

# NYNEHEAD NEWS

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## NEWSLETTER

I am delighted to tell you that the Newsletter has a new editor, Jeremy Toye, who has lived in Nynehead for nine years, and before that, in Milverton. He was a journalist and manager for Reuters for many years, working mostly abroad, and is now retired. He was recently appointed Vice-Chair of Nynehead Parish Council. Jeremy is married to Margaret with two grown-up children.

Jeremy's contact details can be found on Page 9.

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## NYNEHEAD MEMORIAL CLUB

.The Club now has nearly 150 members. For just £2 per year you can join too!

The Open Mic nights, every month during the year, have proven to be a big draw, not just from villagers, but others from Norton Fitzwarren, Langford Budville, Milverton and Wellington. People comment on how warm and friendly the Club is.

During the skittle season we will be open on alternate Thursdays and Tuesdays along with our standard Saturdays. The club will be open to all. Keep an eye out for the 'Club Open' board.

Our next Open Mic nights are on 18th January, 22nd February and 22nd March. Doors open at 7.00 pm, music from 8.00 pm. We try to keep it as the 3rd Saturday in the month. We supply a P.A. system, microphones, drum kit and amplifiers for guitars. You literally can come along, plug in, and sing /play!

Our A.G.M. will be in February. Keep an eye on our Social Media page on Facebook for the exact date. We are always looking for new committee members to help with the running of the Club. Bar duty is not compulsory, but it would be helpful!

We will be holding quiz nights in 2025. Again, keep an eye out for exact dates. This will be a new event for the Club and hopefully something we can make a regular feature.

On Saturday 14th December we welcome the talented Rod Thomas who will be playing guitar and singing a Country & Western Christmas. We have been very fortunate to get this booking as he is a busy man! Watch for the signs, posters, and an announcement in the Wellington Weekly News.

We will be holding our annual Christmas Party on Saturday 7th December. I have been told that Santa Claus has made a date in his huge diary to attend! Children are most welcome.

The Club committee has purchased new chairs as the old ones were tired and worn out. The new ones take up less room, meaning movement in the Club is easier, and they are also super comfy! We have been busy refurbishing the exterior wall where rendering has fallen off and this is part of our continued renovation to make the venue as welcoming as possible. Without your support this would have not been possible.

The club is open every Saturday from 8.00 pm to 11.00 pm serving alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks.

We all at the Club look forward to seeing you soon. It's probably too early to wish Yuletide greetings, but I'm going to do it anyway. Have a warm and safe Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Mark Reynolds - Chair.*





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## CRICKET CLUB

Nynehead Cricket Club, and everyone associated with it, was sad to learn of the passing of Graham Sparks earlier this Autumn. Graham made an incredible contribution to the Club as Captain, youth coach, swing bowler and Pavilion builder. We will always love him and be massively grateful for his contribution and lasting legacy at the Club. Thank you Graham!

This year the Committee has undergone something of a transformation; a “Youth Takeover”! We’re thrilled that several younger Members have taken significant responsibility for 2025: Jamie Lee will become Sunday Captain and Callum Hayman will take on the role of T20 Captain. James Forgan is our new Fixture Secretary and is already well underway arranging next year’s fixtures. Thanks also to senior members for stepping up and taking on key roles of Secretary and Treasurer. The Club will also run a permanently licenced Barb in 2025 in an effort to further boost revenues. The Club will again share the ground at Ham with Mass CC who play league cricket on Saturdays and will contribute significantly (both financially and via groundwork) to the upkeep of the facility.

With regard to our recent appeal for help and search for a new Groundsman we have adapted the plan somewhat! Several people came forward to offer help, but we weren’t able to find one individual with the time and knowledge to take on the whole role. So, in 2025 we will operate a “Grounds-Team” approach with more people working together in teams of three to share the work as follows:

Team 1: Pitch & leadership - (The existing Groundsman will be part of this team): Pitch prep, marking the square, rolling pre-match, repairing post-match. Communicating with and instructing other sub teams.

