

# NYNEHEAD NEWS

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## CHRISTMAS PARTIES

**NYNEHEAD MEMORIAL CLUB**  
**Saturday 9th December**

The children's party will start at 6.30 pm and food will be provided. So that children can be catered for, please let Joe Frost know (01823 663909) by Wednesday 6th December at the very latest if you will be attending. To help Santa please can parents bring a wrapped, labelled gift for their children.

The adults' evening will start at 8.00 pm and please bring a plate of food with you.

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### CRICKET CLUB – Awards and Dinner 2023

On Saturday 11th November at The Allerford Inn, members of Nynehead Cricket Club held their annual Awards and Dinner, celebrating achievements over the past season.

The prize-winners were:

**Bowling:** Ben Marsh, **Batting:** Neil Hendy, **T20 Player:** Jamie Lee, **Young Player:** Ben Smith, **Player's Player:** Jono McGill, **Clubman:** Simon Duncan, **Rivers Barry Award:** James Forgan.

The dinner also marked a period of change for the Club. Michael Rose announced his decision to retire as Club President after over 30 years, passing the baton to Keith Haslam. Simon Duncan also told those gathered he will step down as Club Captain after 14 years in the role. Simon will continue to lead Nynehead CC on a Sunday for the first half of the 2024 season, handing over to Ben Marsh in July.

The Club would like to thank Michael and Simon for their huge contributions to the Club over many years and wish Keith and Ben the best of luck in their new roles.

Finally, Nynehead CC will be holding pre-season cricket nets in March next year and are looking for new players to join us. Please follow @NyneheadCC on Facebook, Instagram and 'X' (Twitter) for more information early next year.



Award winners left to right: James Forgan, Jamie Lee, Ben Marsh, Neil Hendy, Ben Smith, Jono McGill, Simon Duncan

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## PARISH COUNCIL

### Quarterly Report (August to November 2023)

Christine Brewer, the Taunton Locality Manager, spoke at the August meeting about her team of Village Agents in Somerset who are funded by a charity – The Community Council for Somerset. There are 60 Village and Community Agents and each agent is assigned to a GP surgery. Anyone can refer someone to a Village Agent provided the person is over 18 and gives their consent, unlike Community Agents who can only take referrals from a social worker.

Village agents help direct people to social activities, assist with Blue Badge and Bus Pass applications and can help with some benefits such as attendance allowance and carers allowance. Families on limited means and people in crisis can get grants for a cooker or washing machine and help with furniture. The Besom in Taunton is a Christian organisation that provides a bridge between those who want to give and those in need in the Taunton and Wellington area. <https://www.tauntonbesom.org.uk/>

Village agents run over 30 weekly **Talking Cafes** all over Somerset where you can drop in to meet and chat with your local agent. In Wellington it is held at St. John's Church every Tuesday 10.00am -12.00 noon. For more information, please visit <https://somersetagents.org/talking-cafes>

Planning Application 43/23/0056 (mixed use development of up to 220 dwellings, employment land, a car park and internal spine road to facilitate a rail halt/station, public open space, drainage and associated infrastructure on land north of Taunton Road) for the new Wellington railway station continues to be discussed. Members of the Council broadly support the application but have real concerns over the road access. This access would be from the new Lidl store junction with Nynehead Road. The Parish Council is asking residents to report any 'near misses' at the Lidl junction with Nynehead Road to [simon.fox@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:simon.fox@somerset.gov.uk) and to copy in Alex Skidmore of the Highways department ([alex.skidmore@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:alex.skidmore@somerset.gov.uk)) quoting the planning application number. The strength of the argument will be influenced by the number of actual examples submitted.

At the October meeting, Members discussed the pre-application for a proposed development of 257-293 new dwellings on land to the north of Taunton Road. This proposal together with the Longforth Farm proposed development of up to 220 new dwellings could put considerable strain on the community infrastructure and on the roads, which is a major concern.

In October Charles Biscoe, Chair of the Grand Western Greenway Association, gave an interesting presentation about the proposal to create a 13-kilometer traffic-free path between Wellington and Taunton.

The path would follow the route of the historic Grand Western Canal built in the early 19th century, now dry in most parts but its route can still be traced in the landscape. The scheme aims to provide a safe and scenic active travel route for walking and cycling, whilst also promoting the heritage and wildlife of the canal corridor. For more information, please visit <https://www.grandwesterngreenway.co.uk>.

The 2024-25 budget must be approved at the December meeting. Members of the Council reviewed the figures on which next year's budget will be set. It was noted that there is a risk that Somerset Council will make cuts to services for 2024-25 to reduce their expenditure, which could result in additional new costs for the Parish.

The Parish Council undertakes Parish administration tasks at their monthly meetings such as planning, police report, highways, rights of way and payments. The next meeting is on Monday 18th December at Nynehead Memorial Hall commencing at 7.30 pm.

