

NYNEHEAD NEWS

GARDEN CLUB

This year's Flower Show will be on Saturday 10th August and the schedule will have now been delivered to you. Many thanks to the helpers who have delivered it and to David Raybould for getting it printed.

We hope everyone has a go at something in the Show, it's a great day for all to enjoy.

If anyone has any raffle prizes for the Show they will be gratefully received as this helps us with the cost of putting on the Show each year.

The Garden Club is still busy with trips and meetings. Our next trip is to The Flower Tree, Cox's Lane, Hillcommon, TA4 1DY on Monday 10th June 2024 at 10.00 am, anyone who would like to come along please contact Gordon Stead.

NYNEHEAD MEMORIAL HALL

The Hall Trustees are looking for a secretary to join the committee. This would involve taking minutes and assisting the Chair with other secretarial tasks.

Can you help? If so, please contact the Vice Chair, Gary (telephone number 01823 663745) or the Booking Secretary, Denny (telephone number 01823 972723).

NEWSLETTER

For information about the future of the newsletter please see page 4.

JUBILEE PLAYING FIELD

A big thank you to everyone who has served on the Jubilee Playing Field committee this year and to the volunteers who have helped support us with upkeep, it makes a huge difference. We'd also like to welcome Ann and David Manners to the committee, their expertise is much appreciated.

This year has been more challenging, as we have been navigating maintenance issues, particularly with the main timber play structure, some parts of which are now in need of urgent repair. We have had to remove several of the climbing beams and are preparing to have the log steps replaced with something more durable. Our recorded checks are taking place monthly and the usual annual in-depth safety check by ROSPA will take place in June, when we will review any additional concerns.

The increased heavy rainfall that is affecting us all, is now beginning to impact many areas of the field. To mitigate this, we are looking at levelling some of the ground, reinstating drainage ditches and planting alder trees to soak up some of the standing water. On a more positive note, the rare cuckoo flowers are thriving and we have seen a resurgence of orange tip butterflies.

We've been working hard to formalise some of our policies and procedures as a charity, and now have a contractor Risk Statement and a Financial Security Statement to support us in protecting the Playing Field's assets.

Whilst grants have been thin on the ground, back in October we held a successful Bingo fundraiser and raffle, which made £260, thank you to everyone who came along.

I'm afraid this brings me on to the most difficult part of this report, and that is the viability of the Field going forward. We have been very lucky these past few years to have volunteers mowing and strimming regularly, but since last September we have had to enlist contractors to do this work. This massively increases our costs and inflation means these are only going up.

The anticipated cost of mowing and strimming for the next financial year is, at best, £2,000, based on a reduced 13 cuts a year. Whilst the Parish Council has generously taken on the Somerset Council Grant of £360, this is our only guaranteed income. This means, once we have paid for our legal obligations: upkeep, insurance and safety inspections, our total expenditure is around £2,500. This leaves a shortfall of £2,140 to fundraise and does not include any of our one-off repair costs or flood mitigation in 2024.

We need your help. Unless we can find volunteers to help with mowing (even on a one-off or rota basis), or gain access to significant grants, the field as managed by the committee will have to close in five to six years due to insufficient reserves.

I'm sure everyone will agree that as a Parish with few amenities, we are very lucky to have the field on our doorsteps, especially in the summertime when it is well used by all ages.

The committee is open to any suggestions for raising funds, we'd love to host some events that would bring our community together. We also put out a plea for volunteers, it's only with your help that we're going to be able to keep this green space open for everyone to enjoy.

If you or anyone you know has a small ride on mower and would be happy to complete one or two mows a year, please get in touch, it would be hugely appreciated.

