problem that we have with damp. The plaster was removed several years ago in order to allow the wall to completely dry out. The architect reckons that part of the difficulty is the brick steps which were put in by the Victorians in order to reach the ringing chamber. These steps need to be replaced but the Parochial Council Church is looking into the possibility of opening up the original doorway at

the back of the church and removing the brick steps completely.

**Harvest Festival:** Both the Harvest Services were very successful, although as a rural parish we were rather disappointed that more did not attend the 'Harvest Songs of Praise'. However, we received an excellent response for harvest gifts and these were given to some people in the village and the Taunton Women's Refuge.

**Weddings:** During July and August there were three weddings held in the church but they all involved couples who live outside the parish but have connections with Nynehead.

#### **Dates for your diary:**

Remembrance Sunday Service - November 9<sup>th</sup> at 10-30am

Christmas Services: Village Carol Service - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 4pm

Christmas Day Service at 10-30am.

#### **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



## Nynehead Amateur Dramatic Society

I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer, and now that the deck-chairs have been returned to the shed, autumn is upon us and our thoughts are turning once more to the next Pantomime.

The next production is scheduled for March again, which ensures that we do not overlap with any other local groups.

We will shortly be auditioning for all the various parts and when a date for that is decided, we will put the information on a display board at the Village Hall. We urgently need more people to join our group and you can contact Kate on 665156 or Lu on 461781, and we will be happy to give you any information.

Pantomime is great fun to do, both on stage and behind the scenes. So, out of your armchairs all you budding scenery painters, carpenters, actors, and tea-makers etc. come and join us.

You'll have a great time

Oh yes you will!!!

Kate Howard

*As you are probably now aware, we are shortly to be leaving the Village. This is a big life-change for both of us and as Abi has now left home, we thought that it was a good time for a new challenge.*

*We are hoping to go to a bungalow at Blagdon Hill, which has caused much hilarity and various comments from Abi about getting older and luckily now not to be needing a Stannah Stair-lift!*

*We have thoroughly enjoyed being part of village life for the last sixteen years, and have had many enjoyable and memorable times, however, you will see us back again from time to time as we will continue to support the Dramatic society and remain members of the Club.*

*We hope that Nynehead will continue to thrive, and we send our very best wishes to you all.*

*Kate and Nigel Howard.*

## Nynehead Club

Nynehead Club continues to offer a range of activities and we are pleased to welcome new members. Annual Subscription is still only £2 and there is no joining fee!

In June we celebrated the Queen's Coronation with a Village Supper that proved very popular, followed by a 'disco' for all ages, in the Village Hall.

The August weather was superb for the annual Barbecue that was well supported and enjoyed by all. A big 'thank you' to Tim Potter for his donation of the sausages which was very much appreciated.

The Skittle Team is now up and running for its second year and anyone wishing to play can learn how to join by asking at the bar.

Future events include a 'Harry Potter' themed Halloween fancy dress party on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November, starting at 8pm. There will also be a Christmas Fancy Dress party in the Club on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

The Club will be open on Boxing Day for those who fancy a break from Christmas Television and leftover turkey and on 31<sup>st</sup> December there will be the usual New Year's Eve Party to see in 2004!

Please keep an eye open for the Carol Singers who will be going around the village in mid December collecting funds for charity.

Sarah Hooper,  
Social Secretary.

## Nynehead CC.

The village cricket team concluded their playing season on September 7<sup>th</sup> with a win at Culmstock during which the club set a record for the highest ever total which was 277! Since the end of the playing season the members have been extremely busy as the footings for the new pavilion have been dug in the last day or so. It is hoped that the club can at least have a covered shell in place for the start of the 2004 season but more monies have to be raised in the meantime. All villagers are extremely welcome at our ground to watch games and indeed to cast their eyes over our amazing project.

At the end of another enjoyable season the team, led by Dave Jewell, had won 10 and only

lost 7 of its games. Amazingly, just one game was washed away in this driest of seasons and conversely all who played at Sampford Arundel in early August will never forget the 33 degree heat!

