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## Summertime

When I agreed to provide a couple of columns editorial for the September Nynehead News I realised that with the children on school holidays and various seasonal activities on the farm I'd have a rather narrow window of opportunity in which to actually compose my contribution. I assumed this would be a wonderful way to concentrate my mind but now I'm sitting here in front of a blank computer screen I'm not so sure!

Of course, as for many other parents of school age children the end of August means the long school holidays are drawing to a close. The long discarded, forgotten school uniform, book bag and gym kit have to be sought out from their various hiding places in the back of the airing cupboard, in drawers and in big heaps under the bed. The jobs of checking for size and fit, states of disrepair and patching up or replacement planned. This is not a task in which my children are particularly keen to participate. Popping into Wellington for a haircut or shopping in Taunton for new trousers or shoes (the queues in shoe shops being the worst) does not rate highly on their list of fun things to do during the holidays.

This summer, in this area they have been fortunate to be able to visit several local tourist attractions and places of interest as well as enjoying some of the things right on our doorstep such as a short cycle ride to the fruit farm and bouncy castle with strawberries as an added reward, popping up to the Jubilee playing field, wandering along the river or old canal and getting stuck into creating exhibits for the garden club flower and handicrafts show. However, by this late stage in the holiday's mothers' ideas for holiday amusement are usually exhausted and sorting out the school uniform is the best I can come up with! We all realise the easy going mornings are coming to an end for a while and we will all have to be on the ball to cycle up the road to scrape into school at least marginally before that bell rings. One very good thing about the boys getting older is that the journey time decreases as cycling speed increases...although I'm not sure how much longer I'll be able to keep up. Is that water fountain outside the school main door just to refresh the children?!

A very good thing this autumn is that the future of the school has been secured and our permanent head Mrs Lewis is firmly in post. All those meetings last autumn and winter with the LEA were worth it. Thank you to all those who participated.

Other distractions to completing this contribution come from the farm The weather of course has been very changeable and planning to get straw in subject to false starts and rearrangements. Spring is traditionally the time of rebirth and renewal but due to the vagaries of managing a milking herd in today's business climate autumn calving is well underway here. In fact, in order to level out peaks and troughs in supply to our milk buyer the calving period is being extended and brought further forward into the summer months each year. Several groups of cattle dotted around the farm in various stages of reproduction means not quite knowing when or where things are going to get hectic with either escapes, antenatal, labour ward or postnatal type emergencies. An element of unpredictability pervades! Not to mention the milk quota market. That would fill several columns!

So I'm looking forward to a quiet lunch on my own on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September when school reopens and a few hours respite from "mum...., mum..., MUM....!" There is already a breezy Autumnal feel in the air and lots of nuts and berries on the trees and bushes. There will no doubt be some good weekends to continue some of the popular summertime activities the children are hoping to cram into the last few days of their summer holidays

*Carole Darby*

## Nynehead Parish Council

July and August are usually quiet months for the parish council but this year we had to hold an extra meeting to discuss the proposals in the Parish Plan and to decide how to put them into effect. A programme of priorities has been agreed and will be undertaken in the three years leading up to the next parish elections in 2007.

Two other significant events happened in July and August. Firstly, we received a satisfactory report on our finances from our external auditors, the accountants Moore Stephens of Bath. This is a government requirement for which we have to pay - £141 this year! We are also required to have our own suitably qualified internal auditor and we have to thank Jenny Dodd for undertaking this role. Local authorities, of which the parish council is one, are increasingly under the scrutiny of higher authorities.

Secondly, in August we had to return the two Somerset Village of the Year trophies, which will be presented to the 2004 winners on 7<sup>th</sup>. September. By the time this newsletter is distributed the parish council will have decided how the Village of the Year prize money and the millennium fund will be allocated. Forty of the forms included with the last newsletter were returned and indicated support for a wide variety of projects.

Looking forward, the parish council is increasingly interested in the condition of Nynehead's footpaths, and members are making an inspection at the beginning of September. We play only a small but nevertheless important part, ably assisted by Colin Spackman, in ensuring that our paths are in good order. We rely greatly on the landowners and on the Deane and County Councils but there rarely seem to be enough resources to deal with what is needed on the ground.

The state of the parish's roads is always of concern and we are continually in touch with Somerset Highways about potholes, drains, hedge trimming etc. Many people in the village would like speed limits as a way of slowing down traffic. We had agreed some proposals with the highway authority but the county policy was then changed and we are waiting to see when our request will be reassessed.

Finally a reminder that the council meets on the first Monday of each month in the Memorial

Hall, following a Public Question Time, to which everyone is welcome, at 7.30 p.m. The agenda and minutes are put on each of the three public notice boards – at the Memorial Hall, in East Nynehead and on the triangle near the school.

*David Rabson*  
*Parish Clerk*

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## Footpath Liaison Officer

Responsibility for footpath rights-of-way actually lies with the County Council. But to provide a more local service, Somerset devolves much of that responsibility to Taunton Deane District Council via an agency agreement. In their turn the District Council asks Parish Councils to be involved so that footpath matters can be dealt with as locally, and as cheaply as possible.

