

# NYNEHEAD NEWS

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## HILARY HOOPER

*Many people in the village will have been saddened to hear of Hilary's death after a long illness. Keith who was a friend and long-time resident has very kindly written the following:*

Nynehead lost a special lady when Hilary Hooper passed away on the 20th June aged 80 years.

Hilary and Mervyn lived at Perry Farm Bungalow for 50 years and raised two children, Darren, who sadly passed away leaving Kate his wife and children, and Sarah who is also married with children. Hilary always talked with great love and pride of her grandchildren and family.

Hilary was very much appreciated over the years by the Playing Field, Memorial Hall, Garden Club, Dramatic Society, Memorial Club and was always there to help and support village events to celebrate the Millenium and various Jubilees.

It was therefore very fitting that Hilary's final party was in the Memorial Hall with a super spread provided by family and friends. The only person missing was Hilary herself selling raffle tickets and telling us all to clear up afterwards!

Hilary, you will be much missed by us all.

*Keith Haslam*

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Hilary and I became friends almost 40 years ago through our involvement with playgroups. We soon found ourselves working not only with local groups but in committees up to national level and maintained our friendship.

It was a privilege to be able to attend her service and chat to folk at the reception. Thank you Nynehead for giving Hilary the farewell she so deserved.

*Janice Bawler*

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## NEWSLETTER

The newsletter is looking for a new editor. Any takers?

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## ANNUAL PARISH WALK

Sunday 8th September

Meet at the Memorial Hall at 2.00 pm for a walk of approximately 1/1½ hours

Dogs, children and well-behaved parents very welcome!!!

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### JUBILEE PLAYING FIELD

It's been wonderful to see the Playing Field busier now that Summer has finally arrived. We've also been putting the dry weather to good use by tackling some of the bigger maintenance jobs.

An especially big thank you to those who have volunteered to mow for us in the past few months: Clare Billings and David and Vicky Hebditch. It makes a big difference in our ability to fund the field and is hugely appreciated. If you have a ride on or mulching mower and any time to spare, we would love your help.

Another thank you to Ben Tingay and Nick Povey for digging out the drainage ditches where the field meets the neighbouring properties, we're hoping this will help avoid accumulated rainwater over the winter. We will also be looking to plant some alder trees to soak up some of the ground water in the long term.

As part of our efforts to re-establish a perennial wildflower area, we have kept some strips of the field unmown this year. This will be cut short at the end of September and then scarified to allow us to sow yellow rattle and other flower seeds. Any volunteers for raking and clearing would help us make light work of these areas and create an abundance of flowers next year.

Finally, we will be raising money for the field at the Memorial Hall's Christmas Fayre on Sunday 1st December, it would be wonderful to see you there as we shop local and support small crafters this Christmas.

As always, we would love to hear your comments, suggestions or concerns. Just email: [nynheadplayingfield@gmail.com](mailto:nynheadplayingfield@gmail.com)

*Rachael Ball Risk*

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### GARDEN CLUB

The 20th Annual Family Flower Show was held on Saturday 10th August. It was a great event for the whole village with more entries than ever and lots of people attending the event in the village hall. Categories with fantastic displays included Vegetable, Fruit, Flowers, Floral Art, Cookery, Handicrafts and Children's entries. This is a great event for the village and brings people together, both experienced and new gardeners and families. We were pleased to see the hall looking so full of great produce and so many people enjoying the day.

The following are the results for the cups and trophies:

The Prior Shield for Best Vegetable – Julie Turner - beetroot  
The Hargreaves Shield for Best Fruit – Elaine Entwistle – desert apple  
The Rose Cup for Best Rose – Rachel Vest – hybrid tea  
The Toogood Cup for Most Cookery Points – Mike Broom

The Nynehead Court Cup for Most Points in the Show – Gordon Stead  
The Trophy (given to keep) for Most Points by Young People – Zach and Sienna Bawler (joint first)  
The Shepherd Cup for Best Flower – Diane Moore – five blooms  
The Handicraft Shield for Most Points in Handicraft – Marion King  
The Mervyn Hooper Shield for the 'Spud in a Bucket' – Bob Foster

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## NYNEHEAD MEMORIAL HALL

### Creative Threads

The group meets on the last Friday of every month from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. 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 461943

### Nynehead Cribbage Group

We meet every other Thursday in the Memorial Hall from 3.30pm to 4.30pm New members, whether they be experienced players or complete beginners, are always welcome. For further details, please contact: Billy Sexton on 07864 07918

### Date for the diary



## **NYNEHEAD MEMORIAL CLUB**

The Club, in August has nearly 150 members. The Open Mic nights have proven to be a big draw, not just from villagers, but others from Norton Fitzwarren, Langford Budville, Milverton and Wellington. People comment on how warm and friendly the club is.

