

NYNEHEAD NEWS

NYNEHEAD WINTER SWIMMING WORLD CHAMPION STRIKES GOLD!



Mr Guy Burt has returned victorious from the Thirteenth Winter Swimming World Championships with a Gold Medal and World Champion title to his name. This biannual event, held from the 23rd to the 29th January this year, took place in Lake Bled, Slovenia with a water temperature of just 5°C (considered warm for these Championships, given the layer of ice that normally covers the lake in January!). Wearing only skins, goggles and a silicone hat, Guy participated in three classified individual distances of 25m, 50m and 100m, in the 55-59 years old category, against a fully international field with competitors representing all five continents. He won his Gold Medal and World Championship title swimming freestyle in the 100m event.

Guy, who trains in the sea at Lyme Regis throughout the year, is a seasoned swimmer in open water events around the world. This, however, was his first attempt at a winter swimming competition and he was pleased to avail himself of the post swim provision of hot tubs and saunas! We congratulate him warmly upon his success and trust this will buoy him to take on other global winter swimming challenges in the future!

NYNEHEAD CRICKET CLUB

NCC is holding its first fundraising Quiz since the Covid-19 pandemic on Friday 3rd March at 7.00 pm (for a 7.30 pm start). Tickets are £7.50 per person and include the quiz and Ploughman's Supper. If you would like to enter; teams are between 4-6 people. Alternately, several teams are looking for players if you'd like to enter individually, I can match you with a needy team! The Quiz will cover a range of questions and be suitable for all ages from 13+. If you'd like to book a team, please contact David Raybould (Club Secretary) on 07967 657122 or daraybould@btinternet.com

NCC Is also hosting pre-season Nets sessions on: Sunday 5th, 12th and 19th March 2022 at 2.00 pm at Taunton Vale Club (Gypsy Lane, Taunton). Please feel free to come along, especially if you're looking to hone those skills ahead of the new Season or if you'd like to meet us with a view to starting, or re-starting, your Cricketing career! There is no minimum standard (as we demonstrate most Sundays and Tuesdays) and we'd be delighted to welcome new players for 2023.

NYNEHEAD and DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

Nynehead History Society resumed its meetings last October and members have been entertained with talks on the Wellington Town Stream; the building of All Saints' Church at Rockwell Green with its Freemason connections; the history of the Meteorological Society; the Bible Christians and their incursion into Somerset and Why the landscape matters.

Forthcoming meetings starting at 7.30 p.m. are as follows:-

Friday 10th March - Mary Siraut talking on "The impact of the West Somerset Railway".

Friday 14th April - Still awaiting confirmation.

Friday 12th May - AGM and members' evening

NYNEHEAD MEMORIAL CLUB

We have finally managed to get up to date with our AGMs after several years of delays due to restrictions such as the pandemic and ill health. We had a wonderful turnout and have new additional committee members on board and would like to thank them for their commitment to the Club's future.

We are hoping to organise a working party to repaint the Skittle Alley once the warmer weather arrives, if anyone is able to help please contact the Club or myself.

After the AGM and our normal monthly committee meeting we now have news of some exciting future events!

Fish & Chip Supper Night Saturday 4th March at 7.30 pm

Music Club Saturday 18th March at 7.30 pm (music starts at 8.00 pm)

Easter Bingo Saturday 1st April - Doors open at 6.30 pm with "Eyes down" at 7.30 pm.

We are pleased to welcome you all back to our legendary bingo nights that have been sorely missed! There will be a raffle as normal, refreshments at the break and the bar will be open as normal.

From 8th April we will be opening from 7.00 pm each Saturday and will continue this until the end of September if it proves successful.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Amanda Harcombe
Club Secretary

GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club starts up again after its winter break on Monday 13th March when Alan Cavill will be talking about gardening without digging.

Please see the Diary for details of future meetings.

JUBILEE PLAYING FIELD

It has been a busy start to the year at the Nynehead Jubilee Playing Field, with the installation of the new exercise and play equipment. Many thanks for all your patience whilst the Field has been closed for an extended period. We are pleased to announce that the works are now complete, and the park reopened! As Spring approaches, we would love members of the community to come along and try out the new facilities. These include pull up bars, parallel bars and sit up benches for those looking to exercise, as well as an obstacle course for the more adventurous. The old tunnel has been converted into a climbing wall and slide for younger visitors, though this does remain fenced off as we are waiting for the grass to establish before it's climbed on.