The top six in the end of season averages show a decent number of village players doing well for the team and everyone in the team would like to take this opportunity of thanking Louise Haslam & Lynn Hare-Riley for their efforts with cricket teas; Keith Haslam for his sterling work on and off the field and to wish wicket-keeper Dave Raybould a swift return to fitness after his finger was broken in August. {Keith & Dave also shared the club 10<sup>th</sup> wicket record stand earlier this year!}

### TOP BOWLERS:

Neil Hendy	43.2 overs	8 maidens	129 runs for	15 wickets	: best 5-11
Andy Gamlin	41	9	141	14	: best 3-9
Graham Sparks	83	8	327	23	: best 4-16
Ben Robarts	2	4	162	10	: best 4-21
Alastair Riley	79	8	291	17	: best 3-19
Ed Riley	36	1	195	10	: best 3-22

### TOP BATSMEN:

Neil Hendy	9 innings	3 not outs	255 runs	top score	64*	average	42.50
Stuart Thraves	11	3	363		104*	average	40.00
Alastair Riley	13	2	330		77	average	30.00
Ed Riley	12	4	208		36*	average	26.00
Rivers Barry	11	5	137		45	average	22.83
Dave Jewell	13	0	289		74	average	22.23

### TOP FIELDERS:

Dave Raybould	caught 17 + stumped 3 [Club record]
Ed Riley	caught 7
Graham Sparks.	caught 7

The club ended their season in style with dinner at The White Horse Inn.

Alastair Riley  
Hon.Sec NCC

## Nynehead Jubilee Playing Fields

Firstly just a public reminder to all who use the playing fields. Remember to take all your rubbish away with you and no dogs please. This will make it a pleasant environment for all.

It was Saturday 5h July 2003, at 2:30 in the afternoon, when this year's Duck Race took place. The Races were sponsored by the following: -

Race 1	The White Horse
Race 2	Hardacre's Builders
Race 3	Nynehead Fruit Farm
Race 4	Formula Cars
Race 5	Nynehead Club
Race 6	Willowbrook Garden Centre
Race 7	Nynehead Books
Race 8	Tim Potter Butchers
Race 9	Foxes Farm Services
Race 10	Abacus Construction
Final	The Kitchen Company The Blackbird Inn

We would like to thank all the sponsors for their support, and a big thank you to the Darby family for the use of the venue.

The winners of the Races were: -

Race 1	Dawn Netley
Race 2	Tim C
Race 3	Chris Raybould
Race 4	Sarah Hooper
Race 5	Joseph Hooper
Race 6	C Chipchase
Race 7	Richard
Race 8	Peter Russell
Race 9	Elliot Risely
Race 10	Kate Slade
Final	Louise Haslam

We have recently received a grant from Wyvern Environmental Trust for £900.00, which has enable us to replace the bark Chipping's under the play equipment. Yes, this may seem expensive, but we have to buy special Chipping's which are treated with fire retardant and animal repellent. Thanks to a working party, and Robin Darby's Manito loader the work was done in no time at all. The playing fields committee has also just found out that we have been given a grant from Taunton Deane Borough Council to help us to purchase some play equipment for children under five years.

Louise Hobbs - Social Secretary

## Nynehead Primary School

Mrs Angela Lewis has started her school year as Locum Head at the primary school and an exciting autumn term is planned for both the children and staff.

Our new children have been photographed by the "Wellington Weekly" for a special feature on children starting school

In October the junior children will be spending a day at Caerleon in Wales to study the life and times of the Romans in Britain. They will also have a visiting archaeologist to talk to them and show artifacts at the school.

Mrs Lewis, accompanied by children, will be at the "Wellington In Bloom" Evening to collect the certificates won by the school.

The school runs a variety of after-school clubs, including those for Music, Nature and Sports. The Nature Club members have been busy planting seeds for a Tree Nursery. This is part of The Tree Council's activities for "Seed Gathering Sunday" on 18th October, and The National Tree Week in November. After the trees have been over-wintered by the club, they will be available to people living in Nynehead for planting in their gardens. The trees are Oak, Chestnut, Rowan and Silver Birch - watch this space! The Nature Club is also having a "Sunflower Head Weigh-In" during October, to find a winner from all the carefully nurtured sunflowers planted last term.