But this chain of command may be about to change. Presumably to save money, the District Council is considering abandoning its agency agreement with the County Council, and so passing responsibility back to them.

What difference would that make?

Currently, at TDBC there is one full-time and one (very) part-time employee dealing with rights of way. Incidentally, I am always impressed by their knowledge of the paths in Nynehead. But they are hard-pressed to deal with the volume of work involved in managing the district's 524 miles of rights of way in 52 parishes with hundreds of different landowners.

It seems inevitable that when, or if, Somerset County Council take over there will be fewer staff involved as this is the easiest way to save money. Consequently there may be a slower response to those situations that cannot be solved locally - coercing recalcitrant farmers into meeting their duties, dealing with proposed diversions, providing guidance for improving the network and so on.

At the moment, the change is only a proposal. If it becomes reality then that may be the start of a new era in footpath management that takes some getting used to, but let's hope not.

*Colin Spackman*

## **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 anyone 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.

### **From the church register:**

3<sup>rd</sup> July Marriage of Ashley Huggett and Fay Coleman both of the parish of St John's, Wellington. Fay was particularly keen to be married in Nynehead as she had fond memories of her time at the village school. The service was particularly interesting as instead of having hymns and the organ, all the music was provided by a Gospel Choir from London.

9<sup>th</sup> July Burial of Gordon Whybrow (Tim). Tim died on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July at the Dunkirk Memorial Home at Bishops Lydeard. He was 94 and had been a resident at Nynehead Court when it had been owned by The Friends of the Elderly. He was interred in his wife's grave.

### **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. A little progress has been made as English Heritage and the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings have agreed to the alteration and therefore we are in a position to apply for a Faculty. At the time of writing a notice has been placed both in the church porch and inside the church stating what work we wish to carry out and this also gives members of the parish an opportunity to object if they so wish. This notice has to be displayed for 28 days.

### **Disability Discrimination Act:**

The Parochial Church Council has decided that we ought to give serious consideration to the installation of a loop system which would help those who have hearing impairment. On the advice of a consultant it has been suggested however that we should also consider an amplification system but unfortunately this may again require a faculty from the Diocese.

### **Study Group:**

In recent months a study group has been meeting at the home of Michael and Brenda Harding at Ham. The group are studying St Marks Gospel and relating it to life today.

### **Fund raising:**

Since the last Village Newsletter we took part in the St John's Fete in Wellington and raised some £80 from a Bran Tub. In August we had a social event for people who support our church and this took the form of a barbecue at Langham Farm.

### **Team Songs of Praise:**

On the 8<sup>th</sup> August we hosted the Wellington Team of churches Songs of Praise which proved to be well supported and enjoyable. After the service the congregation were invited into Nynehead Court for light refreshments.

### **Sudan Appeal Fund:**

During the month of August we made a collection for the Sudan Appeal and the money collected was sent via Christian Aid.

### **Heritage Weekend:**

The church will again be taking part in the Heritage weekend, which takes place on September 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. 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.

During the past few months several groups have had conducted tours of the church and have given the church donations towards the upkeep of the building.

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

**Harvest Festival 26<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30 am.**

As Nynehead is a rural parish we do hope that many of the village will attend the Harvest Service. As has been the practice for several years the harvest gifts will be donated to the Womens Refuge in Taunton. If anyone would like to give harvest gifts then would they please bring them to the church at 10 am on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September.

**Christmas Services:** These have not yet been finalised and details will be published later.

**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

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**Nynehead Harvest Supper**

The annual harvest supper will take place in the village hall on Saturday 9th October 2004 and everyone is invited. The WI will be doing the catering, which means it will be tasty, and you supply your own choice of liquid refreshment (glasses provided) and bring your own cutlery.

Tickets are limited so book your place early. The cost will be

£6.00 per adult

£3.00 per primary school child

£17.00 family ticket (2 adults and own primary school children).

Tickets are available from Sheila Rabson (666609).



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 Autumn 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**.

## When I Met a Christian

I once had the privilege to meet a Christian (a big C) lady, let me tell you about it.

The previous Protestant church where I worshipped, by permission of the Sultan of Oman, was one of seven in the Christian Church compound in the city of Salalah.

Our Pastor and his wife came from Weston-Super-Mare to Oman by a strange coincidence, but that is another story.

Pastor Ken Crummacks congregation was over 100 various souls, from all over India and the numerous Islands of the Philippines. There were 10 in number Brits. He was considered to be the embodiment of a Christian pastor by all who knew him, Christians and Muslims alike. They all visited his house over the years. We had an unwritten agreement, when one of us retired the other would join him, and both return to Somerset.

Pastor Ken most Monday evenings drove his car, his wife, the church organist and his wife and his two sons, fifty miles into the desert, to hold a service at a distant airbase for the Christian men who serviced the Sultans Air Force, aeroplanes and personnel.

