

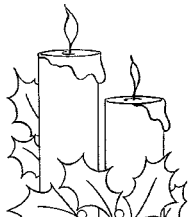
The Village Pump Nymet Rowland

December 2022

What's on...

St Bartholomew's Church
Nymet Rowland
Thursday 22nd December
at 6.00 pm

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT



All very welcome

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W.I.

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

Our next meeting will be;
14 Dec Christmas celebration
W.I. contact Liz Smith 83515

WINKLEIGH FAIR CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday 3rd December 5:00pm-8:00pm in Winkleigh Square.

The Winkleigh Singers will be singing traditional Christmas Carols from 7:00pm

A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday 18th December, 6:30pm at St Michael and All Angels Church, Great Torrington. Sung by The Winkleigh Singers with David Read MMus FRCO.

Traditional readings and carols for all to sing with favourites from the choir. Approximately one hour, all welcome

RECYCLING AND REFUSE

Monday 5 December 2022

Blue Food Caddy
Recycling

Monday 12 December 2022

Blue Food Caddy
Chargeable Waste (Brown Bin)

Monday 19 December 2022

Blue Food Caddy,
Recycling
Non-Recyclable Waste (Black Bin)

Wednesday 28 December 2022

Blue Food Caddy
Chargeable Waste (Brown Bin)

Wednesday 4 January 2023

Blue Food Caddy
Recycling

Babs, Paul and Keith Channing would like to thank everyone who sent cards and messages of condolence on the death of Reg. They meant a great deal. Reg passed peacefully away on October 9th in the Exeter Hospice after a long fight against cancer. His family were with him. He had specific requests to be carried out after he died. He wanted to be cremated, no mourners and no funeral. Just a small and private celebration of his life, after which his ashes to be kept safe until he can be reunited with Babs when she dies. These things have been carried out. Thanks also go to those who offered help, and especially Viv and Joan for all the care and support they gave Babs throughout this sad time.

We will not be sending cards this year, instead we are sending greetings and best wishes to all of you for Christmas and the New Year.

Babs, Paul and Keith

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2022

Thank You to everyone in the parishes of Nymet Rowland and Coldridge who contributed so generously to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

£433.24 was collected and has been sent to the Royal British Legion for the continuance of their valuable support to the serving and retired members of our Armed Forces and their families.

Marion Born

THE GREAT CHAIN-SAW MASSACRE

What's going on?! Recently there's been a chain-saw massacre of trees of all sizes along Diddycombe, from where the footpath crosses the stream all the way to the Winkleigh Road, and in the copse on the left of the road towards

Allerbridge.

The farm where most of this has been happening changed hands a year or two ago. Does the new owner have something against trees and the wildlife they support – and importantly, the amount of carbon dioxide they absorb?

Estimates vary, but a mature oak tree, for example, can absorb upwards of 20 kg of CO₂ per year, possibly as much as 40kg, whereas a sapling will struggle to absorb 6 kg. So even if all these trees were to be replaced by saplings (for which the owner might possibly get a grant) it will take an awful long time to compensate for all the trees that have been removed. This sort of behaviour will definitely not help the country achieve its carbon reduction targets.

It's possible that the landowner has anticipated an increased demand for firewood, given the currently escalating costs of electricity, oil and gas. As someone who relies mainly on logs to fuel our water heating and radiators I maybe shouldn't complain about this.

However, more than half of what we burn are biologs made locally from *Miscanthus*, which is recognised as the most environmentally sustainable source of solid fuel (and far more sustainable than oil or gas), and the logs we use are supplied by a local tree surgeon who assures me that they are sustainably sourced.

Since this is all happening outside the parish it will not be a direct concern of our PC. But it will be interesting to see if new advertisements for firewood start appearing in the area.

Francis Kirkham

Is this just good forestry management? Appears, judging by the cut length of the wood that the timber has been harvested for a specific market.

As for meeting targets, those for housing may also need to be met.

Maybe ask the landowner?

Ed.

NYMET ROWLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of 187th meeting of the Parish Council in Village Hall on 16 November 2022 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Anthony Odhams AO (Chair), David Gruncell DG (Vice Chair), Viv O'Dell VOD, Winnie Rookes WR, Clerk Roger Cooper RC, Minute Clerk Jan Coeshall. MOP Mark Wooding, John Boothroyd, Dave Coeshall.

Apologies:- Babs Channing.

Minutes of meeting 10:August 2022 approved and signed.

Matters Arising

1. Potholes and road maintenance. AO had received a reply to his letter to Mel Stride MP seeking help for remedial action from DCC . This was read out. A Highways engineer is to visit the site and apparently the works are to be prioritised and defects repaired accordingly. AO wants to know when the visit is to take place, so that he and DG can meet with him. NOTE Devon County Council has publicly stated it is having to deal with exceptionally limited financial resources. A discussion took place regarding DCC's policy regarding the maintenance of a prioritized route in and out of the village. RC asked as a resident, if the Parish Council would finance some of the pothole repairs. Discussion took place regarding responsibilities of undertaking such repairs. It was noted that potholes that are reported anywhere, do get repaired eventually. Street lighting:- AO recently walked around the village and had reported to DCC that there were six lights out. DCC states that lights that are too bright and unduly shine into properties can have shades fitted. RC to progress this. DCC states that all current sodium lights will be replaced by LED lamps by 2023.VOD was concerned that the new lights did not have identification numbers on them. It was explained that they do.
2. Change of priority at Eggsford Cross Junction. Apparently, this could be unduly costly to do. When the Highways engineer visits, AO is aiming to again, question this.
3. Memorial bench and tree. VOD explained

