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NYNEHEAD NEWS

Rosemary Lea has now handed over the editorship of Nynehead News to Jeremy Toye after nine quietly successful years: our heartfelt thanks to her for keeping us all informed so meticulously during that time. In the meantime, we are now working on other ways of keeping villagers informed. Read on for more details...

PARISH COUNCIL - Quarterly Report (December 2024 to February 2025)
The December meeting began in a very seasonal manner with the village Carol Singers, led by Louisa Raybould, coming into the Memorial Hall to serenade us. The group raised over £170 for the Children's Hospice Southwest, well done them!

The Chair of the Parish Council, Dr Jan Butterley attended a Christmas drinks reception in Tiverton, hosted by our area's MP Rachel Gilmour. The MP commented that she would be happy to visit Nynehead. Members have invited her to a meeting in the village and ask for her help with projects to lessen the road flooding. The date has not been confirmed but it is hoped to be in March.

The Budget for 2025-26 was approved so the precept (collected from households as part of Council Tax) will rise from £8617 to £11,059, an increase of 28.3% (a very similar increase to last year). A band D property precept is likely to increase to approximately £60.

Members agreed to start work on an **Emergency Plan for Nynehead** with Cllr Jeremy Toye being the lead. It is hoped that this will be completed in time for the **Annual Parish Meeting on 19th May**.

The village website **nynehead.org** is to be updated with the addition of an events calendar to publicise local activities. The Google analytics figures for January for the website were very encouraging with 588 views from 170 users. Jeremy Toye is launching a WhatsApp group called **Nynehead Now** which will also have links to the website where relevant.

Speed Indicative Devices (SIDs) – the Parish Council is very pleased to have three trained volunteers to help to maintain and move a SID, once installed. In a rather lengthy procedure, NPC can now apply for formal approval for the SID sites, together with the make and model of SID required to obtain a Memorandum of Understanding from Somerset Highways. Once approval is granted NPC can then apply for a grant from the Avon & Somerset Police Road Safety Fund to purchase the SID.

At **nynehead.org** (the village website) there is an abundance of useful information, including key contacts and websites for reporting problems in the Parish, such as highways issues, fly tipping or flooding. There are also 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: **nyneheadclerk@gmail.com**. In particular, please offer any comments on potential solutions to the flooding in the Parish.

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Monday 17th March at the Nynehead Memorial Hall commencing at 19.30. Members of the public are very welcome to attend the meetings, with an opportunity to address issues of concern at the start of the session and stay on to listen to proceedings.

NYNEHEAD MEMORIAL HALL

The Memorial Hall regularly wins praise from the many groups who use its spacious main room and fully-equipped kitchen. Regular activities in the Hall include Tai-chi, Apple County Quilters, Bootstrap Borders Morris Dancing, Dotty Dolly sewing, a Cribbage group, Creative Threads, Nynehead Natters and Alcoholics Anonymous. Saturdays and Sundays regularly booked for private parties/weddings/wakes. For reservations contact Barbara Greenslade at **nyneheadhallbookings@btinternet.com**.

Nynehead Natters on alternate Fridays is a gathering place for anyone interested in meeting neighbours for a friendly chat, a cuppa and cake. Its members are now running the event themselves, and always looking for new people to join them. Just head along to the Hall on these dates from 2pm to 4pm: March 14th + 28th | April 11th + 25th | May 9th + 23rd | June 13th + 27th. Dates beyond June to be arranged.

For those looking for exercise together with relaxation, **Tai Chi** sessions on Mondays at 1100 may appeal. Classes are for all abilities with fully certified instructors. Elaine Farley comments: "The health benefits include increased general vitality, improved flexibility , balance, coordination and enhanced general health and wellbeing." Contact Elaine: **elainefarley49@gmail.com**.

The **Hall Committee** now consists of Gary Sparks as Chair, Jeremy Toye as Vice-Chair (and acting Hall Caretaker), Ian Rutherford as Treasurer, Jo Rutherford as Secretary and Barbara Greenslade as acting Booking Secretary. Paul and Denny Harfield, as Chair and Booking Secretary, moved away from the village in January after four years working so hard for the Hall and its users.