Towards the end of term, to celebrate Christmas, there will be a Christingle Service at All Saints Church, Nynehead on December 17th. Everyone is welcome. The children will also be putting on a Christmas Play at the Village Hall and be taking part in the village Christmas Fayre. We look forward to seeing you at these events.

Sue Reynolds

## Police News

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to those people who have not spoken to me, which is probably the majority of you.



I am PC 733 Mark Jones and will be working along side PC 3417 Jo Jeffrey, covering your area as the 'local bobbies'. I have been a police officer for nearly 20 years and the majority of the last 6 years have been spent patrolling Wellington and the surrounding area.

I know many of you may have heard that the numbers of police in Wellington have been reduced. This is partly true, but the emphasis has been in providing more beat officers such as myself and 24 hr emergency cover will continue as before, except that officers from Taunton will staff the vehicles.

I appreciate that getting hold of the police can be a nightmare. Hopefully things will get better. Shortly, Jo and I will be issued with mobile phones and the numbers will be freely available. This will make getting hold of us easier and may reduce the time you spend on the phone talking to someone in Bristol explaining your local problem.

If you see me driving through the area please feel free to flag me down.

With regards to crime, we have had a number of thefts from sheds in the area; also electric fence equipment seems to be disappearing. This isn't an exhaustive list and I'm sure many of you might know of other incidents. At the end of the day I only can deal with things that are reported to me, so please tell me what's going on in your area.

The current contact number for Wellington police station is 01823 363262, and the station is open from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday and 10 am to 1 pm Saturdays.

My voice mail number is 01823 363287 and then dial 70733 when prompted.

Many thanks

PC 733 - Mark Jones.

*Please note:-*

*The Community Policing Unit will be in Nynehead between 9.30am and 11.30am on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.*

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## Womens Institute

In JULY we were sorry to say "Goodbye" to our President (Pam Macey), who has moved away from Nynehead.

20th OCTOBER 'Pilgrimage' Speaker Mr. Ray Allen.

In NOVEMBER we hold our A.G.M, when we look back over the year and Elect our President and Committee for the coming year.

We have a full programme arranged for next year. Our first meeting will be on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2004.

Our Meetings are held on the Third Monday of each month with the exception of AUGUST.

NEW MEMBERS and VISITORS are always WELCOME.

Dates for your diary:

October 20<sup>th</sup> –  
Speaker Mr Ray Allen - 'Pilgrimage'

January 19<sup>th</sup> –  
First Monthly Meeting of the Year.

Jean Sparks.

**Nynehead and District Local History Society.**

We have had a good summer with well-attended evening outings. At the end of June we visited the fascinating historic church at Stogursey while at the beginning of July David Manners led us on a walk along the river and canal in Nynehead looking at wildlife – a new perspective on a walk many of us had often followed.

August saw us on the Grand Western Canal between Greenham and Loudwells with Denis Dodd and in September our summer programme ended with a guided tour of historic Wiveliscombe in the company of County Archaeologists and local resident Bob Croft. This visit ended with a surprise, the Jones garage which is an early and rare example of a building specially designed for this purpose.

Our next winter programme starts on Friday 10 October with an illustrated talk by Kate France of the Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre. The East Devon/Dorset Coast has received the ultimate accolade, being designated as a World Heritage Site for its geological interest. It is a remarkable coastline as many people know and Kate France's talk will make a good start to our season. We have a good variety of speakers as the diary will show.

**'The Book of Nynehead'**

After many months of hard work by a lot of people the book has finally gone to print, Halsgrove Press having received sufficient advance orders to make it worth their while. The target publication date is 10 November, in time for Christmas. Copies will be available in local bookshops and we will be organising a launch event in the village although we have not yet decided what form it will take.

For more information about our activities contact our Chairman Tony Lock (461214) or our Secretary David Rabson (666609).

**Winter programme 2003-2004**

Meetings are held at the Nynehead Memorial Hall and start at 7.45 p.m. unless stated otherwise.

