

NYNEHEAD NEWS



**YOUR PARISH
NEEDS
YOUR
VIEWS!**

Do you have any ideas that could improve the quality of life in the Parish?. Are there things that you would like to see improved or introduced (or even removed)?

Now is YOUR chance. The Parish Council will meet in late spring for their Annual General Meeting. We are asking for your help to shape the Parish for the coming months/years.

If you have any suggestions or comments, please email the Parish Clerk at the following email address:

nyneheadclerk@gmail.com (Judy Jones)

JUBILEE PLAYING FIELD

It is good to see the field getting plenty of use while the children are at home.

One of the toddler swing seats has come to the end of its life, with the other swings not far behind - we'll be replacing these shortly.

Land sale

Following our Extraordinary General Meeting in November 2019, we have undertaken an informal tender process through an agent and received bids for the land behind/next to and including the garage at the playing field. We will host a further public Extraordinary General Meeting (online) in the week commencing 15th March to discuss the sale and formalise the decision . If you'd like to attend the meeting (it will be a weekday evening), please email nyneheadplayingfield@gmail.com by 10th March to register your attendance and we will send you the login details.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Owing to the Covid lockdown there are currently no services being held in Nynehead Church. When we are able to start again there will be notices on the church gate and notice board. We hope that this may enable us to hold a service on Easter Sunday 4th April.

For Easter there will be angels in the churchyard decorated with various brightly coloured flowers. Everyone is invited to knit or create flowers, or bring real flowers to add to this display.

The extension to the churchyard has now been consecrated and can therefore be used for burials.

Rachel Vest
Churchwarden
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Mrs. JEAN SPARKS

Jean moved to Nynehead in June 1959 following her marriage to John. She soon became involved in village life, firstly with the Memorial Hall where she helped with fundraising events and children's parties etc. This connection lasted the rest of her life, serving on the committee, and supporting other organisations hiring the Hall, such as sequence dancing and the local history society.

Her involvement with the primary school began with her two children. This led to her being a school governor for over 30 years during which time she fought hard against the first threat of closure. Always there to support the head teacher, in the early days this included volunteering help with lunch duties and transporting children to swimming lessons in the open-air pool in Wellington.

A regular attendee of the church, Jean was treasurer for 25 years, again an active fund raiser helping to organise events such as the harvest supper.

She was also a founder member of Nynehead Woman's Institute and held most offices including that of president.

Jean will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

PARISH COUNCIL

Quarterly Report (December 2020 – February 2021)

In their first meeting of the 2021, members were delighted to co-opt Mr Tim Powell-Gill which now restores the Council to full strength. The diverse areas of expertise represented within the cohort are valuable assets in equipping the Council for the challenging times ahead.

In December 2020, after careful deliberations over the budget for the next financial year, the Council agreed, unanimously, to set this year's precept at £6,505. This allows for expected increases in costs and service provision and, like last year, includes an additional £500 to continue to build up reserves for future initiatives. The cost for Band D properties will be £38.63 per annum. This represents an increase of £4.85 per annum/£0.40 per month which is considerably less than the increase levied last year.

Also, in December, the Parish Council met with Kate Brown, SCC Traffic Management Officer to engage in preliminary discussions regarding speed restrictions in Nynehead and East Nynehead. She subsequently sent feedback information including a plan of the possible location of speed limits and a proposed date for SCC to carry out speed surveys. These are required to establish whether any such limits are justified. Unfortunately, due to the third national lockdown, this is now on hold until such time as restrictions ease and traffic resumes normal flow. In the meantime, councillors have started to gauge the views of some residents and a funding application has been submitted to The Somerset Climate Emergency Community Fund to help meet costs. Discussions will continue and it is hoped, at some appropriate time in the future, that a meeting can be arranged for local residents, with SCC Traffic Management in attendance, to invite questions, comments, and feedback about traffic management in this area. If, ahead of that, anyone wishes to make observations or express a view, they are invited to contact any of the councillors, the Chairman jan@nyneheadfruit.co.uk or the Clerk nyneheadclerk@gmail.com.

All the funding is now in place for the purchase of a defibrillator for East Nynehead. It was agreed that this will be sited on the side of Langham House as this is, approximately, the middle point of East Nynehead and affords easy access for all residents. In addition, electricity is available for easy installation. The house owner is still awaiting confirmation from his insurance company, but it is expected that the defibrillator will be bought and installed by the end of February.

