

# NYNEHEAD NEWS

## TIMETABLE FOR QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CENTRAL WEEKEND CELEBRATIONS 2022

NATIONAL		⋮	NYNEHEAD (Proposed)	
<b>THURSDAY 2nd JUNE</b>				
am	The Queen's Birthday Parade (Trooping the Colour)	⋮		
		⋮	7.00 pm	Barbecue (Nynehead Club)
9.30 pm	Lighting of beacon	⋮	9.30 pm	Lighting of beacon
<b>FRIDAY 3rd JUNE</b>				
am ?	Service of Thanksgiving	⋮	pm	Family sports (rounders etc) ?
<b>SATURDAY 4th JUNE</b>				
pm	Races at Epsom including The Derby	⋮	2.00 to 4.00 pm	The Church will be open Cream teas provided
pm	Platinum Party at the Palace	⋮	pm	Party at the Palace on the Big Screen in the Club
<b>SUNDAY 5th JUNE</b>				
		⋮	am	Church service (Songs of Praise) Followed by refreshments in The Orangery, Nynehead Court
Midday onwards?	Big Jubilee Lunch	⋮		
pm	Platinum Jubilee Pageant	⋮	pm	Tea party including entertainment, and a village photo

The Jubilee committee would like to offer a Platinum Jubilee souvenir to each child living in Nynehead who will be 16 or under as at 5th February 2023, the end of the Platinum Jubilee year. Interest should be registered, by Thursday 31st March, with Joe Frost – telephone numbers 01823 663909 or 07518 236638, through the door of 7 Blackdown View or email [sanJo7@talktalk.net](mailto:sanJo7@talktalk.net).

If you would like to help at any or all the events, please do come along to the next committee meeting on Thursday 10th March in the Memorial Hall at 7.00 pm.

As the celebrations begin on the 2nd June, the next newsletter will be published a few days earlier so that the full village programme will be available.

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**NYNEHEAD WEBSITE** (<https://www.nynehead.org>)

### **Photos for new Nynehead website**

Nynehead Parish Council is looking for photos that capture the various landscapes of our lovely parish in different lights and seasons to include in the newly designed website. If anyone has photos that they would be willing to share, please contact the Clerk at [nyneheadclerk@gmail.com](mailto:nyneheadclerk@gmail.com). She will then give information regarding format and size

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### **ALL SAINTS CHURCH**

We continue to hold two services each month; on the second Sunday we usually have Holy Communion and on the fourth Sunday of the month we have a short service of Morning Prayer led by members of our own congregation.

There will be a Mothering Sunday service on the 27th March at 10.45 am, to be led by the Interim Team Rector, Rev Martin Kirkbride

The Easter services are as follows:

Palm Sunday (10th April) at Nynehead with Rev Alan Ellacott;

Good Friday (15th April) – Way of the Cross Service (three quarters of an hour and no hymns) at 2.15 pm.

Easter Sunday (17th April) service at 11.15 am led by the Rev Martin Kirkbride.

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### **NYNEHEAD NATTERS**

The newly formed “Nynehead Natters” initiative got off to a very encouraging start with a Christmas tea party in late December. Over twenty local residents gathered to enjoy a chat and a Christmas quiz over a cup of tea and homemade festive fare. There have been two further gatherings and attendees have appreciated the opportunity to socialise in a relaxed and convivial atmosphere. The organiser, Mrs Marion King, is very receptive to new ideas or requests as this undertaking evolves. These can be conveyed through the Clerk at [nyneheadclerk@gmail.com](mailto:nyneheadclerk@gmail.com). Until April, when the Memorial Hall will be closed for the fitment of the new kitchen, further gatherings will take place fortnightly on Fridays from 2.00 to 4.00 pm from 4th March onwards. Everyone, of any age, is welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!

The photos below show people enjoying the Christmas tea party.



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## FOOTPATHS – YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU

Is there anyone out there who can help with strimming the public footpaths in the village this coming season? All equipment is provided and there will be training in how to use it.

For further details please contact Joe Frost – 01823 663909 or 07518 236638.