Team 2: Square - Regular cutting of whole square and additional rolling

Team 3: Outfield - Cutting outfield with large ride-on mower and very basic post-use mower maintenance (grease spots and cleaning for example)

Thank you to everyone who has so far volunteered – we have six out of the nine imagined slots already filled. The time required for six-nine people to share the work is obviously much reduced; perhaps one-two hours a week (not every week though as there can be rotation within the teams, and in winter *much* less). We have several young people who are taking on significant roles within the Club in 2025 for the first time: Captain (Age 22), T20 Captain (Age 20) Fixture Secretary (Age 21) and several other first-time

Committee members. We'd love for one or two more people to help and support this young Committee by joining these teams if anyone has time/inclination? Please contact me, David Raybould 07967 657122 or daraybould@btinternet.com) if you feel able to offer any help - full training will be provided.

As ever, we're on the lookout for new players, at any level of skill and experience. We field mixed teams in every way on Sundays and Tuesdays (gender, race, age and ability!). If you're interested, or would like to meet us, we will run Nets sessions in the Spring and would love to welcome you there. Please contact the Chair: David Raybould, 07967 657122 or daraybould@btinternet.com.

We hosted our annual Dinner this November and presented Annual awards as follows – Congratulations to the Winners!

2024 Awards:

|                                   |                              |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Batting                           | Stuart Thraves               |
| Bowling                           | Neil Hendy                   |
| Players' Player                   | Jon Parish                   |
| Clubman                           | Will Brown                   |
| Young Player                      | Joe McGill                   |
| Rivers Barry Award for Low Comedy | Kian Hayman and James Forgan |
| Evening Captain's Trophy          | Chris Brown                  |
| Champagne Moment                  | Jamie Lee                    |

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## JUBILEE PLAYING FIELD

Work continues at the Playing Field as we head into the Winter.

Darren's Dens & Sons have been helping us with essential remedial works. The log steps up to the main structure had sadly become unsafe due to rot and have been fully removed and replaced by a new ladder. Split timbers have also been repaired, and all equipment checked over.

The flood mitigation carried out in the Summer seems to have been successful, and the alder trees have now been planted in the woodland, which we hope will further draw ground water from that section of land.

We are still hoping to sow yellow rattle and other flower seeds in our wildflower area before the end of the year. Any volunteers for some raking and clearing of this small section would help us hugely.

It would be wonderful to see you at the Nynehead Memorial Hall Christmas Fayre on Sunday 1st December, where we will be hosting a Santa's Grotto and a range of Christmas craft activities for children from 12.30-2.30 pm. You can also shop local and support small crafters from 11.30 am, grab a glass of mulled wine or a mince pie!

As always, we would love to hear your comments, suggestions or concerns. Just email: nyneheadplayingfield@gmail.com

*Rachael Ball Risk*

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## GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club is looking forward to ending its busy year with its annual Christmas party and quiz, which is being held on Monday 9th December at 7.00 pm and non-members are welcome.

We have already booked a full programme for next year, our first meeting is scheduled for Monday 10th March 2025 at 7.00 pm, where Johnny Hartnell will be talking about the magic of Mauritius

We very much welcome any new members, the first visit is free and you will receive a warm welcome.

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## NYNEHEAD MEMORIAL HALL



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## ALL SAINTS CHURCH

You are very welcome at our Advent and Christmas services and events – bring your family and friends or come along on your own. Whether it will be your first time at church or you have been before, we look forward to welcoming you!

There will be an Advent service on Sunday 8th December at 11.00 am with Holy Communion (Alison Norris officiating).

Our Candlelit Carol service, an afternoon of carols and readings in a beautiful and festive church followed by seasonal refreshments, will be on Sunday 22nd December at 3.00 pm with our Vicar, Suzy Kirkham, officiating.

On Christmas Day at 10.00 am there will be a Benefice service at St. Giles, Bradford on Tone.

## PARISH COUNCIL

### Quarterly Report (September to November 2024)

**Memorial Hall Committee** – NPC would like to thank Paul and Denny Harfield for all their hard work running and maintaining the Memorial Hall, we will miss them. Barbara Greenslade has kindly agreed to take on the role of managing the Hall Bookings but there is still a vacancy for someone to greet new hirers and to open and close the Hall.

**WG14/1 footpath to Bradford-on-Tone** - An update on the new diversion and bridge over the River Tone was received from Rachel Pearce (SC Senior Rights of Way Officer). NPC responded that it wholeheartedly supports the proposed diversions. Both the Parish Council and many residents of all ages welcome the opportunity, if the proposal is approved, to be able to walk directly from Nynehead to Bradford on Tone on footpaths that span a beautiful stretch of countryside rather than having to navigate traffic on busy, narrow lanes. This right of way will also connect our Parish to local businesses within Bradford on Tone (The White Horse Inn & Village Shop).