The Parish Council welcomed the news that Bradford on Tone has now, finally, got agreement for a new footbridge across the River Tone, enabling the reopening of the footpath that links the two villages. Negotiations have been prolonged and the exact course of the link with footpath WG3/4 is still under review, but progress is being made and Nynehead is grateful to Bradford PC for its persistence with this matter. Inevitably, this latest lockdown has taken its toll on everyone and the dismal weather has not helped.

Whereas it is good to see many people out walking, running and cycling, caution is urged on the footpaths which are saturated and very slippery. Mountain bikers also continue to use and damage these paths. If anyone has information about bikes on paths or fly tipping (particularly on the footpath WG8/2 at Gypsy Lane) they should phone 101 or use the Rural Affairs Unit text service. As from the 1st February 2021, Somerset Waste Partnership will be starting all household kerbside collections from 06.00 onwards. It may be advisable to put out rubbish the night before.

The Parish Council is there to serve the needs of the community. The Annual Parish Meeting, which normally takes place in the month of May, may need to be rescheduled to later in the summer, once COVID restrictions have been relaxed and it is considered safe to gather again socially. This event will provide the ideal forum for residents to share and discuss future objectives for the Parish. Ahead of that, do, please let us know if there is something in particular you would like to be considered or incorporated in longer term planning. We meet every third Monday of the month, currently via Zoom and everyone is welcome to share ideas or voice concerns. Details of each meeting and how to participate can be found on the Nynehead website and noticeboards the week before the meeting is due.

Judy Jones

Parish Clerk - nyneheadclerk@gmail.com

ARTIFICIAL LIGHT POLLUTION

There have been a number of complaints recently regarding light pollution which have added to those received previously. These mainly relate to flood lighting at either the Poole Waste Disposal Site (operated by Viridor) or the Westpark Industrial Estate (where the lights principally, but not wholly, appear to be emanating from the Somerset West & Taunton Direct Labour Organisation stores complex and other adjacent properties/storage areas). The lights from Chelston Industrial Estate are also unnecessarily bright and contribute to the pollution of the night sky.

The Parish Council has already raised these complaints with Viridor and Somerset West & Taunton DLO, but as yet, in spite of reassurances to the contrary, no action has been taken by either organisation to address the light pollution they generate, not to mention the electrical energy they waste by having lights on from dusk to dawn.

The Parish Council will raise the matter again but it would be helpful if residents experiencing light pollution also register their complaint with Somerset West & Taunton Environmental Protection Department. The more complaints they receive, the more likely they are to take action. According to the Guidance Notes, produced by DEFRA, on the "Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005", local authorities have a duty to ensure their areas are checked for existing and potential sources of statutory nuisances including nuisances arising from artificial lighting. Local authorities must take reasonable steps to investigate complaints of such nuisances from artificial light. Once satisfied that a statutory nuisance exists or may occur or recur, local authorities must issue an abatement notice (in accordance with section 80(2) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990), requiring that the nuisance cease or be abated within a set timescale.

To contact Somerset West & Taunton Environmental Protection Department please click on the "general enquires" link but, first, please read the guidance note below and the requirement to identify yourself –

Extract from Somerset West & Taunton website "If you would like us to investigate your complaint, please provide the details of the problem, where the nuisance is coming from and your details using our [general enquiries](#) online form. If you do not provide your details the complaint will not be investigated".

Alternatively, if you do not have internet access, you can write to Somerset West & Taunton Council at: Deane House, Belvedere Road, Taunton, Somerset TA1 1HE and mark it for the Attention of the Environmental Health Department.

It is requested that any such complaints are copied or made aware to the Parish Clerk, Judy Jones (nyneheadclerk@gmail.com) so that she can compile a list for leverage, if necessary, in the future.

NYNEHEAD CLUB

We hope everyone is well.

Lockdown part 3. We are sorry that we have had to close again especially as we were not able to open for the New Year celebrations. The new kitchen and decorating are finished with thanks to the Kitchen Company and Mr Howe. Also massive thanks to Mr Frost for addressing problems that have come up during this unprecedented time.

The Committee is looking forward to opening as soon as possible within the Government guidelines and back to some form of normality. Look out for boards outside for future information of days and times of opening. Stay safe and well to you all.