This particular evening he was a little late, so maybe was driving through the darkness faster than normal, we do not know. Across the desert a Bedouin tribesman loaded one of his many camels on his truck and started across the sand towards the tarmac road. Pastor Ken had by this time driven along the coastal plain, up through the narrow mountain passes and down on to the flat, rock-strewn sands. The narrow two-way desert road varied between cuttings and high banks, with badly damaged hard shoulders, caused by the numerous heavy lorries hauling loads to and from Muscat, 600 miles away.

The camel laden lorry mounted the road up a steep bank with engine revving in order to make the grade, lights blazing along the road into the eyes of Pastor Ken, who swerved onto the hard shoulder to avoid what he thought was going to be a head on collision. His front wheels locked in a rut for 20 or so metres, after which the rut suddenly ended, and the car swerved across the road, and hit the chassis of the lorry a glancing blow in front of the rear wheels. The lorry wheels mounted the car and turned on its side dragging the poor camel to its death along the road. The blood and oil

stains persisted for over 6 months; there was no rain to wash it away. The car carried on across the road down over the bank and came to a halt in a circle of rocks on the sand.

When Ann and I returned home that night, the fax light was blinking to indicate there was a message waiting. Please come to the Sultan Qaboos Hospital we have bad news concerning Pastor Ken.

Outside the accident department there was a mass of brown faces all talking at once. Samiir my Indian friend took me to one side and gave me the news of the Pastor's and the older boys death. Would I please go and tell Margaret the Pastors wife, who was lying badly injured inside.

Margaret was lying in the semi-darkness in her own room. The hospital authorities thought a lot of the Pastor and his family for two reasons. Firstly they looked after the well being of the Christian nurses, and secondly, a rather bizarre reason, the Pastor and his church chairman could be called upon to bury the amputated limbs of Christian patients in the Christian cemetery, there is no cremation in the Islamic faith.

I sat beside Margaret and said to her, "I have some rather sad news to tell you". The quiet reply came back from her very calm face, "I know Ken is dead Allan, in the darkness of the desert, I felt his head in the car and could feel his brains through his broken skull."

Well over 200 persons attended the open air service and burial, Christian and Muslims alike, companies supplied chairs, sun shelters, a speaker system, bottled water and a stage. The queue of cars to the cemetery was unbelievable.

Some time later I was concerned about Margaret who was extremely subdued after her family had departed for UK. I said "I think you would feel better if you had a good cry, everyone but you I have seen crying." "I do not need to cry over Kens death Allan, he is in a much better place than us, with God. I look forward to the time when I can join him. Meanwhile my prayers keep us together." Margaret the Christian (with a big C) is still the Pastor of The English Speaking Congregation in Salalah.

*Allan Howe.*

## Nynehead Garden Club - Show Report.

"Fantastic", "A wonderful show", "Brilliant", these were just some of the comments the committee received after Nynehead's first Flower Show. The weather was on our side for once and it seemed as though the whole village turned out to support the event. It was also nice to see support from the people of Wellington Garden Club several of whom took the trouble to come out and see our Show. The prizewinners were as follows: -

The Nynehead Cup for most points gained in the Show went jointly to Keith and Louise Haslem.

The Rose Cup for the best rose exhibit went to Judith Ketley.

The Prior Shield for the best vegetable exhibit went to David Bruford.

The Village of the Year Shield for the best young persons exhibit went to Peter Darby.

The Prior Shield, Rose Cup and Village of the year Shield were awarded by the judges.

More facts and figures. Nearly fifty people contributed over two hundred entries to the Show, a level of participation that many other shows would love to see. The Raffle made nearly £120 and the auction of produce over £65. (Keith Haslem again demonstrated his skill at extracting money from people!) With monies from entry fees and the catering this means that the Show was comfortably in profit.

So many people contributed to making the Show a success that it is difficult to name them all. Special thanks must be made however to Nynehead Court, initially for the splendid trophy but especially for the display which Alec and Justin put together for us. It really set the standard for the whole day and was widely photographed.

Our publicity machine scored several notable success with Richard Angwin announcing the Show at lunchtime on the Points West forecast, BBC Radio Bristol giving us a live interview and of course our own Welly Weekly doing its part with a photo and write up.

The Show committee is not resting on its laurels, however, and a new Show schedule is already being planned for next year. This will be available early in the New Year so that everyone can start their own preparations for our next show.

## Programme for the rest of the year.

Owing to some unforeseen circumstances we have had to adjust the programme for the remainder of the year. The dates and times are now as follows: -

September 13<sup>th</sup>. Visit to Rowe and Co chrysanthemum nursery. This will give an insight into the fascinating world of commercial horticulture. Meet at the Village Hall at 7pm. Please let Jill Prior know so we can inform them of numbers.

October 11<sup>th</sup>. Gardeners Question Time. A chance to get an answer to all those gardening problems that have cropped up this year. We are very pleased to announce that Vic Verrier MBE, the well-known local gardening expert and broadcaster has agreed to be on the panel. 7.30 pm. Village Hall.