During the skittle season we will be open on alternate Thursdays along with our standard Saturdays. The club will be open to all. Keep an eye out for the 'Club Open' board.

Our next Open Mic nights are on Saturday 21st September and Saturday 19th October, both at 7.00 pm. We try to keep it as the third Saturday in the month. We supply a P.A. microphones, drum kit and amplifiers for guitars. You literally can come along, plug in, and sing /play!

From January 2025 we will hold Open Mic nights on a Friday, meaning the Club will be open an extra night a week!

On Saturday 23rd November the Club will hold its annual Christmas Bingo in the Hall, with the Club open for refreshments.

We will also be holding a quiz night in October (date TBC). This will be a new event for the Club and hopefully something we can have regularly.

We will be holding a Country & Western night (date TBC) so watch out for the signs and announcement in the Wellington Weekly News.

The Club committee has purchased new chairs as the old ones were tired and worn out. The new ones take up less room, meaning movement in the club is easier, and they are also super comfy! We have been busy refurbishing the exterior wall where rendering has fallen off and this is part of our continued renovation to make the venue as welcoming as possible. Without your support this would have not been possible.

The club is open every Saturday from 8.00 pm to 11.00 pm serving alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks. It costs just £2 per year to become a member.

Wishing everyone reading a safe, healthy and enjoyable Autumn.

*Mark Reynolds* - Chair.

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## **SKITTLES**

### **Nynehead Skittles Needs You.**

We are looking for a few more local faces for the upcoming skittles season. We have entered 'The Wellington Ex Services Skittles League'. All games will be on a Thursday night. Home games will be played at Nynehead Club and away games will be around the Wellington area. Unfortunately, this is a men's league only and you do need to be over the age of 16.

Also, our sticker from last season would now like to play so we are looking for a new sticker! This will be for Home games only. Payment will be discussed. This is open to anyone over the age of 14 and ideally should be based in the village. We will need you to be there from 8.00 pm until around 11.00 pm.

*Tom O'Neill*  
07864 266307

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH

We continue to hold our Holy Communion service on the second Sunday in each month at 11.00 am. This service is taken on alternate months by our vicar Rev Suzy Kirkham, and Rev Alison Norris from Wellington, a retired vicar.

On the fourth Sunday of the month we hold a short service of Morning Prayer in the drawing room at Nynehead Court also at 11.00 am and this is lay led. These services are all well attended, and everyone is most welcome to join us at any of them.

Our Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday 8th September at 11am, led by Rev. Suzy. The following day we will be taking the produce to Open Door in Taunton which provides hot meals for homeless people. If you have any flowers, vegetables or other produce which you could give to Harvest Festival please bring them to Church on Saturday morning from 10.30 am or to the service on Sunday.

We will be holding a concert in Church on Saturday 5th October at 6.30 pm. Tickets will cost £7.50 and will be available from Rachel Vest (461758) or from Nynehead Court. There will also be light refreshments on sale during the interval. This concert has been organised by Nynehead Court (Helen) to raise funds for our Church - we are very grateful for this and hope that as many people as possible from the village will come and support it. The music will be provided by The High Park Music Group (all children under 16) and the Wellington Silver Training Band.

On Sunday 10th November we will hold our Remembrance Service at 10.50 am. This will be conducted by Rev. Suzy.

### **Advance notice:**

Our Candlelight Carol Service this year will be held on Sunday 22nd December at 3 pm, led by Rev. Suzy, and followed by tea and coffee etc.

Unfortunately, we will again be unable to hold a service in our Church on Christmas Day as there is no vicar available. Our group of churches will have a joint Christmas Day service at Bradford Church at 10 am to which we are all invited.

