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William Sanford opened proceedings



Some of the children's entries



Flowers



Lizzie Boyd Receives the Children's award for most points gained!



Fruit



And Vegetables

Welcome to the September 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:

A couple of weeks ago I received a typed letter making a number of points relating to, amongst other issues, the volume and speed of heavy traffic through Nynhead. It was delivered in a sealed envelope that was obviously addressed by a very young person. Regrettably it was unsigned and although I have made a number of attempts to find the author I have been unsuccessful. I would ask all readers to appreciate that I am not prepared to publish anonymous contributions. I am happy to print copy under a pseudonym if requested, but only if I know the name of the author. If the writer would like to come forward I would certainly consider publishing their views in our next edition.

Over the last few weeks there have been a number of reports of large number of weed seeds being carried on the wind. There are five weeds covered by the Weeds Act 1959 that are described as 'injurious (harmful)'. Primary responsibility for weed control rests with the occupier of the land on which the weeds are growing. However, under the Weeds Act 1959 Defra can take action where there is a risk of 'injurious (harmful)' weeds spreading from neighbouring land.

A leaflet has been produced to assist in the identification of 'injurious (harmful)' weeds as prescribed in the Weeds Act 1959. It includes colour photographs and descriptions of the five weeds covered by the Act. It also includes descriptions of similar species and the titles of reference books that can provide more detailed information. Copies are available free from Defra Publications (quote publication code PB4192) as shown below:

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If you are able to access the Internet a visit to www.defra.gov.uk/farm/wildlife/weeds/index.htm provides lots of additional information including the best ways of lodging a complaint.

The 'injurious (harmful)' weeds prescribed in the Weeds Act 1959 are:



Spear Thistle
(*Cirsium vulgare*)



Creeping or
Field Thistle
(*Cirsium arvense*)



Common
Ragwort
(*Senecio jacobaea*)



Curled Dock
(*Rumex crispus*)



Broad Leaved
Dock
(*Rumex obtusifolius*)

Mike Briginshaw

(My thanks to David Rabson for his research into the Defra information)

Tree Warden

A couple of months ago I was appointed volunteer tree warden for Nynehead by the Parish Council. I am not a tree expert but I do have a basic knowledge and have practical experience working with trees. The role of tree warden is to provide a local contact for information and to encourage good tree management and promote tree planting where appropriate.

Tree Law - TPO's and Conservation Areas.

Tree preservation Orders (TPO's) are used to protect selected trees and woodlands whose removal would have significant impact on the area. The practical effect of a TPO is to prohibit the felling, pruning or uprooting of tree without the consent of the Planning department at Taunton Deane, so you need

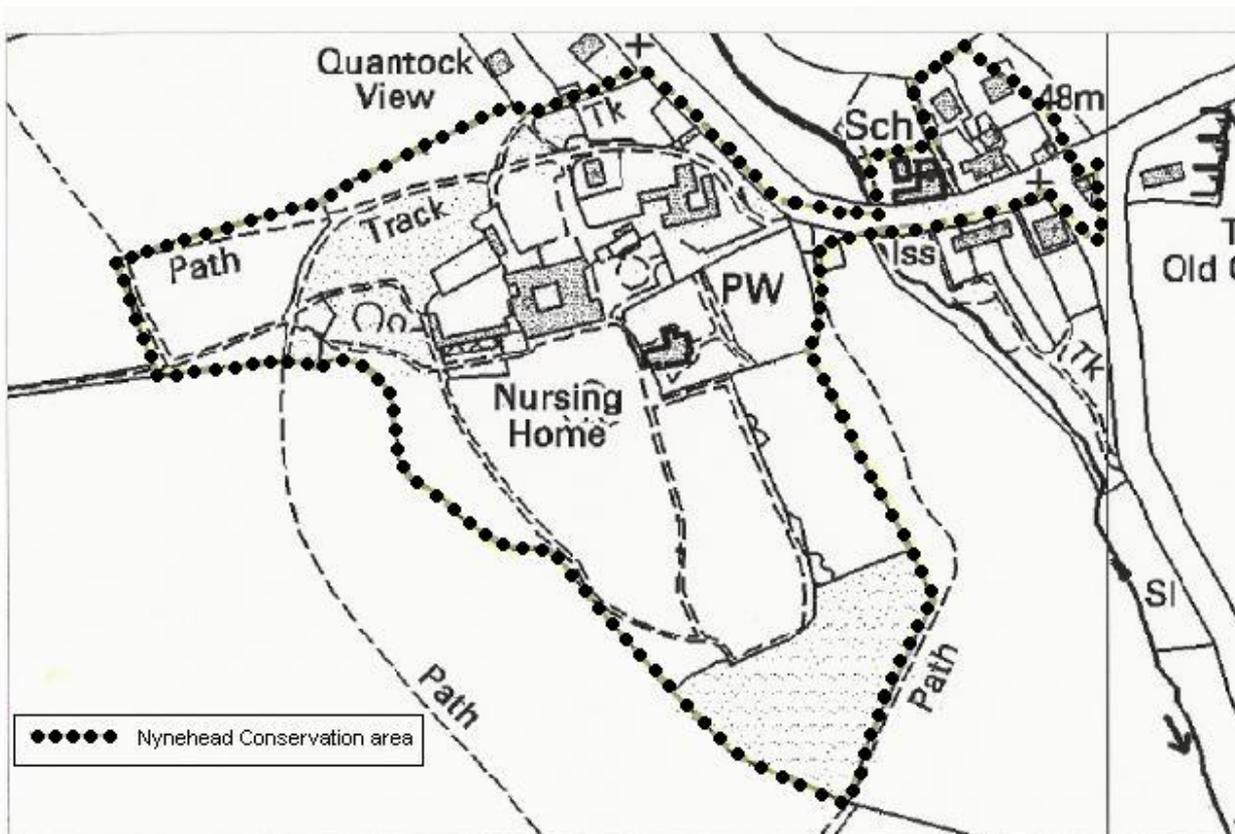
planning permission to carry out works. A TPO extends to the whole tree including the roots.