November 8<sup>th</sup>. Stuart Parkman from Triscombe Nursery will give a talk on Clematis and climbing plants. We have seen this presentation at Wellington Garden Club and it was very well received. Good slides and a very knowledgeable speaker. 7.30 pm Village Hall.

December 13<sup>th</sup>. Our Christmas do! Details are still being finalized but it will be nice to celebrate our first highly successful year. 7.30 pm Village Hall.



## Nynehead and District History Society

We have had an enjoyable and varied summer – fossil hunting on the beach at Charmouth in Dorset (the Heritage Coast Centre is well worth a visit), a visit to the splendid church at Isle Abbots, a gentle evening walk round East Nynehead and an excursion to the internationally important 'bone caverns' at Banwell on the Mendips.

Our next winter season starts on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October when John Burgess and David Canham talk about their Wellington and District Oral History Project, collecting the memories of people who worked in the town's industries. We aim to cover a wide range of topics, from gravestones to the lost ports on the Bristol Channel. All are welcome and we have kept our annual subscription at a very reasonable £7. We meet in the Memorial Hall on the second Friday of each month at 7.45 p.m.

*David Rabson.*

### Winter programme 2004-2005

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

Annual subscription £7.  
Visitors welcome.

Date	Speaker	Topic
8 Oct	John Burgess/David Canham	The Workers Tale – the Wellington and District Oral History Project.
12 Nov	Barbara Skudder	Engraved in stone – a short history of gravestones.
10 Dec	John Page	The Real King John's Hunting Lodge
14 Jan 7.30 p.m.	David Manners New Year Party	'Don't step on the cracks in the pavement' – a seasonal presentation.
11 Feb	Hazel Hudson	Sinners of Wedmore
11 Mar	Roy Gallop	The lost ports of the River Severn and Bristol Channel
8 Apr	Mary Siraut (Asst. Editor, Victoria County History for Somerset)	Historic wills
13 May	AGM Mark McDermott	The Somerset Dendrochronology Project.

## Nynehead Jubilee Playing Fields

At last! We have had the under 5's swings fitted, but there will be a small delay before they can be in use, as we have to fit bark chipping safety surface around them. The Train Buddy and carriage has also been installed and ready for use for any budding under 5's train drivers or passengers.

Another new addition to the playing field is a bench, which has been kindly donated by the Jubilee Committee.

Over the next year we will be holding several fund raising events. This will be starting with a Bingo night in the village hall on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, doors open from 6.45 pm eyes down at 7.30 pm. This will be in aid of raising more funds to install safety surfacing under the swing and slide, which have been situated in the field for 22+ years. We are hoping to install "safety grass", which is a matting that lets the grass grow through and will bring the equipment up to current regulations.

The Playing Fields committee will be holding a working party next month to carry out ground maintenance of the field, anyone interested in helping please contact Ben Tingay for details.

It has been brought to our attention that cars are being driven on the playing field, for safety reasons only authorised vehicles are allowed on the field.

*Louise Hobbs (Social Secretary)*

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## Birding In Nynehead

Once again it has been lovely to enjoy numerous conversations with villagers about the variety of birds in and around the village. Many pairs of eyes make for much more accurate recordings. So, may I thank David Manners, Jill Prior, Terry Binding, Diane Acton, Robin Darby, Martin Darbyshire, Mervyn Hooper, Nick Hollingsworth, Barbara Cooper, Dennis & Jenny Dodd, Phil Bunker, Joy Darby, Guy Burt and Alec Reed [Nynehead Court Head Gardener] for their recent words. David Manners and I are always keen to learn of things which we do not see ourselves but it's also nice to talk over things which everyone else sees too! It has been great to learn of 3 nests of spotted flycatchers, as well as up to ten swallow nests in the village this year. Many villagers have noticed the increase in Green & Great-Spotted woodpeckers which are now happy to use gardens for food supplies. In late summer and early autumn young versions of common species abound and these frequently create identification problems, even for experienced birdwatchers. For example, young robins do not have red breasts and young starlings do not have spots! Thus, a good bird book is a real necessity. All birdwatchers still carry one in the field and I am no exception; an inexact science like bird watching means that one is always making mistakes or being fooled one way or another by the birds! The latest Collins Field Guide with the navy blue cover is just about the best I would say.

As villagers read this there will still be swallows and house martins around for a week or so - the screaming swifts left ages ago [my last one was at the cricket ground on August 5th] - and the hedgerows still have several young warblers, mainly blackcaps, whitethroat and chiffchaff. I accept that it is a sad time as these brief friends of summer go away on a journey so perilous that it does not bear thinking about but each new season does herald different interests in a hobby like ornithology. The movements in the sky above us increase now - sometimes I have seen curlew flying over - as autumn passage birds head for new quarters and soon the "winter thrushes", fieldfare & redwing to be exact, will appear.

Whatever you see, David & I like to hear of it. Many thanks!

Interesting sightings since the last time:  
Little Owl - seen twice late at night near Block House farm

Redstart - immature bird in a garden for 10 days in late July/early August.  
Water Rail - one heard late August near Long Copse.