A huge thanks to Darren Greenslade and team from Darren's Dens for going above and beyond and helping us create such a brilliant addition to the playing field.

General maintenance continues, many thanks to Ben Tingay for his help in clearing the woodland and trimming the hedges. We will soon start to think about Summer planting and are hoping to add some colour to the planters. If anyone has any spare flowers come April / May, donations would be greatly appreciated, just contact nyneheadplayingfield@gmail.com

We'd like to welcome new committee members Nick Povey and Kyla Harding. If you have any ideas for the Playing Field or would like to join the committee, we would love to hear from you. Our AGM will be held in May 2023, so do look out for notices with details nearer the time.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

The following are dates for the March and April services:

Sunday 12th March	Holy Communion
Sunday 26th March	Lay led service in Nynehead Court
Sunday 9th April	Holy Communion
Sunday 23rd April	Lay led service

In addition, there will be a Benefice Service at St. John's in Wellington at 9.45 am on Sunday 16th April and a joint Holy Communion service at Sampford Arundel on Sunday 30th April at 10.30 am.

PARISH COUNCIL

Quarterly Report (December 2022 – February 2023)

After careful deliberations over the budget for the next financial year and being mindful of the cost-of-living crisis, the Council agreed to keep the village's precept unchanged. The Council received notification from SWTC of changes to the Local Tax Base (Band D equivalent properties) and, after recalculations, the agreed precept remains the same at £6,725 but the cost for Band D properties will now see a small reduction of £37.64 per annum, although the total revenue raised from the Parish remains the same.

With regard to the proposed speed limits, the Council has recently heard from Kate Brown of Somerset County Council Highways that no objections were received following the publication of the Order in the Somerset County Gazette last month. A site visit was recently undertaken to finalise the design and works will be programmed to begin after 5th April 2023.

After a number of unexpected delays, the new Nynehead Parish website will be launching soon. This can still be found at www.nynehead.org. A reminder that you can find an abundance of useful information on the site, including key contacts and websites for reporting problems in the Parish, such as highway issues, fly tipping or flooding. You can also find up-to-date reports and advice from Somerset Council, the local Police and Somerset Waste Partnerships.'

The Parish Council has organised friendly and informative First Aid sessions in February and March. If you have not already done so, please join Wiveliscombe Community 1st Responders for a FREE 1 hour hands-on training session. You will learn about the recovery position, CPR & use of the community AED defibrillator. As each session is limited to 12 members, booking is essential for the session on Saturday 4th March at 3.30pm at Nynehead Memorial Hall.

Please contact Vicky Hebditch, the Parish Clerk, to reserve your place.

Email: nyneheadclerk@gmail.com | Tel: 01823 461474

Nynehead Natters is held at the Memorial Hall on alternate Friday afternoons, and everyone is welcome to attend. We have soup and refreshments for the remaining lunchtime sessions in March and tea and cakes for the afternoon sessions thereafter. This is a popular event for locals of all ages to meet, eat, catch up with news and 'natter'. We look forward to seeing you at future events (see the Diary section for further details).

To mark the Coronation of King Charles, it is proposed that a community event will be organised on Monday 8th May from 2.00 pm. Details to follow.

The Parish Council would like to thank both Gordon Stead, who resigned as a Councillor, and Judy Jones, who resigned as Clerk for their dedicated work for the Parish Council over many years. They will both be missed, and we wish them all the best in pursuing their other interests.

Mr Jeremy Toye was co-opted as a Parish Councillor at the meeting held on 20th February and Vicky Hebditch was appointed as Clerk to Nynehead Parish Council on 1st February.

Vicky Hebditch

Clerk to Nynehead Parish Council - nyneheadclerk@gmail.com

AVON AND SOMERSET POLICE

Theft prevention

With recent reports of GPS thefts in the South West, (thankfully not the Wellington Rural area) please remain vigilant and take measures to combat the theft of your systems.

Remove systems from your tractors when not in use, store them in a secure place, mark systems with a UV pen or forensic marking kit, record all serial numbers and consider photographing kit.

TIME TO GET WALKING AGAIN!

With Spring on its way, we start to think about getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Somerset <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/somerset> has loads of walks to download and print, free; it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (who maintains the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web, but it is difficult to find. Walking in Somerset (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So, home, or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

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SOMERSET BUS PARTNERSHIP

Somerset Bus Partnership welcomes the Government's plan to provide up to £60 million, to enable bus operators to cap single adult bus fares at £2. The £2 flat fare comes in from the beginning of January and will continue through to the end of June 2023. Most bus operators are expected to adopt the scheme.