Rachael Ball Risk
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PARISH COUNCIL

Quarterly Report (March to May 2024)

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Monday 20th May in the Memorial Hall. Wine and light refreshments were served to residents who came to meet their Councillors. This is also the annual opportunity for all the Nynehead clubs, societies and activities to come together, read out their yearly reports, ask questions and give suggestions to the Members of the Parish Council for new or improved facilities. Dr Jan Butterley, Chair of the Parish Council, introduced the speakers. County Councillor Dave Mansell gave an update on Somerset Council, with rather gloomy news regarding cuts in staff and services. He also noted that Airband (who hold the contract for delivering super-fast fibre broadband in Somerset) are now focusing on existing customers rather than installing new connections, thus delaying the connection of Nynehead properties to the network. The meeting concluded with a lively question time with the main topic being flooding of all roads into Nynehead. Residents were urged to report flooding on the local roads using the link: www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-travel-and-parking/report-a-problem-on-the-road/

It was noted that a high number of individual reports carries more weight with Somerset Highways and is more likely to result in drainage problems being rectified by the Highways Department.

Due to financial constraints at County level, Nynehead Parish Council is unlikely to be able to persuade Somerset Council to prevent flooding by the River Tone affecting the river crossing roads into the village. However, the Parish Council has been working for several months on how to prevent vehicles driving into the deep floods, breaking down and then being abandoned so that others cannot get through. These vehicles often block the road even when the floodwaters have drained away. Encouraged by local representatives of the River Authority – which actually has funds available – Somerset Council sent out its Chief Surveyor who has now advised on improved signage to warn of the risks. We don't know how long that stage will take, but we are hopeful that this will be done during the drier months and that it will involve illuminated signage with an automatic link to river levels as an early warning system. This of course will not prevent the floods themselves and will not force motorists to use an alternative route but should reduce the numbers of vehicles entering deep water.

The monthly Parish Council Meeting followed with the re-election of Dr Butterley as Chair and Declaration of Acceptance of Office form was signed.

You can find an abundance of useful information on the website www.nynehead.org including key contacts and other 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.

At the February meeting Marion King, co-ordinator of Nynehead Natters gave a short talk. Nynehead Natters is open to all residents and the sessions, funded through grants, encourage isolated members of the Nynehead community to meet and socialise, with refreshments provided. It runs twice a month on a Friday afternoon in Nynehead Memorial Hall from 1.00 to 3.00 pm in January, February and March and from 2.00 to 4.00 pm all other months, with a summer break in August. Attendees are welcomed with a hot cuppa and there are cake and biscuits. Nynehead Parish Council thanks Marion for co-ordinating this worthwhile activity and hopes to secure further grant funding to enable Nynehead Natters to continue beyond 2024.

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 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.

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Monday 17th June at Nynehead Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

The Annual Parish Council meeting was held on Tuesday 28th May at which the future of the Church was discussed as well as the usual Church business to appoint Churchwardens and a Parochial Church Council.

We have been assured, for the year ahead, that a monthly Holy Communion service will continue to be held in the Church on the second Sunday of each month starting at 11.00 am. In addition, there will be a lay led service of morning prayer in Nynehead Court on the fourth Sunday in the month, also at 11.00 am.

As reported in the last newsletter, Nynehead is now in a group of six parishes consisting of Bradford-on-Tone, Heathfield with Cotford St Luke, Hillfarrance and Oake. The new group of six parishes is expected to be entitled "Vale Churches" (although the name is yet to be legally ratified).

CRICKET CLUB

The cricket season has now started and details of fixtures can be found in the Diary section.

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AVON AND SOMERSET POLICE -

Fraud/Scam advice

In April a Yeovil resident received a call on their landline from a fraudster claiming to be a detective constable at Yeovil Police Station, (he also gave a false collar number). He told the resident that he needed to discuss activity on their bank account regarding a transaction in a supermarket, but to do this a secure line had to be established by the resident staying on the line and calling 999 to verify his ID. Suspecting a scam, the resident, very wisely, called 999 from their mobile and was advised by the call handler that their suspicions were correct.

Police will never call and ask for your bank details or go to the bank and withdraw money.