Most trees in Conservation areas have temporary protection. Anyone proposing to work on a tree in a conservation area which is not protected by a TPO, but has a trunk diameter over 75mm (3in) when measured at 1.5m (4'11") from the ground level, is required to give six weeks written notice.

Only part of lower Nynehead is a conservation area, including Nynehead Court (see plan below).

This is only a very brief summary of the complex laws relating to trees, so get in touch if you want more information.

Ben Tingay
Nynehead Volunteer Tree Warden



Nynehead Garden Club

3rd Annual Produce and Handicrafts Show - 19 August 2006

Despite the vagaries of the hot summer months which had dramatically affected the quality and quantity of the plants and vegetables in the garden, this years entries were a testament to the enthusiasm of our village gardeners.

The overall total number of entries was slightly up on last year. In some classes however entries were down, probably due to some of our regular entrants being on holiday.

The six judges who came to assess the quality of the entries were all most complimentary about the standard of the produce and handicrafts, and all offered to return next year. They are all well qualified and experienced judges who take their work very seriously, so we should be proud that our entries deserved such favourable comments.

The Show was opened by Mr William Sanford. Despite his claim that he is not a gardener, he was impressed with the exhibits and asked many questions.

The gardeners from Nynehead Court, led by Alec Reed, set up a really spectacular display of plants, fruit and vegetables on the stage, which provided a wonderful backdrop to the tables full of exhibits. We are very fortunate to have this bonus and we appreciate it greatly.

It was encouraging to see so many people from within and outside the village at the Show, and also the residents from Nynehead Court who stayed to enjoy tea and cakes. Thanks to all those who provided such a diverse range of sandwiches, cakes and biscuits for the refreshments on the day. Thanks are also due to committee members who stepped in at short notice to provide help with setting up and stewarding, in the

absence of Chairman Alan Ketley who was unwell.

Excellent raffle prizes were donated by businesses in the village and in and around Wellington. The funds go some way towards engaging good speakers for our monthly indoor meetings throughout the year.

If you came to the Show in August and would like to join the Garden Club, membership is only £5 for the year. You don't have to know a lot about gardening to join - we all learn something from our meetings. Subjects for forthcoming talks include fungi, bee keeping, hard landscaping in the garden, carnivorous plants and two summer outings to local gardens and nurseries. All can provide ideas for your own garden, large or small.

David Manners
Deputy Chairman

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FLOWER SHOW RESULTS 2006

Shield and cup winners:-

The Prior Shield for Best Vegetable exhibit -
Mr K Haslam
The Hargreaves Shield for Best Fruit exhibit -
Mr M Harding
The Rose Cup for Best Rose exhibit - Mrs J Prior
The Bruford Cup for most points gained in Cookery -
Mrs L Haslam
The Nynehead Court Cup for most points gained in the
Show - Mr A Howe
The Village of the Year Shield for most points gained in
Children's Section - E Boyd

Vegetables

French beans. 1. M. Harding 2. A. Howe 3. A. Ketley
Runner beans. 1. M. Harding 2. A. Ketley 3. J. Fox
White potatoes. 1. B. Tingay 2. M. Harding 3. K. Haslam
Coloured potatoes. 1. K. Haslam 2. W. Salter
Beetroot. 1. A. Howe 2. M. Harding 3. K. Haslam
Lettuce. 1. L. Hawkins 2. A. Howe
Cabbage. 1. K. Haslam 2. A. Howe
Courgettes. 1. G. Orr 2. A. Howe 3. A. Ketley
Fresh herbs. 1. J. Fox 2. K. Haslam 3. M. Harding
Shallots. 1. K. Haslam
White onions. 1. A. Ketley 2. A. Howe 3. K. Haslam
Red onions. 1. A. Howe 2. K. Haslam
Marrows. 1. L. Hawkins 2. A. Ketley 3. K. Haslam
Tomatoes. 1. K. Haslam 2. M. Harding 3. D. Rabson
Cherry tomatoes. 1. N. Douglas 2. K. Haslam
3. L. Hobbs
Cucumbers. 1. K. Haslam 2. M. Harding 3. N. Douglas
Carrots. 1. M. Harding 2. A. Howe 3. K. Haslam
Parsnips. 1 No award 2. A. Howe
Sweet corn. 1. A. Howe
Any other vegetable. 1. D. Rabson 2. L. Hawkins
3. K. Haslam

"Fun veg."