Date	Speaker	Topic
10 Oct	Kate France Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre	The Dorset World Heritage Coast
14 Nov	Talya Bagwell Archaeological Outreach Officer, Somerset County Council.	Unlocking Somerset's Historic Environment
12 Dec	David Sutcliffe	Rev. Charles Marson, Vicar of Hambridge – his life as a socialist and his partnership with Cecil Sharp, folk song collector.
9 Jan 7.30 p.m.	New Year's party	'A vaguely historical quiz.'
13 Feb	Tim Lomas	Buildings of Experience - an architectural student's grand tour.
12 Mar	David Hall	Sources for family history
2 Apr	Michael Mussell	The impact of the Grand Junction (Union) Canal on the village of Marsworth in Bucks.
14 May (AGM)	Simon Ratsey	Weather and climate in West Somerset – a historical perspective.

### Birdwatching around the village.

For all of us it is the first days of autumn as I write these few words on Carnival Day. Yet, for the birds autumn began in late June with the first passage of waders at the coasts and is now at its end. The last migrants have either left the village and the country or are just clinging on to southern coastal tips of land where large numbers of both birdwatchers and 'twitchers' congregate in the hope of seeing rarities. In Nynehead the chances of seeing something very rare are few and far between unless one actually looks skywards at just the right time, but the autumn passage does occur over our heads! In 2002 I was cutting the grass, looked up by chance and saw two curlew flying over. Last week a hobby was hunting for dragonflies near my pond as it stocked up before its flight south to Africa. Some birds never quite make the flight at all; the most common is the chiffchaff. All last winter there was a chiffchaff in Nynehead, possibly two. I often found it – usually because it uttered its

sad 'tew' call – as it hid low in hedges, a small green and olive bird about the size of a blue tit.

Some villagers have commented to me about birds in the village since the last Newsletter and I am very grateful for your bits of information. As a result, it is nice to report that a Little Egret was seen by the three arch bridge in September; that ravens can now be heard daily over the village and that kingfishers probably bred along the Tone. Little Egrets are in spectacular increase in the UK and ravens are extending their range from just moorland. Kingfishers are still in some sort of decline. Once again, thanks to all those who have told me things or even asked me questions that I usually cannot answer! Look out for the arrival of the fieldfares and redwings with the first cold weather.

Alastair Riley  
Amateur ornithologist

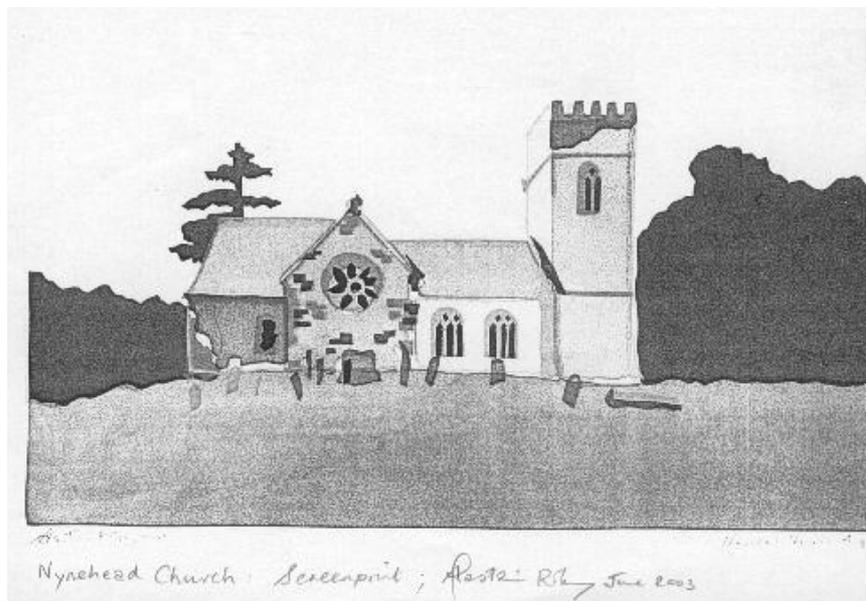
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### SCREENPRINT EXHIBITION – October 17 & 18<sup>th</sup> Nynehead Village Hall.

