

The Village Pump Nymet Rowland

September 2022

What's on...

MOBILE LIBRARY

Next visits: 27th September and 25th October, 12.40 - 13.00 by the car park.

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W.I.

All sessions will be held in Coldridge Village Hall unless otherwise stated.

Our next meetings will be;

- 14 Sept Demonstration by local chef, John Burrows
 - 12 Oct Craft session, the ancient art of Quilling with Shirley King (Nymet Rowland)
 - 9 Nov Christmas Wreaths & decorations with Lyn Green, make your own
 - 14 Dec Christmas celebration
- W.I. contact Liz Smith 83515

A FUN SUMMER CONCERT

Postponed from July this concert will now be held on Monday 26th September at 8:00pm in Umlerleigh Village Hall.

The Little Red Riding Hood Song Book inspired by Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes; Captain Noah and His Floating Zoo by Michael Flanders & Joseph Horowitz; plus a selection of songs linking these themes.

Tickets £12.00 advance bookings only from 0333 666 3366 and <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-winkleigh-singers> or from Liz and Roland.

NYMET ROWLAND ART GROUP

Come and join us for a natter and a bit of art. No actual art experience necessary. Experienced or complete beginner, we're all learning something! Bring your own materials it'll be fun I promise!

Monday evenings probably from 7pm - 9pm dates to be confirmed subject to sufficient interest.

Contact Dawn on 01363 884232

RECYCLING AND REFUSE

Recycling (black & green boxes), **Refuse** (wheeliebin/black bag waste for landfill):
Mondays 12th and 26th September

Food (blue caddy):
Mondays 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th September and 3rd October.

Garden Waste (brown bin / PAYG sacks):
5th and 19th September.

From October 2022 non-recyclable waste from all households will be collected on a 3 week cycle. No information about dates yet. Recycling will remain as a fortnightly collection.

The 'Pump Year' is from July to June. If you would like to continue receiving a copy, please put £3 in an envelope with your name and address, and post through the letterbox of 4, Pitt Court.

THIS WILL BE THE LAST REMINDER!

NYMET ROWLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of 186th meeting of the Parish Council in Village Hall on 10th August 2022 at 7.30 pm

Present:- Councillors Anthony Odhams AO (Chair), David Gruncell DG (Vice Chair), Viv O'Dell VOD, Babs Channing BC, Minute Clerk Jan Coeshall, MOP Roland Smith, Dave Coeshall.

Apologies:- Councillor Winnie Rookes, Clerk Roger Cooper.

Minutes of meeting on Wednesday 11 May 2022 approved and signed.

Matters Arising.

1. Potholes. Repairs appear to be very adhoc and we are no further forward. DG suggested writing to Mel Stride MP. This was agreed.
2. Change of priority at Eggsford Cross Junction. It was agreed to include this in the letter to Mel Stride MP.
3. Memorial Bench and tree. VOD requested to know the dimension of the bench to take the matter forward. BC suggested DCW Polymers who make benches out of recycled plastic. The hospital have used them successfully. They can be contacted on 01392 361300 or polymers@dcw.co.uk VOD to look into this and bring information to next meeting. DG suggested asking the Village Hall Committee for a donation towards this as the Parish Council had helped them in the past. BC would ask them.
4. Repairs to bench at junction. RC has a potential contact to repair the bench so this is in hand.
5. DG has received no comments on the distributed Emergency Plan. BC said she didn't receive it so it will be sent again. Feedback to be given in the next week.
6. Streetlights. RC has received a reply from Devon Council. Lights are automatically replaced when not working. They are controlled centrally and this system is in the process of being updated. As this email did not address the actual issues of invasive lighting on to personal property. Any specific complaints can be sent via website - www.lightsonindevon.co.uk

7. Activities at Nymet Mill Field. The application has now been withdrawn. The applicant has removed staging down by the river. Although the item is now closed, it was agreed that it will be necessary to continue to monitor for any further planning related activities.

8. Defibrillator batteries and chest pad. These have now been replaced and the defibrillator is functioning. They cost £176.95. The spare pad has been put with the training items for future training.

Finance Report:

Current account stands at £2136.92. Expenditure £176.95 so balance now £1961.97.

Annual Donations: The Village Hall Committee did not require any donations this year. Donations to the Church via Mrs Littlewood, the Church warden, towards the maintenance & upkeep of the cemetery and graves is outstanding for last year and the current year. VOD opposed the back payment for the previous year. After discussions it was agreed that the Parish Council would ask the Littlewoods for invoices for the maintenance at a value of £250 for each of the two years. These would then be paid.

New Business:

1. Mark Wooding has taken the initiative of producing a paper on What3words Location. This could help residents pinpoint and report their locations in cases of emergency. The paper was circulated, for comments back to AO.
2. Damaged bridge. The railings and posts at the small parish boundary bridge damaged by a tractor, have now all been replaced.
3. Litter picking. AO reminded councillors they have litter pickers and suggested that when out and about, we litter pick where possible.

Date of next meeting: 9th November 2022 at 7.30pm

The Parish Council is inviting residents to suggest ideas of anything they thought of that would improve the village.

SOUTH WEST WATER METERS AND BILLING

Following two incidents over the past 5 years where I have had to challenge South West Water about their bills, I think it is appropriate to warn other residents.

If a household water supply is connected via a meter, South West Water state their policy is to read meters twice a year. In our case, on both occasions I suspected the consumption figures on our bills. So having read the meter myself and reported considerable errors, the ensuing corrected bills were much higher.

SWWater had been issuing us with erroneous estimated bills for more than 3 years, because they had not been taking readings. When questioned, they initially claimed this was due to COVID precautions – quite how COVID might be transmitted by a person peering into a manhole in the road is beyond me. In any event, this excuse has been clearly nonsense for at least the past 9 months or so. Also bear in mind, I had reported the exact same problem 5 years ago, with reassurances it would not happen again.

There is no reason to think that our experience is unique within the village. Consequently, others may want to check their meters to avoid receiving a bill with a nasty surprise in the future. Probably relevant in these austere times.

If you have had a similar meter reading problem, I would be very interested to hear from you. If it is common, I will ensure it is raised at the next Parish Council meeting in early November and we take it up with South West Water.

I can be reached at nrpc@odhams.co.uk

Anthony Odhams

Chairman – Nymet Rowland Parish Council

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, NYMET ROWLAND

Sunday 18th September
9:00am: Holy Communion
Reverend Robert Gordon

Arthur

ALLERBRIDGE CHAPEL

Sundays:

10.45 service only. No evening service.

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