This means millions of people across England will save money, at a time when many households are suffering massive pressures from the rising cost of living. The move will help people travel for work, education, shopping and medical treatments and provide a much needed saving in daily expenditure.

The current average single fare for a 3-mile journey is estimated at over £2.80, meaning that the new fare will save passengers almost 30% of the price every time they travel.

In addition, Somerset County Council currently plans to introduce a £1 single/ £2 return bus fare in Taunton, as part of its Bus Service Improvement Plan. Somerset Bus Partnership welcomes this initiative but emphasises the need to procure further funding to enable this flat rate fare to be extended across all of Somerset.

Somerset Bus Partnership Co-Chair, Peter Travis, said, "Bus usage declined in Somerset in the last decade, and even more so during to the pandemic. We need initiatives like these to restore and improve passenger levels. Encouraging people to choose buses over cars helps to reduce carbon emissions. It is estimated that the Government's £60 million will reduce car journeys by at least 2 million and cut pollution and congestion for all of us."

Somerset Bus Partnership will continue to work closely with Somerset County Council to encourage bus use and ensure implementation of the Bus Service Improvement Plan across the county.

Contact us at: somersetbuspartnership@gmail.com; <http://www.somersetbuspartnership.co.uk/>
<https://www.facebook.com/Somerset-Bus-Partnership-105704811629827>

Peter Travis

Co-Chair Somerset bus Partnership

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 (www.nynehead.org).

We would welcome volunteers to help with delivery of the newsletter in any part of the parish, maybe just 10 minutes every three months to your immediate neighbours. Please let me know if you can help.

Rosemary Lea

DIARY

Event	Date	Venue	Time
Nynehead Natters	Friday 3rd March	Memorial Hall	1.00/3.00 pm
Cricket Club Quiz		Memorial Hall	7.00 pm
Fish and Chips Supper Night	Saturday 4th March	Nynehead Club	7.30 pm
Cricket Club Nets Session	Sunday 5th March	Taunton Vale Club	2.00 pm
History Society: The Impact of the West Somerset Railway	Friday 10th March	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Holy Communion service	Sunday 12th March	All Saints Church	11.00 am
Cricket Club Nets Session		Taunton Vale Club	2.00 pm
Garden Club: No Dig Gardens	Monday 13th March	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Nynehead Natters	Friday 17th March	Memorial Hall	1.00/3.00 pm
Music Club	Saturday 18th March	Nynehead Club	7.30 pm
Cricket Club Nets Session	Sunday 19th March	Taunton Vale Club	2.00 pm
Parish Council meeting	Monday 20th March	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Police surgery	Wednesday 22nd March	Outside Memorial Hall	2.00/3.00 pm
Church service (lay led)	Sunday 26th March	Nynehead Court	11.00 am
Nynehead Natters	Friday 31st March	Memorial Hall	1.00/3.00 pm
Easter Bingo	Saturday 1st April	Nynehead Club	6.30 pm
Easter Sunday Holy Communion	Sunday 9th April	All Saints Church	11.00 am
Garden Club: Monument Mushrooms	Monday 10th April	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Nynehead Natters	Friday 14th April	Memorial Hall	2.00/4.00 pm
History Society: speaker to be confirmed		Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Church service (lay led)	Sunday 23rd April	All Saints Church	11.00 am
Parish Council meeting	Monday 23rd April	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Nynehead Natters	Friday 28th April	Memorial Hall	2.00/4.00 pm
Nynehead Natters	Friday 5th May	Memorial Hall	2.00/4.00 pm
Coronation Day	Saturday 6th May		
Coronation Bank Holiday	Monday 8th May		
Garden Club: Tales from the Potting Shed	Monday 8th May	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Nynehead Natters	Friday 12th May	Memorial Hall	2.00/4.00 pm
History Society AGM and members' evening		Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Annual Parish Meeting	Monday 15th May	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Police surgery	Wednesday 17th May	Outside Memorial Hall	2.00/3.00 pm
Nynehead Natters	Friday 19th May	Memorial Hall	2.00/4.00 pm

USEFUL CONTACTS

	Telephone No.		Telephone No.
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The proposed dates for the newsletter for the next year are as follows:

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