she visited DCW Polymers in Exeter to view the benches and distributed brochures. The benches are very strong, and that free delivery is available. VOD suggested replacing the deteriorating bench on the corner as well as the memorial bench. However RC said he was waiting for a price for repair of this bench.AO requested and it was agreed to complete the matter of both benches by the end of the year. We have been offered a free tree by Devon Wildlife under the Queen's Green Canopy scheme. It was agreed to take up the offer.The tree will be planted adjacent to the bench. A discussion by email to take place regarding what species of tree and also possibly a plaque on the bench.AO suggested this may perhaps acknowledge the trauma of the COVID pandemic to patients and dedicated medical staff. Postscript:Alternatively it could mark the reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth – to be discussed.

4. Emergency Plan.This had been circulated and comments received and amended. DG will send it to the Community Projects Advisor for advice on whether it is appropriate for the village of Nymet Rowland. Mark Wooding had information on Devon Communities Together who have the finances to help with the Emergency Plan. Website www.devoncominuites.org.uk
5. What 3 Words. Mark Wooding explained that Nymet Rowland is not a compact village and it has 2 postcodes that are insufficiently precise in the event of an emergency.What 3 Words is a simple to use, location identification service based on precise GPS, whereby the world is divided into 3 metre squares. We have a list of all properties in Nymet Rowland and their unique 3 words identifications. These can be used to assist the emergency services to precisely locate a property.A What 3 Words app can also be downloaded on mobile phones.AO has used it

with success a couple of times.

This location information for each property can be copied and distributed along with a *What to do in the Event of an Emergency Guide* prepared by MW & DG. AO suggested a sub group to assist with this along with the issue of an updated information leaflet for the defibrillator. DG, MW and Dave Coeshall volunteered.

Finance: AO had spoken to Mr and Mrs Littlewood about the upkeep of the churchyard. They explained the costs were quite high. In 2021 it was £600 and in 2022 it was £445..As the churchyard is a community burial facility, AO suggested that the council pay a minimum figure of £450 annually for the upkeep of the churchyard. This is very comparable to Coldridge PC. This sum was proposed by DG and seconded by AO and put to a vote. VOD was against this sum, but the vote was carried by a 3:1 majority.

RC reported the current account stood at £1461.97 and the deposit account £450.83.

New information on the precept had been received but it was confusing, RC to clarify this. At present the council receive £800 minimum per annum it was agreed to apply for £1000 to take inflation into account. RC to report back at next meeting.

No new business.

The next year's meeting are:

Wednesday February 8th 2023 at 7.30pm

Wednesday May 17th 2023 at 7.30 pm

Wednesday August 16th 2023 at 7.30 pm

Wednesday November 15th 2023 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

FRAUDSTERS STOLE £15.3M FROM CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS LAST YEAR

New figures revealed victims of online shopping scams lost on average £1,000 per person during last year's festive shopping season.

The figures, which come from reports made to Action Fraud and analysed by the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB), showed that

shoppers across England, Wales and Northern Ireland were scammed out of £15.3m between November 2021 and January 2022, and that the age group most likely to fall victim was 19 to 25-year-olds.

Scams ranged from one shopper losing more than £150 trying to purchase a mobile phone on social media to another being duped out of more than £7,000 during an attempted online campervan purchase. Meanwhile, another victim lost almost £500 when trying to buy shoes on a social media platform, and a fourth lost £145 trying to make a similar purchase.

Top tips to shop online securely this festive season: Action Fraud and the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) are urging online shoppers to protect their accounts, check before they buy, and use secure payment methods in order to stay ahead of the threat from criminals this shopping season:

- Protect your accounts: set up 2-step verification and use three random words passwords to prevent cyber criminals from gaining access to your shopping, bank or email accounts.
- Choose carefully where you shop: Research online retailers, particularly if you haven't bought from them before, to check they're legitimate. Read feedback from people or organisations that you trust, such as consumer websites.
- Pay securely: Use a credit card when shopping online, if you have one. Most major credit card providers protect online purchases and are obliged to refund you in certain circumstances. Using a credit card (rather than a debit card) also means that if your payment details are stolen, your main bank account won't be directly affected. Also consider using a payment platform, such as PayPal, Google or Apple Pay. And whenever you pay, look for the closed padlock in the web address bar – it means your connection is secure.

For more advice on how to shop online securely this festive season, visit: <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/shopping-online-securely>

**ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH,
NYMET ROWLAND**

Thursday 22nd December at 6:00pm
Carols by Candlelight
Reverend Robert Gordon

Christmas Day
9am Holy Communion
Reverend David Robottom

We are very pleased to be able to have our village carol service once again and look forward to seeing you there.

Various children will be taking part in the service and we will all be able to sing well-known carols.

Afterwards, there will be wine and mince pies at Barton House and a chance to meet friends and to enjoy the Christmas trees.

Parishioners are invited to help with the cost of floral decorations in the church in memory of loved ones. Please contact Victoria on (01363) 83534.

Arthur

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