Amanda Harcombe
Club Secretary

CRICKET CLUB

We do hope that the 2021 season will start on time, but only time will tell. Last year's 20 and 40 overs statistics have been compiled into unified Awards with winners as follows:

2020 (Truncated Season) Awards

- Well done Neil Hendy; he's top of the batting pile again with a batting average of 84
- New boy Ryan Adams performed wonders with the ball and took the top prize with 9 wickets at an average of 3.1

Well done all and thanks for joining in through 2020's unprecedented times...

The 'Home' fixtures for the new season are as follows:

Date	Opponents	Start Time
Sunday 02/05/2021	West Bagborough	14:00
Sunday 16/05/2021	Milverton	14:30
Tuesday 18/05/2021	Tale Millers	18:00
Sunday 23/05/2021	Blagdon Hill	14:00
Sunday 30/05/2021	West Monkton	14:30
Tuesday 08/06/2021	Wombats	18:00
Sunday 13/06/2021	Somerset Visually impaired?	14:30
Tuesday 22/06/2021	Milverton	18:00
Tuesday 29/06/2021	Blagdon Hill	18:00
Tuesday 06/07/2021	Blacksmiths	18:00

Sunday 18/07/2021	CLUB DAY	14:30
Tuesday 20/07/2021	BT Oddbods	18:00
Sunday 25/07/2021	Broadclyst	14:00
Sunday 01/08/2021	Bishops Hull	14:30
Tuesday 03/08/2021	Churchinford	18:00
Sunday 15/08/2021	Cullompton RFC	14:30
Sunday 22/08/2021	Wombats VP Day	14:30
Sunday 30/08/2020	Brompton Ralph	14:00
Sunday 12/09/2021	Blacksmiths	13:30

We are always looking for more players as the old guard are getting older and the young guns are spreading their wings.... so please do get in touch if you'd be interested in a friendly game of Cricked in 2021, Please contact: Club captain - Simon Duncan 07737 921736

GARDEN CLUB

The following talks have been provisionally arranged for the next three months but they will, of course, only go ahead if the current lockdown is lifted.

Date	Subject	Speaker
Monday 8th March	"No dig" veg growing	Allan Cavill
Monday 12th April	Tales from the potting shed	Dr. F. E. Burroughs
Monday 10th May	Bee keeping	Julia Husband

Please contact Louise and Keith Haslam for further details.

2021 CENSUS

The census is coming. By taking part, you can help to inform decisions on services that shape your community, such as healthcare, education, and transport.

The census is a unique survey that happens every 10 years. It gives us a snapshot of all the people and households in England and Wales – the most detailed information we have about our society.

It's important that you fill in your census questionnaire. Without the information you share, it'd be more difficult to understand your community's needs and to plan and fund public services.

In one way or another, your information touches the lives of every single person living in England and Wales, whether it's through using census information to plan new schools, doctors' surgeries, or bike lanes.

Because these things matter to us all, everyone needs to complete the census. Do not worry, government officials dealing with applications you've made or payments or services you receive cannot see it.

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) runs the census in England and Wales and is independent from government. Your details are protected by law and information published is always anonymous.

Census Day is Sunday 21 March 2021. You can fill yours in online as soon as you get your access code in the post. If your household circumstances change on Census Day, you can let the ONS know.

Everyone should have the support they need to fill in the census. If you, or anyone you know, needs help, there's a wide range of support services available.

These include a contact centre that can give you help over the phone and guidance in a range of languages and accessible formats, including paper questionnaires and large print.

If you need help or have any questions, visit www.census.gov.uk

VILLAGE AGENT

Village Agent TOP TIPS for staying warm and well this winter:

- Check out the energy saving advice here: <https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/energy-at-home/heating-your-home/>
- Contact the Centre for Sustainable Energy to find a better rate <https://www.cse.org.uk/> - if you haven't changed energy supplier in over a year you are guaranteed to save money by changing!
- If you're not very mobile, are 65 or over or have a health condition, heat your home to at least 18C
- Use a hot water bottle to keep warm in bed
- Have hot drinks often and at least 1 hot meal a day
- Draw curtains at dusk and close doors to block out draughts
- Get your heating system checked by a qualified professional

If you would like to help someone facing fuel poverty, you could consider donating your winter fuel allowance to the Somerset Community Foundation here:

<https://www.somersetcf.org.uk/winter> SCF then work with us to allocate the donated fuel allowance to those in need. This year, many will need to stay at home to keep themselves safe and will find themselves cut off from family and friends and facing higher costs to heat their homes. Your donations will help us make sure around 500 vulnerable older people across Somerset have the support they need to get through the winter.