*Alastair Riley*

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## Nynehead Amateur Dramatic Society

As you all know we had a wonderful Panto and again thanks to all. It's that time again and we must start putting together and organising for the next one. We are in need of paint, material, and wood - in fact anything you don't need but think we could use. Please hand items to either Lu Hawkins or Kathy Boyd. The 'putting together' part takes hours of planning and nearer the time we would love more help - so all you budding dressmakers, painters or strong-armed chaps let Lu know, as you are the unsung heroes that don't want to act.

The cost of the Panto goes up each year with insurance, hire of lighting etc. so on Friday 15th Oct from 8 pm we are having a fund raiser, a Themed night, 007 so come dressed as your favourite Bond girl/boy/part (there will be a small fine for these not dressed up) the very popular band 'RISE' will be playing for us. It will be a wonderful knees up and we look forward to seeing you all.

Tickets from Rosemary Lea (Tel 666166), and Kathy Boyd (Tel. 667148).

*Lu Hawkins*  
(461781)

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### Nynehead Court

Throughout the Summer our residents have enjoyed a number of interesting day trips out and about in Somerset & Devon using a mini-bus. The weather has not always been kind but 'back home' it was the strawberry season so residents were able to enjoy the fare from Nynehead Fruit Farm at times!

In June Alec Reed and Justin Cole, our gardeners, gave an enjoyable and very informative Garden Tour to a group of around 30 people. Many of the visitors had never been to the grounds before, but everyone enjoyed the evening. We very much hope that we will be able to repeat the event next year.

The Court continues to hold fund raising events and in July, a very successful cocktail party for the Alzheimer's Society was attended by many folk on a lovely Friday evening, in the Courtyard. A reporter for Limited Edition was also there!

In August a National Trust local group enjoyed afternoon tea at the Court having visited the Parish Church and gardens. At the end of the month the village Cricket Club were invited to use the Court for a Cheese & Wine event. This was attended by Somerset CCC 2004 beneficiary Keith Parsons as well as the Zimbabwean Test Cricketer Henry Olonga.

There have also been the Nynehead Support Group Coffee Morning and Drink parties and some illustrated talks for the residents. The Support Group continues to provide residents with such a valuable and friendly service.

The Flower and produce display set up by Alec & Justin at Nynehead's inaugural Flower show on August 21<sup>st</sup> was enjoyed and admired by all who went along.



Now, as Autumn draws in, our manager, Diana would be delighted to hear from anyone in the community who can play

BRIDGE as we seek volunteers to join 2 residents who like to play from time to time. Do contact us if you can.

Call Diana on 01823 662481

### Nynehead Club

The Club enjoyed a successful bar-b-que with some 80 people attending and thanks to 'Super chef' Peter Russell and a band of helpers the whole evening was very enjoyable. We also hosted a Caribbean Night for Kathy Boyd's fund raising for the Wellington charity 'Helping Hands' that was another enjoyable evening.

On September 18<sup>th</sup> we are holding an inter-village skittle evening for the Millennium Cup and on November 13<sup>th</sup> we will be having a sit down supper in the Village Hall followed by light entertainment.

Anyone wishing to attend either event should contact Hilary on 461518.

*Mervyn Hooper*  
*Chairman*

### **Nynehead Club**

**Now Open:**

**Thursday, Friday & Saturday  
From 8.30 pm**

<b>Otter</b>	<b>£1.70 per pint</b>
<b>Carlsburg</b>	<b>£1.70 per pint</b>
<b>Tetley</b>	<b>£1.90 per pint</b>
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### Dear Village News.

How very good it was to read the words from Mr. Howe in the last "Village News". His chance to look at his village as an 'outsider' after many years away has been taken with much optimism. It did one good to read of all the things which Nynehead manages to achieve for its people because it is so easy to take things for granted, to move on and not to dwell. I hope other villagers found his letter uplifting too.

Subsequently, there has been another new feature upon which to reflect, the first Flower Show. I enjoyed it very much and wish to record my delight at its inception and hope that it too, will go from strength to strength. There certainly was both a high standard and a high percentage of village entrants.

On another matter I also wish to record my support for the idea of bike tethering hoops - perhaps near to the Club? A very good idea.

*Alastair Riley.*

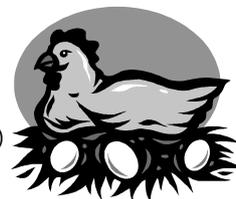
### A Hard Act to Follow

I would like to congratulate Alan Ketley and all his helpers for the rebirth of the Village Flower Show. I was very impressed with the wide range of exhibits and also the wide range of ages of the exhibitors. It was good to see such a good turnout in the afternoon and I look forward in anticipation to next year's. It also boosts my confidence in the saying that behind every good man there is an excellent woman. Thanks to both Alan & Judith Ketley.

*Mervyn Hooper*

### *Dollings Cottage Eggs* East Nunehead

Our hens are now at peak production so come & enjoy their eggs! Still only £1.20 per dozen (Please bring your own boxes.)