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## PARISH COUNCIL

### Quarterly Report (December 2021 – February 2022)

In December 2021, after careful deliberations over the budget for the next financial year, the Council received notification from SWTC of changes to the Local Tax Base (Band D equivalent properties). After recalculations, the agreed precept remains the same at £6,725 but the cost for Band D properties will now see a slight increase to £40.00 per annum. This, in turn, represents an increase of £1.37 per annum/£0.11 per month, increases that are still considerably less than those levied in the previous two years.

With regard to the introduction of speed restrictions in and on the approach to Nynehead, the Police Traffic Management have confirmed that they have no objection to the proposed scheme. The detailed design and works order are now being drafted by SCC Traffic Management, after which more accurate costs can be confirmed and the project advanced to the next stage.

The new Nynehead website is also making progress. Members have discussed the range of options regarding the layout and content of the Homepage, Navigation bar and the various subpages of the new website and a plan has been agreed which has been conveyed to Boost It Media who are undertaking the design and construction of the site. It is hoped that the new website will be launched in March and the Council is extremely grateful to Mrs Rachael Ball Risk for all that she has done to move this project forward.

The newly formed “Nynehead Natters” got off to a good start in December, under the direction of Mrs Marion King, with a Christmas tea party. This attracted over twenty local residents who enjoyed a natter and a Christmas quiz over a cup of tea and festive fare. Subsequent gatherings in January and February have also been well attended. The opportunity to socialise informally, in a warm and welcoming environment, has been well received by residents of all ages. The next meetings will take place on the 4th and 18th March and on the 1st April from 2.00 to 4.00 pm in the Memorial Hall. There will then be a break until the Hall reopens,

following refurbishment and the fitting of a new kitchen, towards the end of April. Dates for May and thereafter will be published nearer the time.

With increasing economic adversity, crime is sadly, on the increase and the Council is grateful to PCSO Henderson and Mr Alec Reynolds from the Nynehead Neighbourhood Watch Scheme for raising awareness about issues of safety and prevalent scams or incidents of fraud. Just recently, the Council has been alerted to a scam under the title Nextdoor Nynehead. Some residents have received a letter inviting them to download a free App called Nextdoor Nynehead as a way to connect neighbours in need with those who can help. However, upon entering the given code to join, debit card details are immediately requested. The police have been informed and the advice is **not to proceed** with the request for fear of losing money through fraud. PCSO Henderson has provided booklets that cover different types of prevalent fraud and scams and give prevention advice to protect potential victims. These are available for collection from the Memorial Hall or from the Clerk ([nyneheadclerk@gmail.com](mailto:nyneheadclerk@gmail.com)). An alert has also been raised regarding false investment scams – spotting the signs on social media and what to do. Details of this are posted on the notice board at the Memorial Hall.

On the 5th May 2022 elections to the new county wide council will take place. They will be the biggest local elections in Somerset for many years and will set the course of local government in Somerset for a generation to come. Voters will be able to choose who represents them for the next five years. To take part in these local elections for the new unitary council for Somerset and town and parish councils, **voters must be registered by the 14th April 2022**. To register to vote or to verify correct registration details, contact [elections@somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk](mailto:elections@somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk) or ring 01823 358692.

*Judy Jones*  
Parish Clerk - [nyneheadclerk@gmail.com](mailto:nyneheadclerk@gmail.com)

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## **GARDEN CLUB**

We wish to thank Keith Haslam and Di Moore for all the time and help spent on the Garden Club as they have both stepped down, after many happy years of service.

Gordon Stead has now taken over as Chairman and Casey Warrington as Secretary.

The Flower Show will be on Saturday 13th August 2022 and schedules of categories will be available soon. Anyone willing to help with the organisation of the Flower Show please contact Gordon.

The 'Spud in a Bucket' competition is going ahead, and the bucket and spud will be available at our next meeting on Monday 7th March 2022. If you want to take part but cannot come to the meeting, please contact Gordon Stead (telephone number 07818 003385) for a bucket. The cost to enter is £1.00 and entries will be judged at the Flower Show.