The Hall is always looking for villagers, old and new, to join our committee – and perhaps consider taking on the roles of Caretaker or Booking Secretary? Efforts are under way to use technology to minimise the demands made on those two roles.

NYNEHEAD CLUB

For just £2 per year you can join us with our lively timetable of music and events plus our traditional club nights. We have a Dart board, Pool table and a Table Tennis table, plus a brand-new television.
We offer a Card Machine to make payments, plus WiFi is available.

Open Mic nights are held once a month on a Friday night, 7pm - 11pm during the year. They have proven to be a big draw, not just from villagers, but others from surrounding villages and towns. People comment on how warm and friendly the club is. The music is diverse and excellent. We regularly have 10 plus acts, with solo, duos, bands and groups alike. Our next Friday Open Mic nights are on 21st March, 11th April, and 16th May. We supply a P.A. system, microphones, drum kit and amplifiers for guitars. You literally can come along, plug in, and sing /play!

The club is open every Saturday from 8pm to 11pm serving alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks. During the skittle season we will be open on alternate Thursdays and Tuesdays along with our standard Saturdays. The club will be open to all. Keep an eye out for the 'Club Open' board. Our AGM will be on 7th March. We are always looking for new committee members to help with the running of the club. Bar duty is not compulsory, but it would be help!

JUBILEE PLAYING FIELD

It's been a very productive few months for the Jubilee Playing Field. During Winter season we have been focusing on fundraising and planning for the year ahead.

The Christmas Fayre held on the 1st December was a huge success, where the Santa's Grotto (a rather transformed storage cupboard!) proved very popular. Both the raffle and the craft station also received generous donations. Thank you to everyone who attended and especially to the Memorial Hall Committee for including us, and for their personal donation to the Field.

We couldn't have done it without the many wonderful contributions from all of the stall holders and from the following local businesses: Kanya | Hall & Woodhouse | Tim Potters Butchers | Mary's Attic Book Shop by the Blackdowns | Premier News Agents | Pepperpot | Cafelicious | Cards & Co. An extra shout out to C&C Carpets Curtains Beds & Blinds, who kindly gifted us the wonderful red carpet that completed the cosy grotto. And of course not forgetting Santa himself, who was brilliant as always, especially arriving on his big blue tractor!

We've also been extremely grateful to receive donations from the Nynehead Club, and individual benefactors. This, alongside the Parish Council grant has put us in a much more positive financial position moving forward this year. We would love for any ongoing fundraising efforts to bring the Nynehead community together. Ideas in early planning stages include a quiz night and perhaps even a party in the park! Do get in touch with any other suggestions, we want to organise events for you to enjoy.

A huge thank you to our volunteer mowers. If you have a ride on or mulching mower and could spare a few hours every few months to support the field, we are now setting up a rota, so the work is always shared and we would value any time you can spare.

Our AGM will be held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday 15th May at 7.30pm. Please come along to share your views, or just to hear about our plans. Everyone is welcome.

For any comments or concerns just email: **nyneheadplayingfield@gmail.com**

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

On Saturday 8th March Nynehead Court has arranged a fund-raising event in aid of Nynehead Church. This will be a coffee morning and table top sale in the Orangery from 10am to 1pm. Various items and refreshments will be on sale and we hope as many people as possible will come and support this event.

We will mark the beginning of Lent with an Ash Wednesday Service in Nynehead Church at 11am on Wednesday 5th March. This will be followed by tea and coffee.

We usually have a service at Nynehead with a member of the clergy on the 2nd Sunday of each month, but on 9th March we are invited to join the congregation at St Giles, Bradford on Tone at 11 am.

On the 4th Sunday of each month we have a lay-led service of morning prayer which is held in the drawing room at Nynehead Court at 11am. All are welcome to join us in this short service.