Will & Lu would like to thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you throughout the rest of the year

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**Art Exhibition**  
**Somerset Artweeks 2004**

Major shows around Somerset advertised nationally.

A huge thanks to all villagers who have wished us well for this major venture since things appeared in the press. We hope that some of you who visit will enjoy the pictures in "The Spaces in between". Some of Alastair's works in this show were exhibited in Yeovil in the Spring and if you missed last year's Nynehead exhibition, "Altered Images", the works can be viewed on:-  
[www.alastair-riley.co.uk](http://www.alastair-riley.co.uk) .

Thank you once again for all your interest and 'see you there!'

*Alastair Riley / Mark Mackie*  
(Two easterners in the South West!)

**Nynehead WI**

The Community Policewoman, Lyn Woods, will be the speaker at the meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> September. She is talking on home and garden security and as this is such an important topic and is of relevance to everyone we are opening the meeting to all, male and female. Please ring Thelma Helps (664142) to reserve a place.

David Manners will talk on the creation of a garden at the Hampton Court Flower Show at the 18<sup>th</sup> October meeting. This should be a delight as David is an expert photographer.

If you want to try the WI why not come along to either of these meetings. All meetings start at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall.

*Sheila Rabson.*

**As seen on the front cover of Nynehead News**

**Major exhibition of artworks**

**SOMERSET ARTS WEEKS 2004**

Please come along to view the exhibition in Nynehead Village Hall from:  
**September 11<sup>th</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> inclusive (Closed Wednesdays).**

There will be more than 60 exhibits from two artists. Alastair Riley is a screenprint maker from the village whilst Mark Mackie is an oil pastel worker from Hemyock. Both promise you lots of colour and quite a few local subjects. Cards and many exhibits for sale.

Hall open from 11am >> 6pm

We will both be delighted to see you, so please come!

Get dressed up and come to the James Bond Theme night  
Nynehead Village Hall  
**15th Oct. 8 pm Till Late**  
**Dance to live band "RISE"**

**In aid of Nynehead Amateur Dramatic Society (NADS)**

**Adults £5 Children £2,50**

**(Small fine if not dressed up!)**



## Nynehead Cricket Club

A run of no less than 7 straight wins during June & July was the playing highlight for stand-in captain Graham Sparks, this after a much more mixed start to the season. The number of players is slowly increasing too, just as progress on the pavilion is steadily continuing. Several decent performances have been turned in on the field of play with Stuart Thraves scoring his second century for the Club and Neil Hendy doing likewise. These two chaps now have 2 centuries each, comprising all the centuries ever made by the Club since it was reformed in 1988. Oddly, Thraves also scored 127 AGAINST Nynehead in 2002! 15 year old Alex Sparks nearly joined them on Vice President's Day when he struck 95 against Fitzhead; whilst other fifties have been recorded by Dan Hunt, Chris Cherry, Ed Riley, Simon Gamlin and Hendy. Wickets have been shared around, as they are apt to be with bowlers having the limit of 8 overs as a maximum.

The BBQ was a terrific success with a huge turnout on a foul day - being nearly as big a surprise as the £1,900 raised! There were 7 Vice Presidents in attendance on 15 August and they enjoyed perhaps Louise Haslam's most splendid tea yet, as well as over 380 runs on the field. The tea and day were remarkable in that the new pavilion shell was used for the first time and all present were able to drink their tea whilst being able to imagine how things will look by the time the 2005 season starts. There is much to do yet but the building is now rainproof and if villagers have not yet seen what has been done it is well worth a short detour to do so.

Two weeks ago NYNEHEAD COURT kindly permitted the house to stage a cheese & wine evening attended by many people connected with the Cricket Club. The short piece advertising this in the Wellington Weekly made much of the fact that both Zimbabwe Test cricketer Henry Olonga and Somerset's 2004 beneficiary Keith Parsons were in attendance. The Cricket Club was therefore able to display some generosity of its own by way of a cheque to Parsons, this after a couple of years when people have been so very generous to the ambitions of NCC.

One game remains this season:  
Sept 19 NCC v Hemyock (home 2pm)

*Alastair Riley / Keith Haslam*

## Wellington and Area – 'Our Place Our Future'

Local people and organisations are working together to develop a Community Strategy for Wellington and the surrounding area. The strategy will establish a work programme to lay out how we can work together to improve the quality of life for all those living, working or visiting the area. Communities involved include Wellington, Nynehead, Bradford on Tone, Oake, Langford Budville, Sampford Arundel, Wellington Without and West Buckland.

Key areas that local people have said that they are interested in improving include: Economy, Transport and Access, Community Safety, Health, Environment, Community Life, Children, Young People and Families, Lifelong Learning and Housing. Key issues identified so far have included improving facilities for young people, the allocation of land for small-scale employment, the provision of cycle lanes and improved parking.