A representative from **Airband** is due to attend the December meeting to give an update on the super-fast fibre broadband rollout and to answer questions. Members of the public are very welcome to attend.

*Vicky Hebditch*

Clerk to Nynehead Parish Council - [nyneheadclerk@gmail.com](mailto:nyneheadclerk@gmail.com)

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## **GARDEN CLUB**

The Club's AGM and Christmas party will be held on Monday 11th December at 7.30 pm, all welcome.

The new Garden Club year will start on the 11th March with The Healing Garden by Dr Gavin Haig

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## **ALL SAINTS CHURCH**

Our candlelight Carol Service will be held on Sunday 10th December at 3.00 pm. This will be led by Rev Alan Ellacott, and tea and coffee will be served at the end of the service.

On Christmas Eve, Sunday 24th December we will be holding a service of carols in the drawing room at Nynehead Court at 11.00 am. Unfortunately, there will be no service in the Church on Christmas Day as we have no vicar or organist available.

The last joint service with the other churches in the East Group will be held on the 31st December by Reverend Ellacott. Our new vicar Rev Suzanne Kirkham will be arriving during January and we will become part of a new Benefice with Bradford on Tone, Hillfarrence, Oake, Heathfield and Cotford St Luke.

We will be losing our vicar Rev Alan Ellacott when he retires on 1st March, and we wish him a happy retirement. He will conduct his last service of Holy Communion on Sunday 11th February in the Church at 11.00 am.

The first service to be taken by Rev Suzy will be a United Service with new group at Bradford on Tone Church on Sunday 14th January at 10.30 am.

On Sunday 28th January at 11.00 am we will have a lay led service of Morning Prayer at Nynehead Court.

Reverend Kirkham will conduct her first Holy Communion service on Sunday 25th February.

Tea or coffee follows all these services and everyone is most welcome to attend.

*Rachel Vest*  
Churchwarden

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### FREE TO A GOOD HOME

Free for collection one four drawer metal filing cabinet, brown and cream, complete with key. If interested, please telephone 01823 661999.

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### JUBILEE PLAYING FIELD

As we move into Winter, we are completing the final field maintenance sessions to prepare the ground for the Spring and making sure the equipment can withstand the colder, wetter months. We will meet in December to reflect on our priorities for 2024 and set goals for the year.

A big thank you to everyone who came along to our bingo fundraiser on the 27th October, we were especially pleased to see so many Nynehead Court residents enjoying their evening. We raised over £200 which will go towards some essential repairs on the main play structure. We'd also like to thank Nynehead Club and staff for looking after everyone on the night and our excellent bingo callers, Paul Roy and Lisa Roy Wolfe for all their help.

Some brilliant local businesses donated to our raffle, and there were great prizes won all round. Thank you to:

Frame of Mind	Ruxtons	Co-op
Odette's Tearoom	One Stop Shop	The Sporting Duchess
Tim Potter, Son & Daughter	Cafe Licious	Mary's Attic
Ferne Animal Sanctuary	Blackdown Garden Centre	Willowbrook Garden Centre
The Iron Duke	Pepperpot	The Blue Pantry

We hope to host more fundraising events next year, so we'll keep you posted as plans come together. Any help is much appreciated. If you have any queries or suggestions for the Playing Field, do get in touch: [nyneheadplayingfield@gmail.com](mailto:nyneheadplayingfield@gmail.com)

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### MEMORIAL HALL

#### What's On at the Memorial Hall

**Nynehead Cribbage Group** - We meet every other Thursday in the Hall from 3.30 to 4.30 pm. New members, whether they be experienced players or complete beginners, are always welcome. For further details, please contact: Billy Sexton on 07864 079188.

**Creative Threads** – Meet on the last Friday of every month from 9.30:am to 12:30 pm. Our members are a varied and sociable bunch who embroider, knit or sew and like nothing better than to chat and share ideas over a cuppa and a biscuit. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Ann McLaren on 01823 693772.

**Tai Chi & Qiong Classes** are held in the Hall every Monday morning from 11.00 am to 12.00 noon and the -first lesson is free. If you would like any further information, please contact Rob Walsh on 07483 227536.

### **Christmas Tree**

The Nynehead Memorial Hall Committee would like to say a huge thank you to Langford Lakes Christmas Tree Farm for donating, absolutely free of charge, the Christmas tree that will soon be making an appearance outside the Hall (the tree hadn't been erected at the time of writing this). Thanks also to Joe Frost for 'bidding' for it and the team of helpers who collected it.

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### **NYNEHEAD MEMORIAL CLUB**

Since the last newsletter the Club has been going from strength to strength.