We have a full schedule of talks and visits arranged for this year; anyone is welcome to come along to the Memorial Hall on the second Monday of each month (meetings start at 7.30 pm) and the first visit is free. Please see the Diary section for details of the Club's meetings for March, April and May.

There is also a raffle at each meeting, and we are looking for gifts, donations would be most welcome, and all proceeds go towards funding the Club.

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## **NYNEHEAD MEMORIAL CLUB**

As the pandemic remains with us the Club is only open on a Saturday evening still. We are hopeful that the Spring months will bring more opportunities to start holding events again such as bingo, quizzes and sporting events.

The Christmas party was a great success with a good number of children and their families attending and we were blessed by a visit from the man in red! Thank you to everyone who supported the event.

Please check out our Facebook page for any upcoming news. We would also like villagers to upload any old photos they may have of good times held at the Club, of which there have been many over the years.

Although it is a little overdue may we take the opportunity to wish everyone a Happy New Year!

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## **NYNEHEAD CRICKET CLUB**

Welcome to the new season! We're holding four practice nets (see the Diary below) across all the Sudays in March. Anyone and everyone is welcome – please come along if you'd like to meet us and start (or re-start!) your cricketing career. Any ability levels welcome. 6.00 pm and the Wellington School Sports Centre every Sunday in March.

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## **AVON AND SOMERSET POLICE**

### **FARM WATCH**

Farm Watch is a free service and is all about the farming community and the Police sharing information to help reduce opportunities for crime.

Police alert members via text, email or landline voicemail to suspicious incidents and crimes occurring in their area. In return members are encouraged to remain vigilant and report suspicious activity promptly.

New members receive a welcome pack (including information about the scheme and crime reduction literature) and a gate sign to display as a deterrent.

A free property marking service is also included as part of the scheme.

If you would like to find out more about joining Farm Watch visit [www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/farmwatch](http://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/farmwatch) and if you would like to sign up, please contact me at: [Victoria.Henderson@avonandsomerset.police.uk](mailto:Victoria.Henderson@avonandsomerset.police.uk)

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## VILLAGE AGENT

It can be tough in the cold and dark months to get motivated to exercise - what do you do to Get Outside in Somerset? For inspiration, why not visit [www.getoutsideinsomerset.co.uk](http://www.getoutsideinsomerset.co.uk). The site is packed with activities and ideas to help you to get outside.

You can also join the Facebook group where people from across Somerset share local tips and ideas! Go to [www.facebook.com/groups/531875827909722](https://www.facebook.com/groups/531875827909722) and take part in the chat!

You might find a new passion, meet new friends, take up a new hobby! We're blessed in Somerset with an abundance of places to go, and many are free! From walking through our beautiful nature reserves to enjoying our town parks, or for the more adventurous, exploring our magnificent hills. There really is something for every age and ability. If you struggle to get outside in Somerset, contact your local Village Agent who could find a community solution to help you!

The Carers Groups have made a welcome return! Carers in Somerset will be delighted to hear that many Carers groups are reopening. In the Taunton area they're in Bishops Lydeard (Mount Street), Taunton (Wellsprings Church) and Wellington (Bulford Community Centre). If you look after someone else – family, friend or neighbour, our Carers hub ([www.somersetcarers.org](http://www.somersetcarers.org)) is packed full of support, activities and training.

Not sure if you are a Carer? Call our advice line and make sure you have the right support for you and the person you look after! 0800 31 68 600 or text 'Carer' to 78070. Ask your Village Agent for information and ideas on supporting the person you care for so you can get to take a break and attend a group.

Can't get to a Carers group? Wiveliscombe Talking Café is open again on Wednesdays for help and advice. [www.somersetagents.org/talking-cafes/](http://www.somersetagents.org/talking-cafes/)

*Cat Sweatman*  
Village Agent

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## SOMERSET BUS PARTNERSHIP

### OUR BUSES ARE UNDER THREAT

April 2022 was meant to augur in a new era for our buses. It was the month when the £3 billion as part of Bus Back Better, National Strategy for Buses for England, could be used to improve bus services. People could be invited to abandon their cars and opt for the 'greener' option of going by bus on journeys to nearby towns and villages.