You could also consider joining our Community Oil Buying Scheme to ensure that you benefit from the best bulk buying discounts on your heating oil. You can find out more here: <https://ccslovesomerset.org/oil/>. We receive 50% of the small annual membership fee, which goes into our Crisis Fund.

Talking Cafes are still LIVE, 11am, weekdays on Facebook <https://ccslovesomerset.org/talking-cafe/>

STABLE ARTS

Stable Arts early Spring 2021 courses - Held in The Stables at Nynehead Court
Adult short art & craft courses for wellbeing, creativity, and fun

Date	Subject
Saturday 6th March	Pencil Class (Elephant)
Sunday 7th March	Collagraph Printing Collagraph Printing
Saturday 13th March	Stone Letter Carving
Saturday 20th March	Pastel Class (Tiger) & Print Club Meeting
Sunday 21st March	Letterpress Printing
Saturday 27th March	Easter/Spring Textile Garlands
Sunday 28th March	Willow Weaving & Fabric Dreamcatchers
Friday 9th April	Fabric printing
Saturday 10th April	Pencil Class (Garlic)
Saturday 10th April	Intuitive Art Doll making
Sunday 11th April	Paint Your Pet/Place in Paint & Digital option
Friday 16th April	Watercolour painting 1 (Beginners)
Saturday 17th April	Wire & Mixed Media Sculpture
Sunday 18th April	Paint like an Impressionist

Friday 23rd April	Watercolour painting 2 (Intermediate)
Saturday 24th April	Pastel Class (Hedgehog)
Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th April	Lino Printing Weekend
Friday 30th April	Watercolour painting 3 (Advanced)
Saturday 1st May	Paper Quilling
Sunday 2nd May	Greetings Cards & Repeat Lino Printing
Friday 7th May	Embodied Stitch – Kwandi Quilts *10→1
Saturday 8th May	Pastel Class (Rabbits) & Print Club 1
Sunday 9th May	Letterpress Printing
Friday 21st May	Embodied Stitch – Boro & Wabi-Sabi *10→1
Saturday 22nd May	Pastel Class (Eagle) & Print Club 2
Friday 28th May	Embodied Stitch – Slow Stitch & Meditate *10→1
Saturday 29th May	Textile Art

E-mail Merry at stablearts@hotmail.com for more details and booking.

All courses are 10.00 am to 4.00 pm – learning is £10 per hour in a Covid safe education venue.

Bookings are now being taken for June, July and August

September is: 10 parishes Festival and Somerset Art Weeks Exhibitions

SOMERSET SIGHT

Somerset Sight is a local charity which has been supporting sight impaired people across Somerset for over a hundred years and in 2019 won the Queens Award for Voluntary Service.

One of our services is the Volunteer Visiting Service whereby volunteers are matched locally with a sight impaired person for regular visits for company and support and helps alleviate their loneliness and isolation.

Volunteers help with a variety of tasks such as reading, correspondence, or making appointments, going out for a drive or just a cup of tea and a chat. Many volunteers get great satisfaction and enjoyment from their voluntary work, many friendships are formed and the people they support very much look forward to their visits. At the current time as face-to-face visits are not permissible, the service continues with regular phone calls until such time as a visit is allowed again.

For anyone who is sight impaired and would like to know more about our services or if anyone would like to volunteer for the Visiting Service, please contact us on 01823 333818 for further information.

We look forward to hearing from you soon!



Lendology CIC (formerly Wessex Resolutions CIC) is a Social Enterprise working in partnership with Somerset West and Taunton Council since 2005. We lend council funds to homeowners (subject to eligibility) to fund home repairs, improvements, adaptations and energy efficiency measures. Our innovative scheme is a way for local councils to recycle their funds set aside for private homeowners, creating a sustainable funding stream.

As a Social Enterprise, we put people before profit and we work with our clients to take the stress out of funding essential home repairs. Reaching our client group across the areas we serve is greatly assisted with support from community-based organisations such as your own.

For a no-obligation assessment or more information visit www.lendology.org.uk or call 01823 461099

WALKING

Are you fed-up with doing the same old walks? If so, then Walking in Somerset is the website for you - www.walkinginengland.co.uk/somerset

With hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, contact details for 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.