If you receive a call of a similar nature, please report this on 101 and log it with Action Fraud at this link <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/contact-usx>

Victoria Henderson - Police Community Support Officer

NEWSLETTER

I have decided that after 10 years it is time for someone with a different perspective to take over the editorship of the Nynehead News from the beginning of next year. Please contact me if you think you might be interested and I can explain more about what is involved. At the moment it takes a few hours every three months to collect all the information, draft the newsletter, send it for printing and then collate and deliver it to the volunteers who kindly distribute it to the individual properties.

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.

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/>).

Rosemary Lea

DIARY

Event	Date	Venue	Time
Cricket – Nynehead v Somerset VI	Sunday 2nd June	Nynehead Cricket Ground	2.00 pm
Cricket – Nynehead v Wombats	Tuesday 4th June	Nynehead Cricket Ground	6.00 pm
Nynehead Natters	Friday 7th June	Memorial Hall	2.00/4.00 pm
Holy Communion service	Sunday 9th June	All Saints Church	11.00 am
Garden Club Trip	Monday 10th June	Hillcommon	10.00 am
Cricket – Nynehead v Churchingford	Tuesday 11th June	Nynehead Cricket Club	6.00 pm
Cricket – Nynehead v West Bagborough	Sunday 16th June	Nynehead Cricket Club	2.00 pm
Parish Council meeting	Monday 17th June	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Police surgery	Thursday 20th June	Outside Memorial Hall	2.00/3.00 pm
Nynehead Natters	Friday 21st June	Memorial Hall	2.00/4.00 pm
Morning Prayer	Sunday 23rd June	Nynehead Court	11.00 am
Cricket – Nynehead v Taunton Indians		Nynehead Cricket Ground	2.00 pm
Cricket – Nynehead v Blagdon Hill	Tuesday 25th June	Nynehead Cricket Ground	6.00 pm
Cricket – Club Day	Sunday 30th June	Nynehead Cricket Ground	2.00 pm
Cricket – Nynehead v Blacksmiths	Tuesday 2nd July	Nynehead Cricket Ground	6.00 pm
Nynehead Natters	Friday 5th July	Memorial Hall	2.00/4.00 pm
Cricket – Nynehead v Culmstock	Tuesday 9th July	Nynehead Cricket Ground	6.00 pm
Cricket – Nynehead v Whitchurch School Teachers	Saturday 13th July	Nynehead Cricket Ground	TBA
Holy Communion service	Sunday 14th July	All Saints Church	11.00 am
Parish Council meeting	Monday 15th July	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Police surgery	Thursday 18th July	Outside Memorial Hall	2.00/3.00 pm
Nynehead Natters	Friday 19th July	Memorial Hall	2.00/4.00 pm
Cricket – Nynehead v Broadclyst	Sunday 21st July	Nynehead Cricket Ground	2.00 pm
Morning Prayer	Sunday 27th July	Nynehead Court	11.00 am
Cricket – Nynehead v Milverton		Nynehead Cricket Ground	2.30 pm
Cricket – Nynehead v TRP	Tuesday 30th July	Nynehead Cricket Ground	6.00 pm
Cricket – Nynehead v White Horse	Tuesday 6th August	Nynehead Cricket Ground	6.00 pm
Flower Show	Saturday 10th August	Memorial Hall	2.00 pm
Holy Communion service	Sunday 11th August	All Saints Church	11.00 am
Cricket – Nynehead v Cullompton RFC (Memorial Game)		Nynehead Cricket Ground	2.30 pm
Police surgery`	Thursday 15th August	Outside Memorial Hall	2.00/3.00 pm
Cricket – Nynehead v Wombats	Sunday 18th August	Nynehead Cricket Ground	2.00 pm
Parish Council meeting	Monday 19th August	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Morning Prayer	Sunday 25th August	Nynehead Court	11.00 am
Cricket – Nynehead v Petr Cech your Balls Touring Team		Nynehead Cricket Ground	2.00 pm

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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