

The Village Pump

Nymet Rowland

August 2023

What's on...

MOBILE LIBRARY

Next visit, 12th September, 12:20 - 12:40 by the car park. The Library van will be having its MOT on 15th August, so we will miss a month.

Still no news about the future of our Mobile Library.

W.I.

All sessions will be held in Coldridge Village Hall at 7:30pm unless otherwise stated.

13th September:- Women of RNLI - Wendy Richards Wood

11th October:- 'My Life on the Fairground' - Kay Townsend

8th November:- Soap Making Demo - Tracy Johnson

13th December:- Christmas Celebration

For more information and future dates please contact Liz Smith, 83515

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 16th August at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. See page 3 for agenda.

Comments on a New Plan for Crediton Town Centre are invited

Mid Devon District Council, working in partnership with Crediton Town Council and Devon County Council, is seeking views from the public on a Crediton Town Centre Masterplan and Delivery Plan.

The Town Centre Masterplan seeks to identify a range of projects to enhance the town centre.

Read more at <https://letstalk.middevon.gov.uk/crediton-masterplan>

NYMET ROWLAND VILLAGE HALL

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 19 August 2023

10.30am to 12.00pm

Come and enjoy a bacon roll, tea or coffee and a slice of cake



Including draw and bring & buy stall

Free entry! All welcome!

**Proceeds towards
Nymet Rowland Village Hall**

Any questions please contact 01363 83256

A REMINDER!

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.

Winnie Rookes – Family Tribute



Winnie was born in Eggesford on 10th February 1927, the elder daughter of Samuel and Chrissie Dart. She had an older brother Gordon.

At a young age the family moved to Church Cottage, Coldridge, where her younger sister Beryl was born, and then across the village green to 1 Southside. During her childhood she attended Coldridge and North Tawton schools.

When Winnie left school, she worked in the bakehouse and village stores in Coldridge. She also worked for a baker in Crediton and did housework at Cleaveanger Farm.

Dart family life changed dramatically when Winnie's brother was called up for the War effort and sadly, he was killed in 1944 in Northern France. Winnie recalled the family receiving a black envelope informing her parents of his death when she was only 17.

Winnie married Stanley in 1949 and in 1953 moved with Marion to their newly built home in Nymet Rowland where Gordon, Graham, Marina, and Mary were born. It was here that Winnie became a devoted housewife and mother and raised her 5 children, whilst Stan was doing shift work at the Ambrosia Milk Factory.

Winnie was an excellent cook. Chocolate sponges may have been sampled by some of you

at Village Hall events.

From an early age Winnie attended Sunday School at Allerbridge Gospel Hall, and in her teens committed her life to Christ, being baptised on 17 December 1944. Winnie was involved in all aspects of Chapel life, being a member of the Allerbridge Ladies Choir, active in Women's meetings and Missionary sewing meetings. At Saturday rallies you would often find her in the kitchen making the tea and washing up the dishes after these meetings. For many years Winnie served on the local Woman's World Day of Prayer Committee and helped with the Devon Assemblies Girls Camp during the 80s.

One of Winnie's main ambitions was to learn to drive and after taking her test 8 times she passed! Whilst Stan encouraged her to persevere, he always insisted on driving so she rarely made much use of her driving licence. You may however recall seeing "2 wheeled Winnie" on her moped, travelling to Coldridge to care for her elderly father in the early 80's.

Winnie enjoyed playing the piano, singing hymns and choruses and would join in with the carol singing each year around Nymet when able.

Winnie never failed to read her Bible daily and

enjoyed doing jigsaw puzzles, knitting, reading her People Friends books and watching TV.

Winnie was heavily involved in Nymet life, she was part of the committee that raised funds to build the village hall in the early 70's and remained part of that committee until her death. She was also Clerk to the Parish Council from 1982 to 2000 and later became a Parish Councillor in December 2003 until May 2023 when she decided at the age of 96 she would not stand for re-election! Winnie also helped with Nymet Church events and other fundraising activities in both Nymet Rowland and Coldridge and was always pleased to see any neighbour who popped in for a chat or kept in touch by phone. She fondly remembered opening the Millenium celebrations alongside Nymet's celebrity resident David Suchet!

Winnie was very proud of her family, always showing a keen interest in everything they did. She welcomed sons and daughters in laws into the family who would refer to her as 'mum' and much enjoyed the additions of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Over the years, Winnie and Stan enjoyed many holidays through organised coach trips, firstly with Wallace Arnold and then with Jimmy Powell. They were also taken on various holidays by the family. She travelled all over the United Kingdom and Ireland, particularly enjoying their trips to Scotland, the Isles of Scilly (even with a broken arm), the Isle of Wight, the Lake District

and visiting France, which allowed her to visit the cemetery where her brother is buried.

Winnie enjoyed good health until her early 70s when she had a late diagnosis of diabetes. This affected her mobility and meant she couldn't walk unaided so Stan assumed the role of her main carer. Before Stan passed away in 2018 he commented that he did not think Winnie would be able to continue living alone, but Winnie had other ideas. She was determined to remain living in her home and did so for the remainder of her life, despite a few admissions to hospitals, mainly due to falls. Winnie will always be remembered for her appreciation of the care given to her and her bright smile despite the circumstance. She was a very large part of her daughters lives as her health began to deteriorate and they were happy and committed to providing this continuous care.

Winnie was admitted to hospital on Thursday 1st June where her health deteriorated quickly. Her words on the Sunday were that "she was feeling very tired and poorly and wanted to be with Dad". Three days later, the Lord took her home and whilst we are grieving as a family, and miss her greatly, we are comforted to know that she is now re-united with Dad and with the Saviour she worshipped and adored.

She was a wonderful wife, mum, mum-in-law, nannie, great nannie and a good friend and neighbour to many.

All of Winnie's family

NYMET ROWLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Agenda for meeting in Village Hall

Wednesday 16th August 2023 at 7:30pm

Apologies for absence.

Minutes of the last meeting to be approved and signed.

To record the sad loss of our friend, long term Councillor Winnie Rookes.

Questions from Members of the Public.

Matters arising

1. Pothole/road maintenance.
2. Street lighting.

3. Memorial bench.

4. Repairs to bench at junction.RC

Finance report

1. Expenditure & Bank balance. R.C.

2. 22/23 year end accounts.

New business

Dates of next meetings:

Wednesdays 15th November 2023 and 7th February 2024.

RECYCLING AND REFUSE

Monday 7th August
Blue Food Caddy
Brown Bin: Chargeable Waste
Black Wheelie Bin: Non Recyclable Waste

Monday 14th August
Blue Food Caddy
Recycling

Monday 21st August
Blue Food Caddy
Brown Bin: Chargeable Waste

Tuesday 29th August
Blue Food Caddy
Recycling
Black Wheelie Bin: Non Recyclable Waste

Monday 4th September
Blue Food Caddy
Brown Bin: Chargeable Waste

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, NYMET ROWLAND

Service for August
Sunday, 20th August
9:00am Holy Communion
Reverend Robert Gordon

Arthur

ALLERBRIDGE CHAPEL

Sundays:
10:45am service only. No evening service.

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