Largest onion. A. Reed
Longest runner bean. A. Ketley
Biggest marrow. M. Harding
Largest pumpkin. A. Howe

Fruit

Dessert apples. 1. A. Howe 2. G. Orr 3. M. Harding
Plums. 1. M. Harding 2. A. Ketley 3. K. Haslam
Pears. 1. A. Howe 2. M. Harding
Blackberries. 1. A. Howe 2. A. Ketley 3. L. Hawkins
Raspberries. 1. J. Fox 2. Ann Howe 3. A. Howe
Any other fruit. 1. M. Harding 2. K. Haslam 3. P. Netley

Flowers

Gladioli. 1. A. Ketley 2. J. Ketley
Fuchsia in pot. 1. M. Hartnell 2. G. Orr
Floribunda roses. 1. J. Ketley 2. A. Ketley
Hybrid tea roses. 1 J. Fox 2. J. Prior
Single rose. 1. J. Prior 2. J. Watson 3. J. Fox
Herbaceous perennial flowers. 1. J. Prior 2. L. Haslam
3. J. Fox
Flowering pot plant. 1. M. Hartnell 2. L. Haslam
Clematis. 1. L. Haslam 2. D. Manners 3. G. Orr
Foliage pot plant. 1. A. Ketley 2. J. Lock 3. N. Douglas

Dahlias. 1. M. Hartnell 2. J. Fox
Cactus or succulent. 1. M. Hartnell 2. B. Tingay
3. N. Douglas
Vase of flowering shrubs. 1. G. Orr 2. J. Prior
3. A. Ketley
Vase of foliage shrubs. 1. J. Fox 2. G. Orr 3. A. Ketley

Floral Art

Arrangement "Firelight" 1&2 No award. 3. J. Prior
Arrangement in a cup. 1. J. Cubitt 2. V. Cubitt
3. J. Prior
Gentleman's buttonhole. 1. J. Prior
Arrangement "Quantocks" 1. V. Cubitt

Cookery

Lemon curd. 1. G. Orr
Fruit cake. 1. G. Orr 2. J. Prior 3. D. Netley
Chutney. 1. A. Manners 2. L. Haslam 3. N. Douglas
Savoury scones. 1. L. Haslam 2. A. Manners
Marmalade. 1. L. Haslam 2. G. Orr 3. A. Ketley
Biscuits or cookies. 1. J. Watson 2. A. Manners
Shortbread. 1. L. Haslam.
Jelly. 1. M. Hooper 2. L. Hawkins 3. B. Sparks
Victoria sandwich. 1. L. Haslam 2. K. Boyd 3. W. Salter
Jam. 1. M. Harding 2. L. Haslam 3. L. Hawkins

Cookery - men only

Decorated chocolate sponge cake. 1. D. Manners
Homemade bread. 1. W. Salter 2. P. Netley

Handicrafts

Single greetings card. 1. V. Cubitt 2. S. Hooper
1 item of cross stitch. 1. P. Potter 2. (Joint) S. Hooper;
L. Hobbs
Knitting or crochet. 1. L. Haslam 2. (Joint) A. Howe;
J. Watson
Photograph of tree, wood or woodland. 1. S. Rabson
2. B. Tingay 3. S. Hooper
1 item in any other soft medium. 1. V. Cubitt
2. D. Beecheno 3. K. Boyd
1 item in any other hard medium. 1. R. Clarke 2. V. Cubitt
3. F. Netley
A painting or drawing. 1. J. Prior

Childrens Classes

Up to 11 years

Miniature garden. 1. E. Boyd
Monster of fruit and/or vegetable. 1. J. Netley
2. E. Boyd
Drawing of your pet. 1. J. Netley 2. E. Boyd
Digestive biscuit faces. 1. E. Boyd
Painting or drawing. 1. E. Boyd 2. J. Netley

12 - 16 years

Painting or drawing. 1. F. Netley

All Saints Church



Church Services

September	3 rd .	10 th .	17 th .	24 th .	
	10.30	10.45	10.45	10.45	
October	1 st .	8 th .	15 th .	22 nd .	29 th
	10.30	10.45	10.45	10.45	***
November	5 th .	12 th .	19 th .	26 th .	
	10.30	10.45	10.45	10.45	
December	3 rd .	10 th .	17 th .	24 th	31 st
	10.30	10.45	10.45	10.45	***

*** The times & locations of these services will be published later.

First service of each month. In Nynehead Court followed by coffee. Everyone welcome

Bell Restoration Project.

The 5 smallest bells have been tuned in the Whitechapel bell foundry and should be back in the church quite soon. All are welcome to come and see them.

Bell Ringers. (A repeat appeal)

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 and Langford Budville bell ringers 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.

Please contact:

Pastoral Matters.

Rev. Margi Campbell. Tel. 669446

Rev. Josie Harrison, Tel. 669525

Church Wardens:

Michael Harding. Tel. 662940

Allan Howe. Tel. 666995

Betty Sparks (secy.) Tel. 660407

Tony Lock. Tel. 461214

Bell Restoration - Fund Raising.

Due to kind, caring people and fund raising events we now have raised £9201, and have been promised a grant of £4800 and we hope with more forthcoming. We still need about £10000.

Our book sale during "Jazz in the Garden" at The Court raised £77. The milk churn collection was £59, from church and tower visitors.

The Court has offered to let us sell books again during the "Autumn Plant Hunters' Fair" on September 9th.

The Court is also organising a "Wedding Dresses Through Time" show in the Court any money raised will go to the Bell Fund. Date to be advised.

Services and Events.

Harvest Festival.

Sunday 4th. September - 10.45am

The village schools service will be on some day before this.

Harvest Supper.

Saturday October 7th. In the Village Hall at 7pm for 7.30

Mwenda Link. The Wellington & District Team Ministry are holding a special supper in the Village Hall on Thursday November 9th at 7.30pm to help raise funds towards the cost of sending a team of 4 from the team ministry to Africa, in order to find the best way to help fellow Christians.