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

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

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

The Somerset Bereavement Support Service offers a variety of support to adults and children over 12 in Somerset. The service has been commissioned by Public Health at Somerset County Council with support from Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group and Somerset Community Foundation. It is provided in partnership by end-of-life charity Marie Curie and mental health charity Mind in Somerset.

Bereavement Support Champion, Andrew Wilcox has been supporting bereaved people across Somerset for years. Here he shares some reflections and lessons he's learnt along the way:

Grieving

There are usually good and bad days, most people find the good days gradually outnumber the bad days, aided sometimes with a little help on the way.

Silence is golden

You don't have to keep talking and maybe struggling for things to say. Silence really is golden and gives us a chance to really hear what is being said and particularly the way that it is said.

Listening

Really listening allows a 'coming together' even on the phone. The mind can move away from brain thinking and into another dimension where true empathy comes into its own and the magic of healing is facilitated.

Your presence is a gift

Don't pretend you are a doctor and can give advice to make any physical problems disappear. The person doesn't expect this and any healing that is required can take place by virtue of your very presence.

Plan for the end

During our lives we all share two common events, our birth and our death. Births are planned for and celebrated; deaths should be no different.

If you or someone you know, is affected by grief or bereavement, and would like to talk to someone, please call the Somerset Bereavement Support Service call **0800 3047 412** (Monday to Saturday, 9am to 5pm).

NEWSLETTER

This is your newsletter. If you would like to contribute, either in an article, 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 4th March	Outside Memorial Hall	2.00/3.00 pm
Garden Club - 'No dig' Veg Growing	Monday 8th March	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Parish Council meeting	Monday 15th March	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Playing Field EGM (online)	Week commencing 15th March		
Census Day	Sunday 21st March		
Police surgery	Thursday 1st April	Outside Memorial Hall	2.00/3.00 pm
Easter Sunday service	Sunday 4th April	All Saints Church	
Garden Club – Tales from the Potting Shed	Monday 12th April	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Parish Council meeting	Monday 19th April	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Police surgery	Thursday 29th April	Outside Memorial Hall	2.00/3.00 pm
Cricket – Nynehead v West Bagborough	Sunday 2nd May	Cricket ground	2.00 pm
Garden Club – Bee Keeping	Monday 10th May	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Cricket – Nynehead v Milverton	Sunday 16th May	Cricket ground	2.30 pm
Cricket – Nynehead v Tale Millers	Tuesday 18th May	Cricket ground	6.00 pm
Cricket – Nynehead v Blagdon Hill	Sunday 23rd May	Cricket ground	2.00 pm
Parish Council meeting	Monday 24th May	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Police surgery	Thursday 27th May	Outside Memorial Hall	2.00/3.00 pm
Cricket – Nynehead v West Monkton	Sunday 30th May	Cricket ground	2.30 pm

USEFUL CONTACTS

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

	Contact	Telephone No.	Email Address
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	Tim Powell-Gill		timmypg64@gmail.com
	Malcolm Vest	461758	malcolm.vest@btinternet.com
Clerk to the Council	Judy Jones	664352	nyneheadclerk@gmail.com
Footpath Liaison Officer	Joe Frost	663909	sanJo7@talktalk.net
District Councillor	Gwilym Wren	400657	cllr.g.wren@somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk
County Councillor	James Hunt	664400	jahunt@somerset.gov.uk
Police	PCSO Vicky Henderson	07889 655302	victoria.henderson@avonandsomerset.police.uk
All Saints Church			
Churchwarden	Rachel Vest	461758	malcomandrachel.vest@btinternet.com
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Secretary and Events	David Raybould	07967 657122	daraybould@btinternet.com
Garden Club	Keith and Louise Haslam	461667	
History Society	Sheila Rabson	666609	rabsons@btinternet.com
Jubilee Playing Field	Hazel Williams	619363	hazevans@gmail.com
Memorial Hall Bookings	Denny Harfield	972723	nyneheadhallbookings@btinternet.com
Nynehead Club - secretary	Amanda Harcombe	668653	amandaharcombe@talktalk.net
Nynehead Under 5s Pre-School	Bea Davies	664365	
Village Agent	Cat Sweatman	07746 340546	cat@somersetcc.org.uk
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The proposed dates for the newsletter for the next year are as follows:

Deadline for copy

Friday 21st May 2021
 Saturday 21st August 2021
 Sunday 21st November 2021
 Monday 21st February 2022

Publication date

Tuesday 1st June 2021
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 Wednesday 1st December 2021
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