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## PARISH COUNCIL

### **Quarterly Report (June to August 2024)**

With the completion of the Speed Reduction Scheme (20 mph signs) in Nynehead, the Parish Council on behalf of all the parishioners in the village, would like to express gratitude to John Bailey of Nynehead Court for the very generous financial support in the long-running campaign for speed limits. The project, which had been many years in the making, would not have been financially possible without this donation. NPC will continue to work on additional enforcement measures to back up the limits now in place.

The Parish Council has been working on a **Flood Strategy**. This has four main objectives:

1. A resilient Flood Route in and out of the village via the road to Langford Budville - Working with Somerset Highways, drainage of the road near the entrance to Chipley Park and Blackberry Farm has been given a higher priority with better understanding of the drainage outfalls and the need to keep the gullies clear of debris.
2. Automated Flood Signage at Hornshay and Ash where the roads cross the River Tone. Measurement of the depth of water on the roads will trigger illuminated warning signs placed where vehicles can turn round/take an alternative route with the aim of reducing the number of vehicles entering the flood water. It is envisaged that the depth measurements can be broadcast via the village website ([www.nynehead.org](http://www.nynehead.org)). The Parish Council is working closely with the Somerset Council Infrastructure Team on this project with funding from Somerset Rivers Authority.

3. Reduce the severity and duration of road flooding at Hornshay and Ash. Plans to liaise with landowners and Somerset Highways to optimise road water run-off via cleared ditches and culverts, possibly with some work on dredging and clearing the riverbanks and bed to increase flow capacity.
4. Other flood areas (near the Playing Field entrance, in East Nynehead near Langdale and on the road to Milverton). Working with Highways to identify drainage solutions and to agree suitable maintenance regimes. There could be a move towards 'Adopt a gully' where residents aim to keep their local gullies (road drain covers) free of debris.

Following the General Election Nynehead Parish Council wrote to the new MP, Rachael Gilmour. A very prompt and positive reply was received from her. She said she was very aware of the flooding issues in Nynehead and has passed on our comments to Somerset Council leader, Cllr Bill Revans.

In July Dr B Deering (Community Engagement Officer, Somerset Rivers Authority) attended the Parish Council meeting. Dr Deering firstly explained that the Somerset Rivers Authority(SRA) was set up following the severe 2013/14 floods, it is funded through a Council Tax precept and is a partnership between Somerset Council, the Environment Agency, Wessex Water, the Flood and Coastal Forum, the Drainage Boards, FWAG and Natural England. This year the SRA is broadening its schemes and will now take proposals from Parish and Town Councils. The SRA will give support and advice to reduce and prevent flooding working collaboratively with its partners. It was suggested that NPC consider an Emergency Plan/ Flood warden with possible grant funding from Somerset Prepared. Thankfully, Nynehead residents have so far not been subjected to flooding of any homes so NPC will be focusing on help with mapping flow pathways of the water at times of flood, to better understand the causes of the flooding and then ask for help to reduce the depth and frequency of flooding. Dr Deering also asked to empower individuals to reduce water run off by using water butts (emptied ahead of heavy rainfall), rain gardens and the necessity to keep rainwater out of the sewage system.

The **Annual Parish Walk** will take place on Sunday 8th September at 2.00 pm at the Memorial Hall.

At [www.nynehead.org](http://www.nynehead.org) ( the village website) you can find an abundance of useful information on the site, including key contacts and 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.

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 Parish 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](mailto:nyneheadclerk@gmail.com). In particular, any comments on potential solutions to the river flooding in the Parish.

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Monday 21st October at the Nynehead Memorial Hall commencing at 7.30 pm.

*Vicky Hebditch*

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## **CRICKET CLUB**

Details of the last three matches of the season can be found in the Diary section.

The Club's AGM will be held on Wednesday 16th October and the Annual Dinner Awards Ceremony on Saturday 16th November.

## **NYNEHEAD COURT**

The Court is holding a Fun Dog Show on Saturday 7th September from 2.00 to 4.30 pm. There are various categories; enrolment is at 1.00 pm with judging at 2.00 pm. For further details please see the posters around the village.