To ensure that everyone has an opportunity to give their views and get involved, a series of events have been held in Wellington. Building on the work so far, we will be hosting an event in Langford Budville on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September from 10 – 3 pm at Langford Budville School and a further event at Bradford on Tone Village hall on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September from 4 pm until 8.30 pm.

People from across the area will be very welcome to attend either event. In addition to the consultation activities, we hope to have a range of other attractions for children and adults alike and things to get involved with.

We are also keen for local groups to get involved by promoting their work and informing people about the range of activities already happening in the area.

This is a great opportunity to have your say about what matters to you and gain information or promote local groups. Refreshments will be provided for all those who get involved.

If you would like further information about how you can get involved or about the events planned during September please call: Lorraine Bush, Taunton Deane Borough Council,  
☎ 01823 356596

### **A message from your Community police Unit**

Although rare in Somerset, Distraction Burglaries continue to occur across our force area, and this is a most distressing crime for the victim. It is apparent that some of these offences are not even reported to the police, as the victims feel foolish having been duped by a bogus caller.

Most callers at your home address will be genuine. They will be happy to make an appointment to return and will carry an identification card. They will be prepared to wait whilst you check their identity with the company they work for.

When someone calls at your door there are some simple rules to follow -

1. Before answering your front door, make sure your back door is secured and take the key with you. Bogus callers often work in pairs. While you are at your front door the second person could gain access to your house through your back door.
2. Use your door chain/bar. If you haven't got a door bar/chain, you should consider getting one - they only cost a few pounds and are easily fitted. It is a useful barrier when talking to unexpected visitors, and a worthwhile investment. Don't keep your door bar/chain on all the time in case you need to get out quickly in an emergency.
3. Check the caller's details/identity before allowing them access to your home. If you are not happy, do not let them in. If they are genuine they will wait.

If you think a bogus caller has called at your door, contact the police immediately -dial 999 and tell them what has happened. Try to give the police a description, and make a note of any car registration numbers, if a vehicle is seen.

If you require any further help or advice, you can contact any of the following -

Your local crime prevention officer  
Visit the Community Policing Unit when next in your area  
Age Concern - national advice line 0800 009966  
Help the Aged - advice line 0800 800 6565

Denise Day & Anne Stoneham  
Police Community Contact Officers

*We will next be at Nynehead Village Hall on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October between 12.30 pm and 2.30 pm  
Please call to say hello and let us know of anything you think we might be able to help with*

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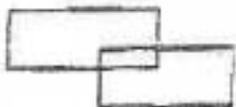
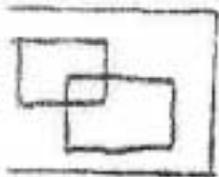
### **Notice from WPC Lyn Wood,** **Crime Reduction Officer**

The opposite page illustrates a number of sketches made by thieves to alert others of potential victims or properties to avoid.

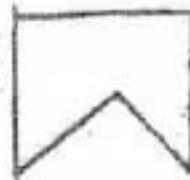
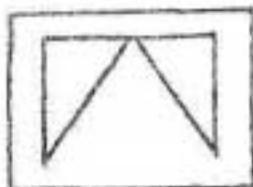
We understand that these were collected and identified by the Metropolitan Police Force. Although there is no current evidence confirming they are being used in our area it may only be a matter of time before they start appearing both locally and nationally.

If you come across any unusual markings, whether they conform to the sketches shown or otherwise, please let your Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator know and if for any reason that person is not available, contact the police directly.

Nervous And Afraid



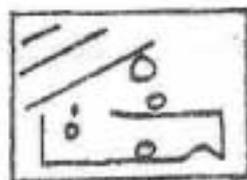
Alarmed House



Nothing Worth Stealing

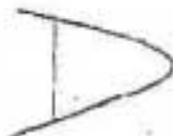
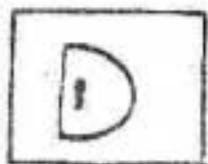


Already Been Burgled



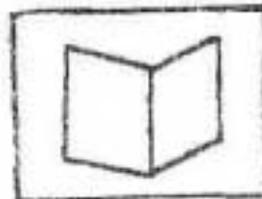
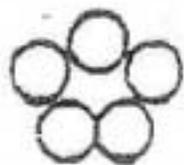
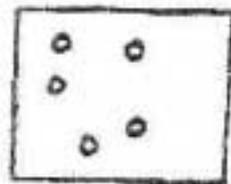
Good Target

Too Risky



Vulnerable Female, Easily Conned

Wealthy



## Beat News

It has been quite some time since I last wrote an article for the Nynehead News, this was mainly due to the fact that I was working from Taunton while I was pregnant & then spent six months on maternity leave. I came back to work in April 2004 to find a few changes had been made, let me update you.

Nynehead, which is part of the Milverton beat area has been amalgamated with the Wiveliscombe beat, which more than doubles its size to almost 140 square miles. I share the responsibility for this area with Mark Jones. Wellington Police Station is no longer a 24-hour station; instead only beat managers for the Wellington area and front desk support staff man it. Taunton officers are the uniformed response for the area and they cover the night shifts.