Whilst the reinstatement of the footpath is our highest concern, we would appreciate considerations towards accessibility where allowable, so that as many people in the community can access this route.

**Field mud and water run-off in East Nynehead** - Following the potato harvest in the field opposite Langdale and recent torrential rain the Members agreed to ask the landowner to take urgent action to lessen the risk of field mud and silt blocking the drains and therefore to reduce the risk of flooding for these properties.

**Budgeting** – November is budgeting season for the Parish Council, so Members have been working on costings for next year to set the precept.

**Speed Indicative Devices (SIDs)** – Now that the locations outside the Memorial Hall and opposite the Playing Field entrance have been approved, Members will be seeking a quote from ElanCity for one SID and 2 posts with the aim of securing a grant from Somerset Road Safety Fund for these devices.

At the November meeting Emma Giffard (Flood Resilience Engagement Adviser for the **Environment Agency**) talked to Members. The Environment Agency manages the flood risk from main rivers (but not the River Tone) and monitors the quality of the watercourses. Emma discussed the need for communities to help themselves to become more resilient. The 2023-24 data shows this to be the wettest on record for the Rivers Axe and Brue and the fifth wettest for the River Tone catchment. Flooding is becoming so common place that is hardly newsworthy! She strongly advised Nynehead to develop an Emergency Plan and noted that driving into floodwater is the major cause of death due to flooding.

At [www.nynehead.org](http://www.nynehead.org) (the village website) you can find an abundance of useful information, including key contacts and websites for reporting problems in the Parish, such as highways issues, fly tipping or flooding. You can also find up-to-date reports and advice from Somerset Council, the local Police and Neighbourhood Watch.

The Parish Council continues to undertake Parish administration tasks at their monthly meetings such as planning, police report, highways, rights of way and payments.

The Parish Council aims to serve the needs of the community and residents are encouraged to share ideas, voice concerns or suggest initiatives by contacting the Clerk, Vicky Hebditch email: [nyneheadclerk@gmail.com](mailto:nyneheadclerk@gmail.com). In particular, any comments on potential solutions to the river flooding in the Parish.

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Monday 16th December at the Nynehead Memorial Hall commencing at 7.30 pm.

*Vicky Hebditch*  
Parish Clerk

**AVON AND SOMERSET POLICE -**

Please take a few moments to read the important information below:

**FRAUD ALERT**

People in Avon and Somerset have reported receiving fraudulent text messages, telling them to pay a fictitious parking fine.

This is an example of 'phishing' when cyber criminals use fake messages to lure people to click on links within a scam email or text message or give away sensitive information.

In this case, recipients are encouraged to click on a link to pay, which takes them to a website that looks convincingly like an official government page. They are then asked for their email address, vehicle registration and card details to make a payment, usually £20.

If you receive a text message like this, DON'T click on the link, as fraudsters can steal your personal and financial data to commit identity fraud and take your money. Even clicking the link and not entering any information could result in malware and computer viruses being downloaded onto your device.

Report by forwarding the phishing text to 7726. This enables your provider to investigate the origin of the text and act, if found to be malicious.

If you have been coerced into giving away money or information to dishonest people, report this to your bank immediately (call 159 to be automatically connected to their fraud service) and to police via Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.

By reporting you could protect many more people from being affected. Thanks to everyone who has reported and brought this scam to our attention.

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*Victoria Henderson* - Police Community Support Officer  
Wellington Police Station, Victoria Street, Wellington, Somerset, TA21 8HR

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**NEWSLETTER**

My thanks as always to David Raybould for printing the newsletter, to Duncan Linklater, Gary Sparks, Sandra and Joe Frost, Jim Smith, Karen Arnold, Jo Rutherford, Vicky Hebditch and Gordon Stead and to the other volunteers who have so kindly delivered the newsletter to each house in Nynehead and to everyone who has made a contribution to the newsletter in the last 10 years.

If you would like to receive the newsletter electronically, please send Jeremy your email address and include your postal address so that we make sure you don't get a paper copy as well!