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## **AVON AND SOMERSET POLICE -**

We have received reports of traders cold calling elderly or vulnerable residents and using pressure tactics to get them to agree to have work done. The offenders have offered to clear moss from roofs, clean guttering and pressure wash drives. They insist of being paid in cash, often before they start any work, which may be unnecessary or of poor quality.

We're recommending that all residents use caution whenever answering the door to unknown or unexpected callers. Use a door chain if possible, and don't be afraid to close the door if you feel intimidated or concerned

**[www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/media/3296065/doorstep-crime.pdf](http://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/media/3296065/doorstep-crime.pdf)**  
**[www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/media/32962066/cold-callerswarnind.pdf](http://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/media/32962066/cold-callerswarnind.pdf)**

*Victoria Henderson* - Police Community Support Officer  
Wellington Police Station, Victoria Street, Wellington, Somerset, TA21 8HR

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## **NEWSLETTER**

The newsletter is looking for a new editor 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 Culmstock	Sunday 1st September	Nynehead Cricket Ground	2.00 pm
Fun Dog Show	Saturday 7th September	Nynehead Court	2.00 pm
Harvest Festival	Sunday 8th September	All Saints Church	11.00 am
Cricket – Nynehead v Blacksmiths		Nynehead Cricket Ground	1.30 pm
Annual Parish Walk		Memorial Hall car park	2.00 pm
Police surgery	Thursday 12th September	Memorial Hall car park	2.00/3.00 pm
Nynehead Natters	Friday 13th September	Memorial Hall	2.00/4.00 pm
Open Mic Night	Saturday 21st September	Nynehead Club	7.00 pm
Morning Prayer	Sunday 22nd September	Nynehead Court	11.00 am
Creative Threads	Friday 27th September	Memorial Hall	9.30 am
Nynehead Natters			2.00/4.00 pm
Concert	Saturday 5th October	All Saints Church	6.30 pm
Police surgery	Thursday 10th October	Memorial Hall car park	2.00/3.00 pm
Nynehead Natters	Friday 11th October	Memorial Hall	2.00/4.00 pm
Holy Communion service	Sunday 13th October	All Saints Church	11.00 am
Cricket Club AGM	Wednesday 16th October		
Open Mic Night	Saturday 19th October	Nynehead Club	7.00 pm
Parish Council meeting	Monday 21st October	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Creative Threads	Friday 25th October	Memorial Hall	9.30am
Nynehead Natters			2.00/4.00 pm
Morning Prayer	Sunday 27th October	Nynehead Court	11.00 am
Police surgery	Thursday 7th November	Memorial Hall car park	2.00/3.00 pm
Nynehead Natters	Friday 8th November	Memorial Hall	2.00/4.00 pm
Remembrance Day Service	Sunday 10th November	All Saints Church	<b>10.50 am</b>
Cricket Club Dinner and Awards	Saturday 16th November		
Parish Council meeting	Monday 18th November	Memorial Hall	7.30 pm
Nynehead Natters	Friday 22nd November	Memorial Hall	2.00/4.00 pm
Nynehead Club Christmas Bingo	Saturday 23rd November	Memorial Hall	
Morning Prayer	Sunday 24th November	Nynehead Court	11.00 am`
Creative Threads	Friday 29th November	Memorial Hall	9.30 am
Christmas Craft Fayre	Saturday 1st December	Memorial Hall	11.30 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

Organisation	Contact	Telephone No.	Email Address
Parish Council			
Chairman	Jan Butterley	01823 461349	jan@nyneheadfruit.co.uk
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	Rachael Ball Risk	01823 975826	rachaelnyneheadparish@gmail.com
	Jeremy Toyne	01823 660827	
Clerk to the Council	Vicky Hebditch	01823 461474	nyneheadclerk@gmail.com
Footpath Liaison Officer	Joe Frost	01823 663909	sanJo7@talktalk.net
District and County Councillor	Gwilym Wren	01823 400657	cllr.g.wren@somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk
Police	PCSO Vicky Henderson	07889 655302	victoria.henderson@avonandsomerset.police.uk
All Saints Church			
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The proposed dates for the newsletter until the end of the year are:

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