A Lenten lunch will be held in Nynehead Church on Friday, 4th April at 12.30 pm. This is a simple lunch usually consisting of soup, bread, cheese and a piece of fruit. There is no charge, but a donation for Christian Aid would be much appreciated.

NYNEHEAD CAROL SINGERS

Nynehead's generosity has shone brightly once again! We would like to express our deepest thanks to all who contributed to the Nynehead Carol Singers fundraising efforts for Children's Hospice South West this festive season. **With your support, we raised £172.75.** A special mention must go to our wonderful Carol Singers, they filled our village with Christmas cheer, spreading joy and goodwill as they serenaded the streets. This year, the singers were thinking of the late Hilary Hooper who organised the group for many years. She is sorely missed but her legacy lives on through the community she helped to build. L. Raybould

NYNEHEAD GARDEN CLUB

The garden club is looking forward to starting its new year on Monday 10th March with a talk from Johnny Hartnell on the Magic of Mauritius. It's at the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm, with doors open from 7pm. Light refreshments available. We have a full programme this year of meetings, trips and the Flower Show.

10th March	Johnny Hartnell	Magic of Mauritius
14th April	Brian Carlson	Geraniums/Pelargoniums
(*Rooted cuttings will be available that could be entered into the Flower show in August)*.		
12th May	Dr Burroughs	The history of front gardens
11th June	Trip to Cannington	Guided tour of gardens, with refreshments
14th July	Trip to Kia-ora Farm & Gardens	Tour of gardens, with refreshments
9th August	**Flower Show**	**Memorial Hall from 2pm**
8th Sept	Stephen Powles	Hedgehogs need us
13th Oct	Bella Given	Tantalizing Tulip: Everything About Tulips
10th Nov	Roy Cheek	Hollies and Ivies
8th Dec	Christmas Party	

NYNEHEAD CRICKET CLUB

While no cricket is played in the winter, the closed season is still a busy time for NCC. Fixtures are now being arranged, ground reparations undertaken, hedges cut, and regular wicket, outfield and pavilion maintenance conducted. We are still looking for volunteers to join three sub-teams to look after the facility (wicket, outfield and square): we have 7 of 9 roles filled and would love volunteers to join and offer 1-2 hours a week of outdoor grounds work, mowing etc. Full training and guidance provided. Pre-season "training" will take the form of practice Nets sessions at Castle School in Taunton in mid-March: 8th @ 4.30pm, 15th @ 10am & 22nd @ 10am. We would welcome new or returning players of any age, gender or level of ability. If you fancy trying Cricket – please do come along!

Fixtures:

Date	Day	Opposition	Venue	Start
27th April	Sunday	Blagdon Hill	Nynehead CC	14:00
30th April	Wednesday	Wombats	Wombats	18:00
4th May	Sunday	W Bagborough CC	W Bagborough	14:00
6th May	Tuesday	Mass CC	Nynehead CC	18:00
11th May	Sunday	Culmstock CC	Culmstock	14:00
13th May	Tuesday	Tale Millers	Nynehead CC	18:00
18th May	Sunday	Blagdon Hill	Blagdon Hill	TBC
20th May	Tuesday	UKHO	Queens College?	18:00
27th May	Tuesday	Blagdon Hill CC	Blagdon Hill	18:00
1st June	Sunday	Mass CC	Nynehead CC	14:00

Contact David Raybould: 07967 657122 or **daraybould@btinternet.com** for more info about groundwork, working parties or nets.

AVON & SOMERSET POLICE
A timely warning about scams...

If a friend reaches out on social media, our natural reaction is to help. But is it a friend? Or a criminal, who has compromised your friend's account and now wants to access your social media or email account - and your valuable data.

If you agree to help, you'll likely be sent a link to help the friend 'recover' their account. This will take you to a cloned social media page controlled by the criminal – so when you log in, you're giving your login details to them. Once they have your login, they can hack into your account using your credentials – giving them access to your personal photos and messages, contact details of your friends and family and private information. This can be used to extort money, send malicious links to your contacts or trick your family and friends into sending them money.