We have increased our membership from last year by over 150%. This is partly due to our regular Open Mic Music Nights, as well as our annual BBQ and Ferret Show. We unfortunately could not hold the Ferret Racing due to the weather, thank you to everyone for your understanding.

The Open Mic nights are proving to be extremely successful and are now part of a 'circuit' for many accomplished musicians. We have had people of all ages and talents, and as a club, we are proud to accommodate and support them, be it their first or 50th time playing.

The next dates for Open Mic are January 20th at 7.00 pm and February 17th at 7.00 pm. We aim for the 3rd Saturday in the month. There is no requirement to play, come and watch and tap your foot, It really is a great atmosphere.

On Saturday 9th December we will hold our Children's Party from 6.30 to 8.00 pm, followed by an Adults Christmas Party. All are welcome. Bring a plate. Raffle. I've spoken to Santa and he said he would make an appearance!

The Club will open as normal on Saturdays during the Christmas period from 8.00 to 11.00 pm. As always, we have a wide range of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks available.





Wishing everyone reading a safe, healthy and enjoyable Christmas.

*Mark Reynolds*  
Chair

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## **AVON AND SOMERSET POLICE - 'A Snapshot of the working life of PCSO Vicky Henderson'**

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Last month PCSO Whelan and I were sent to Taunton to be present when the Air ambulance landed. They were transporting a patient to Musgrove Park Hospital.

**Scene guard** - Now and again PCSOs are sent to guard scenes of crime, PCSO Whelan and I were sent to Chard where unfortunately someone had been stabbed. When we arrived, the CSI were still working collecting evidence.

When we stood down, we had the pleasure of attending Chard police station, first time over there!

**ASB** - We've had a few issues with youths kicking doors and throwing eggs. I have identified a number of those involved and visited some in company with their parents. I will be continuing with my visits over the next few days.

If you have any information about the throwing of the eggs in Cotford please call 101 and quote 5223250106. Alternatively, please go to the Avon and Somerset police website and report online <https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report/>

**Taunton carnival** – In October officers from Wellington were sent to Taunton to assist with police presence for the carnival. It looked like it was enjoyed by all. It remained relatively Q, until after the event, then not so much.

**Bike marking** - We were asked by the In the Mix project to attend Kingmead School for bike marking during half term. It was great meeting new people and if you would like your bike registered with the Bike Register, please get in touch.

*Victoria Henderson* - Police Community Support Officer

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## **NEWSLETTER**

This is your newsletter. If you would like to contribute, either in an article, with a picture or other format then please let me have it by the relevant editorial deadline.

My very grateful thanks to David Raybould for printing the newsletter and to Duncan Linklater, Gary Sparks, Sandra and Joe Frost, Jackie Day, Hilary Hooper, Janet Watson, Jim Smith, and Jo Rutherford for delivering it around the parish from East Nynehead to Poole to Chipley to Blockhouse Farm and everywhere in between.

If you would like to receive the newsletter electronically, please send me 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/>).

Best wishes to you all for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Rosemary Lea*

## DIARY

Event	Date	Venue	Time
Memorial Club Children's Party Adults Party	Saturday 9th December	Nynehead Club	6.30/8.00 pm 8.00 pm
Candlelight carol service	Sunday 10th December	All Saints Church	3.00 pm
Garden Club AGM and Christmas Party	Monday 11th December	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Nynehead Natters	Friday 15th December	Memorial Hall	2.00/4.00 pm
Parish Council meeting	Monday 18th December	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Carol service	Sunday 24th December	Nynehead Court	11.00 am
Police surgery	Wednesday 27th December	Outside Memorial Hall	2.00/3.00 pm
Nynehead Natters	Friday 12th January	Memorial Hall	1.00/3.00 pm
Parish Council meeting	Monday 15th January	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Open Mic Night	Saturday 20th January	Nynehead Club	7.00 pm
Nynehead Natters	Friday 26th January	Memorial Hall	1.00/3.00 pm
Morning Prayer	Sunday 28th January	Nynehead Court	11.00 am
Nynehead Natters	Friday 9th February	Memorial Hall	1.00/3.00 pm
Holy Communion service	Sunday 11th February	All Saints Church	11.00 am
Open Mic Night	Saturday 17th February	Nynehead Club	7.00 pm
Parish Council meeting	Monday 19th February	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Nynehead Natters	Friday 23rd February	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Holy Communion service	Sunday 25th February	All Saints Church	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

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

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The proposed dates for the newsletter for the next year are as follows:

#### Deadline for copy

Wednesday 21st February 2024  
 Tuesday 21st May 2024  
 Wednesday 21st August 2024  
 Thursday 21st November 2024

#### Publication date

Friday 1st March 2024  
 Saturday 1st June 2024  
 Sunday 1st September 2024  
 Sunday 1st December 2024