'THINK WHEN THE BELLS DO CHIME
'TIS ANGELS MUSIC'

May God go with you,

Allan Howe.



Police News



PC 3279 Kevin Challes

I have 24 years service with Avon & Somerset, my initial 10 years working in Bristol in various departments, before moving down to Taunton. I have been at Wellington for the last 6 years, initially doing 24 hour policing, then when Wellington changed to being a Community Beat Station. I remained with my beat my being everything south of Wellington.

On 1st April 2006 the force changed boundaries and shrunk my south side of Wellington, but I gained another area north of Wellington which includes Nynehead. The areas are called 'Monument Ward' and 'Bradford on Tone Ward'. I look forward to meeting everybody to discuss any matters.

PC Kevin Challes



PCSO 7256 Scott Windsor.

I joined the Avon & Somerset Constabulary in May this year as a Police Community Support Officer. Before joining the force I had various jobs ranging from uniformed security work to driving a fork-lift truck. I have wanted to work for the Avon & Somerset force for a number of years, so when I saw the role of PCSO advertised I jumped at the chance to apply.

I am currently working at Wellington Police Station with PC Kevin Challes and cover the Nynehead area as well as other rural areas around Wellington. The role of PCSO means that I will be visiting the area reasonably often so you may well see me more often than PC Challes. I am looking forward to getting out and about in Nynehead and meeting many, if not all, in person.

PCSO Scott Windsor

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Nynehead Jubilee Playing Fields

Bob Attwood from Viridor Credits and a group of children from the village opened the new swings. Somerset County gazette sent a photographer and the committee would like to thank Viridor Waste Management Ltd again for the grant.



The annual duck race is almost here and every one is welcome to come down to Hornshay weir to watch the races. First race starts at 2.30pm on Saturday 16th September.

Merv will be knocking on your door in the next couple of weeks so 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!!!

It is good to see the Playing fields are well used by children in the village but what most people do not realise is it costs £700 a year to run. The committee then has to raise extra funds to buy top up safety bark chipping every 3-4 years and replace worn out equipment. So please support our fund raising events to keep the playing fields running for generations to come.



Many thanks to everyone who took part in the annual sponsored cycle ride and the rain at the start did not dampen anyone's spirits.

Pictured are Ben, Colin, Gilly, Kev & Jessica, Darren, Natalie, Lily, Megan & Oliver at the start.

Chairman
Ben Tingay

After the Duck Race Enjoy our Car Treasure Hunt

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Starting at 5.30pm

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Birdwatching in Nynehead

The autumn began even earlier this year for the birds.....that's to say "their" autumn, not ours!! After the slow to surface Spring which was then swiftly overhauled by summer it seems crazy that I noted autumn bird movements even earlier than in previous years. By the third week in July many house martins were gathering over our house and over the Village Hall as they prepared to move off. Most swifts were gone by August 2nd - far earlier than in past years. It made me wonder how the birds managed to pack in all of what they have to in the available time ! A highlight of the 'autumn' movement was the sight of a superb honey buzzard floating slowly south on July 23rd. These are rare birds in Britain and I wondered if [and where] it might have nested.

The autumn is lovely though, isn't it? There may be less bird song for us to enjoy - almost none in fact - but there is still plenty to anticipate. When will the first winter thrushes appear? They are the spectacular fieldfares and redwings about which I have often been asked. Will the village house any rarities on passage? When will the last swallow fly away? Will our sewage treatment works again be a place that tempts migrant chiffchaffs to stay all winter?

All year round I am delighted to have villagers pass on their sightings. So, at the risk of omitting people I would like to thank Terry for his information about goldcrests; Rivers and Helena for observations and photographs of 'their' little owls and for the news that there are still reed buntings in our village and Mrs. MacLaren who rang to say that a large egg had been dropped or deposited in her garden.....but by whom???? I also understand from Joy that there were nesting green woodpeckers in her garden - this must mean that there are 4 or 5 different pairs of these noisy and colourful birds in the village. Great! As ever, I thank David Manners for all the things that he sees and this man down the road doesn't!! Keep your eyes open and keep looking upwards !

A. Riley - birdwatcher

Benny

We have lived in Nynehead for nearly five years now and met many lovely people. We recently observed a wonderful example of our village's strong community spirit, when our cat Benny disappeared. He was missing for nine days and returned, thin but unharmed, as suddenly as he disappeared.

During his absence we were encouraged by all the support we received, phone calls of possible sightings and enquiries for news updates. So much so that when he came home we felt we would like to make another leaflet drop to let everyone know that he was safe. We appreciate that not everybody likes cats, but the positive support we received was very heartening.

Thank you Nynehead - it's quite clear to us why we are Village of the Year!

David and Ann Manners

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Nynehead Club

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***I will be delighted to see villagers at the show and I thank the Club Committee for
their support.***

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Nynehead and District Local History Society

At the time of writing we are in the middle of an enjoyable summer programme of visits to places of interest - an evening walk around Dunster with local historian Hilary Binding, a guided visit to Barrington Court with the National Trust's archivist and a visit to Ottery St Mary. Our last outing will be on the afternoon of Monday 11 September when we visit Martock to look at the church and the Treasurer's House. We leave the Memorial Hall at 12.15 and meet at the Treasurer's House at 1.30 p.m.