Mark has been covering the beat since June 2003 and brings with him a wealth of experience. He has 20 years Police service and transferred to Avon and Somerset Police from Essex Constabulary. He is married with two young children and lives in Devon.

I have compiled a brief summary of crimes that have occurred on the beat over the past three months. In general, crime is low at present. Statistics show that domestic burglaries are much lower than this time last year. This is mainly due to the apprehension of a number of prolific offenders. You can view all of the current crime statistics for your particular area by visiting the force website at [www.avonandsomerset.police.uk](http://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk)

Criminal Damage to motor vehicle	4
Theft from motor vehicle	10
Other theft	12
Domestic Burglary	3
Commercial / Church Burglary	4
Outbuilding / Shed Burglary	7
Attempted thefts	4
Criminal Damage	5
Common Assault	1
Dog Bite	1
Road Rage	1
Fraudulent use of bank card	2

Only one of the above crimes occurred in Nynehead and that was the theft of cash from an insecure vehicle. The domestic burglaries occurred in Greenham, Milverton and Wiveliscombe.

Three village churches were burgled on the same night in June; they were Bradford on Tone, Hillfarrance and Oake. Unfortunately the altar and a large wooden chest were stolen from Oake church.

The majority of the motor vehicle crimes are being carried out overnight in the car parks in Wiveliscombe, and large speakers housed in the boot or CD stereos are often stolen. The items most commonly reported as stolen are power tools and lawn mowers. Quad bikes and caravans are also sought after. Other items that have been stolen in the past 3 months include ewes and lambs from a field, antiques, a safe, army memorabilia, bacon and eggs and quantities of diesel.

The Community Policing Unit is still frequenting our villages on a regular basis please visit when you see it otherwise the facility may be withdrawn.

We haven't had much of a summer, so as the darker evenings of autumn approach please think 'Road Safety'. If you are out walking your dog along the lanes, wear something bright so that you may be easily seen. When driving alter your speed to suit the conditions, slower on wet or muddy surfaces. Please also bear in mind that the children have recently returned to school and may be walking along the roads; please use extra caution during these times.

There are several neighbourhood watch schemes up and running in Nynehead at present. They receive regular newsletters and updates of recent crime trends. They act as our eyes and ears when we cannot be everywhere at once, watching out for your neighbours and taking note of any suspicious vehicles, people or property. Not only does it help to establish a sense of community, it can be useful in the prevention and detection of crime in your area. Many insurance companies also offer a discount if you are in a scheme. If you are not already part of a scheme and feel you would like to be, contact either Mark or myself on any of the numbers below.

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Jo Jeffery: 07717700661

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PC Mark Jones - Voice Mail 01823 36328 then 70733  
PC Mark Jones - Mobile 0771 7700 659  
PC Mark Jones email markj.jones@avonandsomerset.police.

### POLICE - Crimestoppers

To give anonymous information 0800 555 111

### Pre-school and Toddler group (Under 5s)

Dawn Netley 666895

### Rural Youth Project

Dawn Netley 666895

## Diary –September 12<sup>th</sup> to December 4<sup>th</sup> 2004

11 – Sep	All Saints Church – Heritage Week - conducted tours 10.30 am – 4.00 pm
11 – Sep	Daily until 26 <sup>th</sup> Sep. at Village Hall (Except Wednesdays) Somerset Arts Week 11.00 am – 6.00 pm
12 – Sep	All Saints church – Heritage Week - conducted tours 2.30 pm – 5.00 pm
13 – Sep	Garden Club visit to Chrysanthemum Nursery meet village hall – 7.00 pm
19 – Sep	Nynehead Cricket Club versus Hemyock – at home – 2.00 pm
20 – Sep	WI – Talk on 'Home & Garden Security' by Lyn Woods (Community Police) - V hall – 7.30 pm
25 – Sep	Wellington & Area Meeting at Langford Budville school – 10.00 am – 3.00 pm
26 – Sep	All Saints Church Harvest Festival service 10.30 am
30 – Sep	Wellington & Area Meeting at Bradford village hall- 4.00 pm – 8.30 pm
4 – Oct	Parish Council meeting – village hall – 7.30 pm
7 - Oct	Community Police Unit at village hall 12.30 pm to 2.30 pm
8 – Oct	History society – 'The Workers Tale' - village hall – 7.45 pm
9 – Oct	WI – 'Harvest Supper' at village hall – times to be announced
11 – Oct	Gardener's Question Time – village hall 7.30 pm
15 – Oct	NADS 'James Bond' night – village hall – 8.00 pm 'til late
23 – Oct	The Jubilee Playing Fields 'Bingo Night' at village hall, 6.45 pm for 7.30 pm
1 – Nov	Parish Council meeting – village hall – 7.30 pm
8 – Nov	Garden Club – Stuart Parkman ' Clematis & Climbing plants' village hall – 7.30 pm
12 – Nov	History society – 'Engraved in Stone' village hall – 7.45 pm
18 – Nov	WI – David Manners ' Hampton Court Flower Show' village hall – 7.30 pm
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