#### A message from the artist:-

*I should like very much to convey my thanks to all those villagers – and indeed others – who took the time and trouble to visit the above exhibition of my work. I had been 'nagged' a lot over the past year to stage this exhibition but I was always very reluctant to do so! However, I am now persuaded by many of you that it was worth all the trouble to stage the works even if I had to build all my own display paraphernalia as well! I would like to repeat my thanks to the Village Hall committee for allowing me to hire the hall for the duration of the exhibition and am glad that some of the works were enjoyed by visitors as much as I enjoy making the prints.*

Alastair Riley.



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### **St Margaret's Hospice**

A coffee morning in aid of St Margaret's Hospice will be held at Nynehead Court on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November from 10am till 12 noon.  
All welcome!

### **Pam & Gordon Macey**

Wish to thank all of their friends for the support and warm welcome they received during their stay in Nynehead, and wish everyone well, both collectively and individually.

From the 20<sup>th</sup> August their new address has been:

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1 Whitehall,  
Watchet  
Somerset  
TA23 0BB

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### **Recycling Flower Pots**

Passing Houses on 'Dustbin Day' I frequently see used flowerpots left out for collection.

As a compulsive propagator I am always in need of flowerpots, and hope you may let me re-cycle yours, rather than sending them off to add to the landfill site.

I should be happy to collect and would be happy to offer you a plant of your choice as a small "Thank You",

Geraldine Orr,

(01823) 461520

### **A word of huge Thanks!**

To all those villagers who received my questionnaire in September designed to assist my university research and then returned it to me "THANK YOU VERY MUCH". People have been very kind and have also chatted to me or given me articles. The 'partner' village in Essex where I also conducted research have been equally helpful and the number of forms posted back to me from there was about 76%, which was amazing! I may have to repeat this exercise as the research concludes but at the moment I am not sure. Thank you again & best wishes.  
See you at Christmas!

*Ed Riley – University of Keele, Stoke on Trent, Staffordshire.*

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Mike Briginshaw - Vice Chairman	461627
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## Diary - 17th October 2003 to 10th January 2004

17-Oct	Screenprint Exhibition - Village Hall - from 2 pm
18-Oct	Screenprint Exhibition - Village Hall - until 2 pm
20-Oct	WI - Speaker Mr. Ray Allen - 'Pilgrimage'
21-Oct	<b>Village of Year - Meeting with Judges for Regional Competition - 10am Village Hall</b>
25-Oct	<b>Analysis of Questionnaire by NAG - Village Hall 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.</b>
1-Nov	Nynehead Club - Harry Potter Halloween Fancy Dress Party - 8 p.m.
3-Nov	Parish Council Meeting - 7.30 p.m. at Village Hall
6-Nov	Nynehead Court - Coffee Morning 10 am till noon for St Margarte's Hospice
9-Nov	All Saints Church - Remembrance Service at 10.30 a.m.
14-Nov	History Society 7.45 p.m. at Village Hall - Unlocking Somerset's Historic Environment
16-Nov	Village Hall Bingo Night starting 7.30 pm
1-Dec	Parish Council Meeting - 7.30 p.m. at Village Hall
12-Dec	History Society 7.45 p.m. at Village Hall - Life of Rev. Charles Marson, Vicar of Hambridge
20-Dec	<b>Deadline for January Edition of Nynehead News</b>
20-Dec	Nynehead Club - Christmas Fancy Dress Party
21-Dec	All Saints Church - Village Carol Service at 4 p.m.
25-Dec	All Saints Church - Christmas Day Service at 10.30 a.m.
26-Dec	Boxing Day - Nynehead Club will be open!
31-Dec	Nynehead Club - New Year's Eve Party
5-Jan	Parish Council Meeting - 7.30 p.m. at Village Hall
9-Jan	History Society 7.30 p.m. at Village Hall - New Year's Party
10-Jan	Target distribution date for January edition of Nynehead News
19-Jan	WI - First 'Monthly Meeting' of the year