Our next winter programme starts on Friday 13 October when John Nash, well-known Welly Weekly columnist, will talk about his memories of Wellington in the 1950s. The meeting starts at 7.45 p.m in the Memorial Hall.

As you will see from the diary page we have put together a varied programme which we hope will provide something for everyone. This year we have again been able to keep our annual subscription at £7 per head, but also welcome anyone who wishes to come to a meeting to try us out.

Heritage weekend - 9-10 September

This year Nynehead is taking part again in the national heritage weekend, with the Church, Nynehead Court and the Grand Western Canal all being involved. Look out for details of these and other venues in the local papers.

Winter programme 2006-2007

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

Date	Speaker	Topic
13 Oct	John Nash	Memories of Wellington in the fifties.
10 Nov	Yvette Staelens	The lost singers of Somerset.
8 Dec	Sue Berry	The good old days - were they really? - Taunton's health and housing.
12 Jan 7.30 p.m.	New Year Party Philip Knighton	A light-hearted history of recorded sound.
9 Feb	Rivers Barry	A brief history of English.
9 Mar	Derrick Warren	James Gillingham - Chard's pioneer of medical photography and artificial limbs
13 April	Estelle Gilbert	Textiles in Somerset.
11 May	AGM Bob Croft	Recent archaeological work in Somerset.

David Rabson

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Nynehead Parish Council

The parish council's first meeting after the summer break will be on Monday 4th September starting at 7.30 p.m. with the usual ten-minute public question time when members of the public can ask questions or make statements about matters relevant to the work of the council. We also have a slot at the end of the meeting when the public can comment on the decisions and discussions.

In addition to the usual items - roads, footpaths and planning always feature highly in our meetings - the September meeting will have as guests representatives of the local police who are keen to meet and work with parish councils. This will be an opportunity to raise various matters with them including parking and traffic problems.

Also up for discussion will be how to use to the village's benefit the £175 prize money from the village of the year competition in which through the good work of a team led by Mervyn Hooper we received awards for the third year out of four.

We are now in the fourth and last year of the present council's term of office and parish council elections are due next May. This is a time of great change in local government and a White Paper on its future is expected in the autumn. While it is thought that it will deal with county and

district councils there will inevitably be implications for parish councils, and your council will have to consider seriously what arrangements would best serve the needs of Nynehead and its residents.

David Rabson
Clerk to the Parish Council

Meetings June 2006 to May 2007
All meetings are held in the Nynehead Memorial Hall, following the Public Question Time which starts at 7.30 p.m.

2006

Monday 5 June
Monday 3 July
(No August meeting)
Monday 4 September
Monday 2 October
Monday 6 November
Monday 4 December

2007

Monday 8 January
Monday 5 February
Monday 5 March
Monday 2 April
(Thursday 3 May - parish council elections)
Monday 14 May - Annual Council Meeting
Thursday 17 May - Annual Parish Meeting

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Winning Ticket For Waterlinks in Taunton Deane

Waterways around Taunton Deane are one step closer to being revolutionised today after news released that the Waterlinks project, co-ordinated by Somerset County Council, is to receive £500,000 from The Big Lottery Fund's groundbreaking Living Landmarks: The People's Millions programme.

Out of over 30 applications sent to the Big Lottery Fund, Waterlinks has been short listed to the final six. The initial £500,000 has been awarded to further progress and develop the application and if successful the project will receive a single grant of up to £50 million. The winner will be decided by a televised public vote in October 2007 run in conjunction with I TV.

The Waterlinks project aims to make Somerset's waterscape a true 'Living Landscape' to be celebrated and enjoyed by local communities as well as visitors. The idea originated from the Somerset Waterways Development Trust who then involved partners, Somerset County Council; Sedgemoor, Taunton Deane, South Somerset and Mendip District Councils and Taunton Vision.

Development ideas in Taunton Deane to be explored with the local community include the creation of riverside walkways and spaces, a boat marina at Firepool and new pedestrian bridges.

Also, residents and visitors may 'Park and Glide' in future if the Waterlinks project is successful, navigation along the river may be extended to the new Silk Mills park and ride facility, allowing people to park and travel to Taunton town centre in relaxed style



A cycleway may also be provided from the park and ride into Taunton along the river, extending to Wellington following, where possible, the line of the Grand Western Canal.

At Tone Mills, in Wellington, the project aims to create a historic model of the world's first canal lift which was originally located at Nynehead.



Somerset County Council's Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, Cllr Paul Buchanan said: "We are absolutely delighted to have received this excellent news. If successful, Waterlinks will rejuvenate Somerset, not only making our waterways and wetlands more inviting and attractive but will also lead to great economic benefits through attracting more visitors to our county."

Dave Durdan, Chairman of Somerset Waterways Development Trust said: "On behalf of the community, we are very excited to have reached the second stage of this Lottery bid for Waterlinks and to be joined up with the partnership. Where there are common aims, there are no boundaries."

Cllr Norman Cavill, Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, Property & Tourism at Taunton Deane Borough Council said: "This is absolutely brilliant news. The Waterlinks project has the potential to enhance and improve many of our waterways and in doing so will make them an even better asset for our community, will provide significant tourism benefits and assist in regenerating areas of Taunton Deane. We are looking forward to progressing our plans on this exciting project, which has the prospect of making significant improvements for the benefit of everyone in Taunton Deane. The next stage includes a panel of experts in the areas of architecture, regeneration and the environment judging the six projects in September 2007. If successful in this next round, Waterlinks will then be put to the public vote via I TV.