Action Fraud, the National Fraud and Cyber Crime Reporting Centre, has good advice on how to keep hackers out of your email and social media accounts, how to act fast if your account is hacked and how to report: **actionfraud.police.uk/secureyouraccounts**. Remember: always be wary of social media messages that ask for your login details or authentication codes - even if the message appears to be from someone you know.

NYNEHEAD INFORMATION
Nynehead News has been a mainstay of village life for many years, and will continue to be a ready-reference for everyone who gets it, either by hand or email. It is published every three months. If you have any comments about the newsletter, including opting for delivery by email, please contact Jeremy Toye on **jtoyenyneheadcouncil@gmail.com**. The next edition is due out on June 1, with the deadline for submission of copy May 21.

Nynehead.org is a popular website for a whole range of information about the village, used by residents and visitors alike. Soon there'll be an active Calendar to check dates on all that is happening in and around the village.

Nynehead Now is a new venture which will use WhatsApp to deliver updates of village news to smart phones registered on the system. Send your mobile number to Jeremy Toye at 07801 824755 or **jtoyenyneheadcouncil@gmail.com** to take part in online testing.

The Floods group on WhatsApp run by Louisa Raybould is an excellent use of instant communications at time of urgency, with some 80 subscribers. Contact her on 07974 923018 to join.

NYNEHEAD GALLERY

Festive Scenes from the Memorial Hall

Tai-chi in the Memorial Hall

Open Mic night in Nynehead Club

Morris dancing in the Memorial Hall

DIARY

Event	Date	Venue	Time
Ash Wednesday Service	Wed 5th March	All Saints Church	11am
Memorial Club AGM	Fri 7th March	Nynehead Club	7pm
Fund raiser for Church	Sat 8th March	Nynehead Court Orangery	10am-1pm
Cricket Club nets practice	Sat 8th March	Castle School Taunton	4.30pm-5.30pm
Service with Bradford on Tone	Sun 9th March	St Giles B-O-T	11am
Garden Club – Magic of Mauritius	Mon 10th March	Memorial Hall	7pm-9pm
Nynehead Natters	Fri 14th March	Memorial Hall	2pm-4pm
Cricket Club nets practice	Sat 15th March	Castle School Taunton	10am-11am
Parish Council meeting	Mon 17th March	Memorial Hall	7.30pm-9.30pm
Open Mic night	Fri 21st March	Nynehead Club	7pm
Cricket Club nets practice	Sat 22nd March	Castle School Taunton	10am-11am
Morning Prayer	Sun 23rd March	Nynehead Court Orangery	11am
Nynehead Natters	Fri 28th March	Memorial Hall	2pm-4pm
Lenten Lunch	Fri 4th April	All Saints Nynehead	12.30pm
Nynehead Natters	Fri 11th April	Memorial Hall	2pm-4pm
Open Mic night	Fri 11th April	Nynehead Club	7pm
Palm Sunday service	Sun 13th April	All Saints	11am
Garden Club - Geraniums etc	Mon 14th April	Memorial Hall	7pm-9pm
Easter Sunday services	Sun 20th April	Heathfield & Cotford St Luke	Check times
Nynehead Natters	Fri 25th April	Memorial Hall	2pm-4pm
Morning Prayers	Sun 27th April	Nynehead Court	11am
Nynehead Natters	Fri 9th May	Memorial Hall	2pm-4pm
Holy Communion Service	Sun 11th May	All Saints	11am
Garden Club – front gardens	Mon 12th May	Memorial Hall	7pm-9pm
Jubilee Playing Field AGM	Thu 15th May	Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Open Mic night	Fri 16th May	Nynehead Club	7pm
Annual Parish Meeting	Mon 19th May	Memorial Hall	7pm-9.30pm
Nynehead Natters	Fri 23rd May	Memorial Hall	2pm-4pm

USEFUL CONTACTS

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Thursday 21st August	Monday 1st September
Friday 21st November	Monday 1st December