To improve buses across the county, Somerset had put in a bid for £163 million of Bus Back Better money. Somerset bus services are currently the worst rated of any county in England. But the Bus Back Better fund has been over subscribed eight times by all the bids from across England and so it's unknown how much money Somerset might get. It is unlikely to get anything like what Somerset needs.

The two years of Covid with endless warnings not to use buses has seen bus passenger numbers down 40% on pre Covid levels which has meant the Government had to step in and subsidise bus services in order to keep them running. To fund this the Government has diverted more than half of the £3 billion pot allocated for transforming our bus services to just maintain the current services. Worse still, the Government has still not said whether it will keep funding our existing bus services from April. Without this Covid Bus Recovery Grant, a leading bus operator has said that "the bus sector is hurtling towards disaster."

So what can we do?

Can you please ... today ... send an email (doesn't need to be long) to the Government Buses Minister demanding that the Covid-19 Bus Recovery Grant funding is continued beyond April. Send it to the Buses Minister, Baroness Vere of Norbiton - [verec@parliament.uk](mailto:verec@parliament.uk) with a copy to our MP, Rebecca Pow -

[rebecca.pow.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:rebecca.pow.mp@parliament.uk) – and a copy to the Somerset Bus Partnership - [somersetbuspartnership@gmail.com](mailto:somersetbuspartnership@gmail.com) .

Additionally, if you speak to any of the candidates for the Somerset Unitary Council May 5th elections, please ask them what their plans are to protect and improve our bus services here in Somerset. There's never been a time when our bus services in Somerset have been at so much risk.

Somerset Bus Partnership Team

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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.

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 - <http://nynehead.org/index.php/community/newsletter> .

*Rosemary Lea*

## DIARY

Event	Date	Venue	Time
Police surgery	Thursday 3rd March	Outside Memorial Hall	2.00/3.00 pm
Nynehead Natters	Friday 4th March	Memorial Hall	2.00/4.00 pm
NCC Cricket Practice Nets: Session 1 of 4	Sunday 6th March	Wellington School Sports	6.00 pm
Garden Club – No Dig Veg Growing	Monday 7th March	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Queen's Platinum Jubilee meeting	Thursday 10th March	Memorial Hall	7.00 pm
NCC Cricket Practice Nets: Session 2 of 4	Sunday 13th March	Wellington School Sports	6.00 pm
Parish Council meeting	Monday 14th March	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Nynehead Natters	Friday 18th March	Memorial Hall	2.00/4.00 pm
NCC Cricket Practice Nets: Session 3 of 4	Sunday 20th March	Wellington School Sports	6.00 pm
Mothering Sunday service	Sunday 27th March	All Saints Church	10.45 am
NCC Cricket Practice Nets: Session 4 of 4	Sunday 27th March	Wellington School Sports	6.00 pm
Police surgery	Thursday 31st March	Outside Memorial Hall	2.00/3.00 pm
Nynehead Natters	Friday 1st April	Memorial Hall	2.00/4.00 pm
Parish Council meeting	Monday 4th April	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Palm Sunday service	Sunday 10th April	All Saints Church	10.45 am
Garden Club – Tales from the Potting Shed	Monday 11th April	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Good Friday service – Way of the Cross	Friday 15th April	All Saints Church	2.15 pm
Easter Sunday service	Sunday 17th April	All Saints Church	11.15 am
Police surgery	Thursday 28th April	Outside Memorial Hall	2.00/3.00 pm
Garden Club – Bees	Monday 9th May	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Parish Council and Annual Parish meetings	Monday 16th May	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Police surgery	Thursday 26th May	Outside Memorial Hall	2.00/3.00 pm
Queen's Platinum Jubilee Central Weekend Celebrations	Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June		

## USEFUL CONTACTS

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

#### Deadline for copy

Saturday 14th May 2022  
 Sunday 21st August 2022  
 Monday 21st November 2022  
 Tuesday 21st February 2023

#### Publication date

Wednesday 25th May 2022  
 Thursday 1st September 2022  
 Thursday 1st December 2022  
 Wednesday 1st March 2023