This press release has been posted by Denis Dodd. For more information, please contact Somerset Direct on 0845 345 9188 or email waterlinks@somerset.gov.uk

Immobilise Property Register

I have just heard from the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme about the Immobilise Property Register. Have a look at www.immobilise.com and you will see that you can register all manner of property - FREE. Among much else, special mention is made of mobile and PDA phones, blackberries, in-car junk such as sat nav and CD/DVD players, ipods and other MP3 players, bicycles, plant and equipment, cameras, pcs and laptops, art antiques, furniture, clocks watches and jewellery. They claim to have "over 14.2 million account holders, over 22 million registered items, over 8.2 million items recorded as stolen adding up to over 1 billion pieces of information about property ownership and associated criminality." "Accounts are FREE and you can register as many items as you wish on one account. If you wish once registered you can upgrade and add certificates of ownership and photos to your account." Use of a word like "upgrade" sounds like a euphemism for "pay".

- More of their blurb says; "Only via Immobilise can you flag any stolen item on the UK Police forces Stolen Equipment National Database and

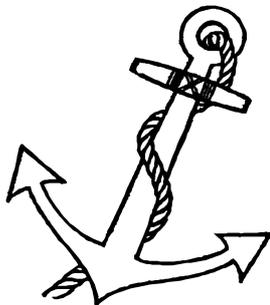
on www.checkmend.org the public and second-hand trade searchable stolen property database. The information you record can help you after loss, theft and fire to complete insurance claims and report stolen or lost property to the Police."

- Found Some Property or need help? Email us at info@immobilise.com
- Buying Second Hand Goods? Why not use our sister website www.CheckMEND.org (which holds the largest database of stolen goods in the world), to check any item is not stolen or in the case of a mobile phone blocked by the networks.
- Ever lost a phone or had it stolen, it's a real hassle, but with our new service "foneASSIST" One Call Does It All! Take a look at this great new service -Click Here.
- Business Accounts -If you would like to register you company assets on Immobilise we have just made it easier.
- New! Track your stolen PC or Laptop with PC-Finder

Having now actually registered, I can vouch for the process being fairly simple and pain free!

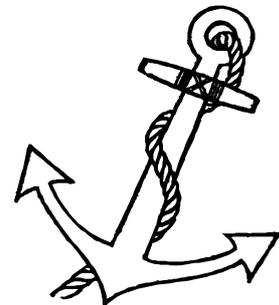
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On The Run In Nynehead

I have recently become aware of more and more people running around Nynehead - and I include 'joggers' and 'jogging' in 'runners' and 'running'! Whether I just never noticed them before, or whether more people are actually getting out I'm not sure. But TWO things I am sure about are;

1. The hardest part of running is putting your trainers on.
2. The motivation to do (1) is greatly enhanced by the thought of others doing the same.

So, if you already run or are thinking of running have you, like me, seen others out and thought "I wonder who that is?" or "I wonder where they are from?" If so we can use the Nynehead website to exchange contact details, information about good/bad routes, times, events, training sessions, suggested meetings, possible races, sharing lifts, comiserating how fat or unfit we are and so on. And just because this is Nynehead, that does not exclude those unfortunate enough to find themselves living in Bradford, Oake, Wellington or anywhere else! And what's more, it's FREE! - Spread the word! on the website, at: www.nynehead.com/running.html is some blurb more-or-less the same as this, plus a map with some routes together with World Record times [for beating!] and some suggestions of ways to go. There is also a page to download and print which will give you 10 membership cards [but download as many as you want! and non-runners are allowed!] on which to include your own details and hand out to any unwary runners you encounter - or those you even suspect of running, or those you suspect might, just occasionally, harbour the odd thought of running. Or jogging.

To get the ball rolling there is a map on the website of most of the Parish for identifying good on- and off-road routes. In due course I will put on other maps to cover all the local

terrain, in particular from Nynehead to The Monument, Lower Wellisford, Halse and Norton Fitzwarren. Others who go further afield can let me know their routes which can be added.

When I started running I was diffident about running with others or competing and laying myself open to ridicule. Now I am older and don't give a monkey's. In case you are not a fully developed monkey here are a couple of good, short, circular, local training routes with the added virtue, in the Houndsmore case, of being scenically rewarding, together with current WORLD RECORD TIMES - which need BREAKING!

Either of the two routes described below could serve as the basis for handicapping should we ever get enough people for a handicap outing. These can be great fun, and good motivation to get out there and do it when you don't really feel like it. On circular routes you can obviously start and finish at any point to suit you. Nor, in theory, does it matter whether you go clockwise or anticlockwise. Hint; with your back to Nynehead Village Hall WEST is LEFT! and down the hollow.

POOLE. [approx 4 miles all on road] From Nynehead Village Hall, going West ANTI CLOCKWISE take every left turn till you finish back at the Village Hall. Current World Record: 20' 28" [J. Oakley]

HOUNDSMORE. [approx 5 miles all on road] From Nynehead Village Hall, going West CLOCKWISE take every right turn till you finish back at the Village Hall. Current World Record: 33' 17" [D. Linklater] BEAT THAT!

To add your times, routes, suggestions, comments etc please contact THE WEBMASTER via the website. See you out there - or in there!

Duncan Linklater

Nynehead Court

The last few months have been busy as always here at the Court.