You can also find the newsletter on the village website (<https://nynehead.org/newsletter/>).

My very best wishes to everyone for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Rosemary Lea.*

# DIARY

| Event                               | Date                    | Venue             | Time             |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Christmas Fayre                     | Sunday 1st December     | Memorial Hall     | 11.30 am/3.00 pm |
| Police surgery                      | Thursday 5th December   | Hall car park     | 2.00/3.00 pm     |
| Club Christmas Party                | Saturday 7th December   | Nynehead Club     |                  |
| Advent Service                      | Sunday 8th December     | All Saints Church | 11.00 am         |
| Garden Club AGM and Christmas Party | Monday 9th December     | Memorial Hall     | 7.00 pm          |
| Country and Western Christmas       | Saturday 14th December  | Nynehead Club     |                  |
| Parish Council meeting              | Monday 16th December    | Memorial Hall     | 7.30 pm          |
| Candlelit Carol service             | Sunday 22nd December    | All Saints Church | 3.00 pm          |
| Christmas Day service               | Wednesday 25th December | Bradford-on-Tone  | 10.00 am         |
| Holy Communion service              | Sunday 12th January     | All Saints Church | 11.00 am         |
| Open Mic Night                      | Saturday 18th January   | Nynehead Club     | 7.00 pm          |
| Parish Council meeting              | Monday 20th January     | Memorial Hall     | 7.30 pm          |
| Morning Prayer                      | Sunday 26th January     | Nynehead Court    | 11.00 am         |
| Holy Communion service              | Sunday 9th February     | All Saints Church | 11.00 am         |
| Parish Council meeting              | Monday 17th February    | Memorial Hall     | 7.30 pm          |
| Open Mic Night                      | Saturday 22nd February  | Nynehead Club     | 7.00 pm          |
| Morning Prayer                      | Sunday 23rd February    | Nynehead Court    | 11.00 am         |

**Nynehead Club** is open every Saturday from 8.00 to 11.00 pm.

For membership details please call at the Club during opening hours.



## USEFUL CONTACTS

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|                  | Telephone No. |                     | Telephone No. |
| NHS – Non-urgent | 111           | Police – Non-urgent | 101           |
|                  |               |                     |               |

| Organisation                   | Contact              | Telephone No. | Email Address                                |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Parish Council                 |                      |               |                                              |
| Chairman                       | Jan Butterley        | 01823 461349  | jan@nyneheadfruit.co.uk                      |
| Vice Chair                     | Jeremy Toye          | 01823 660827  | jtoyenynheadcouncil@gmail.com                |
| Members                        | Amanda Harcombe      |               | amandaharcombe975@gmail.com                  |
|                                | Rachael Ball Risk    | 01823 975826  | rachaelnyneheadparish@gmail.com              |
|                                | Malcolm Vest         | 01823 461758  | malcolm.vest@btinternet.com                  |
| Clerk to the Council           | Vicky Hebditch       | 01823 461474  | nyneheadclerk@gmail.com                      |
| Footpath Liaison Officer       | Joe Frost            | 01823 663909  | sanJo7@talktalk.net                          |
| District and County Councillor | Gwilym Wren          | 01823 400657  | cllr.g.wren@somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk    |
| Police                         | PCSO Vicky Henderson | 07889 655302  | victoria.henderson@avonandsomerset.police.uk |
| All Saints Church              |                      |               |                                              |
| Churchwarden                   | Rachel Vest          | 01823 461758  | malcomandrachel.vest@btinternet.com          |
| Cricket Club - Captain         | Jamie Lee            | 07467 275861  | jamielee39@gmail.com                         |
| Chairman                       | David Raybould       | 07967 657122  | daraybould@btinternet.com                    |
| Garden Club                    | Gordon Stead         | 07818 003385  | gordontstead@gmail.com                       |
| Jubilee Playing Field          | Rachael Ball Risk    | 01823 975826  | nyneheadplayingfield@gmail.com               |
| Memorial Hall Bookings         | Denny Harfield       | 01823 972723  | nyneheadhallbookings@btinternet.com          |
| Nynehead Club - secretary      | Amanda Harcombe      |               | amandaharcombe975@gmail.com,                 |
| Village Agent                  | Sharon Coles         | 07947 901559  | sharonc@somersetccc.org.uk                   |
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