Our outings in May included lots of trips out for morning coffee and afternoon tea. We visited The Pines at Kingston St Mary, The Old Well at Waterloo Cross and Sheppy's Cider Farm Tearooms. We had a lovely lunch trip to Bovey Tracy, when the weather was warm enough to take our coffee outside. Malcolm Gregory and Peter Rowsell Dobson provided our musical entertainment in May and towards the end of the month the community play was staged in the gardens. The event included music, stalls and a pig roast. It was greatly enjoyed by all who attended and also by those who took part with Mrs. Rosa Clarke and Mr. Harold Ratsey doing a splendid job playing Mr. and Mrs. Brunel senior.

During June, our trips out for tea and coffee continued, we had a lovely picnic at Wimbleball Lake and a tasty lunch at The Pines. In late June we visited The Brewhouse theatre to see the ballet "Giselle" and the month was rounded off nicely with our trip to Montacute House Gardens for lunch.

July's first outing was to the seaside when we took a picnic lunch to Charmouth. As the temperatures soared the air conditioning was most welcome when we visited The Tiverton Hotel for lunch, and we found some welcome shade for our picnic at the Sidmouth Donkey Sanctuary. Glen Johnson provided musical entertainment in July and our very enjoyable monthly sing along afternoons with Janet Watson continued.

As usual during the summer months our program of talks was shortened to make way for outings during the fine weather.

In May Mr. Pitman gave us an interesting talk on honeybees, and in July Tony Lock returned to talk to us about the history of Nynehead Church, a fascinating subject which was much enjoyed.

Summer Holidays

Cornwall and Scotland were the destinations for the residents who went on this years summer holidays. Everyone really enjoyed themselves and planning for next year is already underway.

Jazz in the Garden

It was great to see so many people at our jazz afternoon in August. The weather was glorious, and the garden was a wonderful setting for the event. The Tudor Dance Group gave a colourful display in their period costumes, and The Tone Valley Jazz Band was excellent as always. Everyone really enjoyed a lovely afternoon.

Art and Craft Group

Our art and craft sessions are very enjoyable and we are always trying different ideas. We have been sketching in the garden, we tried some origami and we have been making beaded bracelets and necklaces to sell on our craft stall at coming events.

The Friends of Nynehead Court

The continuing support given to the Court by the Friends is greatly appreciated. Their help with events, running the shop and ensuring that we always have beautiful floral displays all contribute towards strengthening our links with the local community.

Nynehead Court Gardens

Very well done to our gardeners as we won the best gardens in a residential home award in Wellington in Bloom. The hanging baskets in particular have been fantastic and the whole garden has looked lovely. You are very welcome to visit us and appreciate their achievements.

Julia Mirylees

Nynehead Cricket Club.

By the time that villagers get to read this piece just one game – away to Kentisbeare – will remain this season. What a season! What a year! This may well have been the most active since the re-establishment of the Club in 1988. Electricity has now been installed in our wonderful new pavilion which was virtually built with our own hands. On the outside of the pavilion Keith Haslam – with input from Graham Sparks – has constructed a terrific digital-style scoreboard. This has been greatly admired by all the visiting teams at Ham and further sets off the pavilion with its clock courtesy of our President, Michael Rose.

In addition, the establishment of a Nynehead youth cricket night on a Thursday has been just marvellous. Various hard-working adults have enabled something approaching 40 youngsters to try out the game on our facilities. Those facilities also continue to improve and now include a fabulous portable cricket net also made by Keith. N.C.C continue to look forward and the growth over the last 5 years has been astonishing! It is hoped, of course, that in time many of the young players will eventually represent the village XI. That way, they can take the place of 'past-it old-uns' – such as the writer!

The annual BBQ at the end of June raised over £1 700 and was enjoyed by something like 200 guests, many from the village. We thank you once again for your continued support.

On the field of play, over 30 players have turned out for the Club during the season. In the long-format 40 over game results have been pretty even and a new Club record score of 304-4 was set against Culmstock. The 20/20 Tuesday night games, overseen by David Raybould, have provided cricket for many more players and again results have been even. The resurrection of the fixture with Langford Budville CC and the two games against the White Horse Inn have been

greatly enjoyed. 3 Touring XI,s have been entertained at Ham, each commenting on the high quality of our teas.

A final point though.....we are still a very small Club – a fact put into perspective when our own tour had to be called off in July due to lack of players. Such matters put into perspective the huge effort put in by the very few at N.C.C.

The Club AGM is on October 2nd at Nynehead Club; the dinner is at Oake Manor Golf Club on October 13th.

A. Riley.

Nynehead Amateur Dramatic Society

NADS members have had a break over the summer but we are now turning our thoughts to the autumn and winter.

We will be performing another murder mystery play in the Memorial Hall on Saturday 14th October at 7.30 pm. The tickets cost £6 to include a supper of fish and chips and will be available from the 14th September from Hilary and Mervyn Hooper (telephone 461518). [Please note that the play is not suitable for children under 11.]

For those of you who like to plan ahead, next year's pantomime will be from Wednesday 21st March (the dress rehearsal) to Saturday 24th March.

We are, as always, on the look out for others to join us so if you can wield a paint brush, fancy yourself as a bit of a dancer, can sew a straight seam or would be happy just handing out cups of tea, why not phone me (666166) and I can tell you more.

Rosemary Lee
Honorary Secretary

Footpath Liaison Officer

Heywood Farm diversions

These diversions were confirmed in July and so are now legally usable. Finger posts and waymarks are in place, so please try out the paths - or come along to the next

Parish Walk

Sunday 24th September 2:30 p.m.

Starting at Nynehead School. We expect to cover no more than 6 km (3.5 miles), taking a couple of hours to do so.

The planned route takes in the diverted paths around Heywood Farm plus a couple of visits to the parish boundary. Several stiles are involved, and the ground may well be muddy in places so, as they say, stout footwear is recommended.

Canal Path near Perry Farm

The sudden reappearance, recently, of a rather awkward stile where the path leaves the line of the canal took everyone by surprise. A kissing gate had been put in at this point only a couple of years ago making a stile-free route from East Nynehead all the way through to Wellington. It turns out that Mr Bryant was worried that the fence and associated kissing gate had, last year, not proved to be stock-proof so it needed to be made more secure this year. The latest news is that Somerset County Council Rights of Way have contacted Mr Bryant and suggested they co-operate in installing a metal kissing gate to restore the route to its more user-friendly status.

Footpath Requirements

This is the time of year when footpath users experience the most difficulties in negotiating arable land. As a reminder here are the minimum width requirements for footpaths;

Crossfield path

1 metre wide at all times reinstated within 14 days of disturbance by ploughing

Headland path

1.5metres wide should not be disturbed by ploughing, unless permission is sought to improve the path surface.

Maize can be a bit tricky. A metre between stalks either side of the path does not meet the minimum width requirement as maize leaves can bridge that gap quite readily.

Village Hall Bike Hoop:

Although not strictly a footpaths issue I am delighted to see that the Village Hall now has a bike hoop at the front of the building. This will enable cyclists to leave their bikes secure whilst making use of the footpaths.

Colin Spackman

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Nynehead Club

The club has had a good couple of months since the last edition of the newsletter.

On 16th June 2006 we had a 'trial run' quiz night which was enjoyed by all those who took part - the theme of the first half of the quiz was nursery rhymes - which proved difficult but caused much mirth.

Saturday 8th July saw us host our annual Barbecue. Even though the rain started to fall as soon as the first burger was cooked it didn't dampen the spirits. The proceedings were moved inside - all except the barbecue - and a good night was had by all. A big thank you must go to Tim Potter for the wonderful quality of the sausages and burgers and for the delivery service.

Chris Potter played host for the first Nynehead Ferret Show which was well attended with people coming from as far as Surrey to take part. The judges had a hard task because of the huge number of entrants. Well done to Chris for organising an enjoyable day, which included a barbecue that was run by the Potter Family.

Forthcoming events include a skittle night on Saturday 23rd September 2006 and a Halloween Fancy Dress Disco on 28th October 2006. Tickets for this will be available at the club.

Looking to the not too distant future we will be holding our Annual Christmas Fancy Dress Party on Saturday 16th December 2006 - where we will be drawing the Christmas Raffle. Please bring a plate of food.

Please watch the board for dates of forthcoming skittle evenings and other events.

The Club Carol Singers will be doing the rounds again this Christmas - all donations will be going to children's charities as in previous years

Our opening times continue to be Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 8.30pm until 11pm. We hope that you will be able to come along and enjoy a quiet drink, and maybe play a game of pool or darts.

New members are always welcome and subscriptions remain at £2 per year.

If you fancy pulling a pint or two behind the bar we are always looking for volunteers - training is provided.

Sarah Hooper
Social Secretary

Nynehead Club



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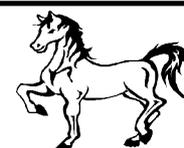
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Sep - 4	Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall - 7.30 pm
Sep 9 & 10	National Heritage Weekend - Details to be published in local newspapers
Sep - 9	Autumn Plant Hunters Fair - Nynehead Court - 11.00 am to 3.00 pm
Sep - 11	Gardening Club - Fascinating Fungi by Ted Pitman - Village Hall 7.30 pm
Sep - 11	History Society - Martock Church & Treasurer's House - From Village Hall at 12.15
Sep - 16	Duck Race by Jubilee Playing Fields at Hornshay Weir - 2.30 pm
Sep - 16	Treasure Hunt raising funds for Village Hall - Starting at 5.30pm from Hall Car Park
Sep - 23	Nynehead Club - Skittle Night - starting at 8.00
Sep - 24	All Saints Church - Harvest Festival service - 10.45 am
Oct - 2	Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall - 7.30 pm
Oct - 7	Harvest Supper at Village Hall - 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm
Oct - 9	Gardening Club - Village Hall - 7.30 pm
Oct - 13	History Society - Memories of Wellington in the 50's - Village Hall 7.45 pm
Oct - 14	Murder Mystery evening -Nynehead Amateur Dramatic Soc. in Village Hall at 7.00 pm
Oct - 28	Nynehead Club - Halloween Fancy Dress Disco - starting at 8.00
Nov - 6	Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall - 7.30 pm
Nov - 9	Special Supper in Village Hall - Fund raising of Mwenda link - 7.30 pm
Nov - 10	History Society - The lost singers of Somerset - Village Hall 7.45 pm
Nov - 13	Gardening Club - Village Hall - 7.30 pm
<i>Nov - 18</i>	<i>Copy Deadline for December edition of Nynehead News</i>
<i>Dec - 2</i>	<i>Distribution date for December edition of Nynehead News</i>
Dec - 4	Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall - 7.30 pm
Dec - 8	History Society - The good old days - Taunton's health & housing - Village Hall 7.45 pm
Dec - 11	Gardening Club Christmas Party - Village Hall - 7.30 pm
Dec - 16	Nynehead Club - Christmas Party - starting at 8.00

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